

**General Meeting of the
Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs
April 19, 2011**

Call to Order

The General Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by the President, Melissa Kicklighter. The meeting was held at the Cline Auditorium of the Duval County School Board Building on Tuesday, April 19, 2011. The recording secretary recorded the minutes.

Attendance

There were 53 people in attendance and 39 schools represented.

Meditation

Diana Elenz read the meditation "The Challenge" and led everyone to the Pledge of Allegiance.

Parliamentarian

No Report.

Minutes

The minutes from the March General Meeting was approved and will be filed for audit.

Correspondence

No report.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Lobello presented the treasurer's report. The treasurer's handouts are attached. The report's overview is as follows:

Ending Bank Balance	\$ 47,823.46
Total Disbursements	\$ 1,492.34
Total Receipts	\$ 8,941.21
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$47,749.46

The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Executive Committee Report

President

Melissa Kicklighter encouraged everyone to make a donation to the eyeglass fund and any donation is greatly appreciated.

Melissa announced that the National PTA Convention for 2011 will be held at Coronado Springs Resort at Disney Orlando June 9-12 and encouraged the local units to attend.

Melissa also announced that the National PTA selected two districts for advocacy grants and Duval County has been selected. She reminded everybody to watch for more information on what is going to be offered and encouraged everyone to get involved. She mentioned that the other district that was chosen was in Columbus, Ohio.

She explained that the purpose of the National PTA Advocacy Grant is to promote advocacy in schools and education in general.

Melissa Kicklighter also shared that the budget meetings were well attended and parents were advised to contact legislators.

Melissa also announced that there will be a press conference at 2:30 pm in front of School Board building and after the press conference, the Save Duval Schools will go live on their website with contact information for the legislators and talking points.

Ist Vice President

Shelley Gill-Cain introduced Mr. Alvin Brown as the speaker at the general meeting.

2nd Vice President

Gretchen Lynch announced that there are copies of willingness to serve forms at the registration table and encouraged everyone to sign up for any position that they may be interested in serving for the next school year.

She also reminded the newly elected officers from the local units to fill out the information sheet.

3rd Vice President

Kim Sheldon reminded everyone to pass on the procedure books to the officers serving for the next school year.

Committee Reports

Awards

Melissa Kicklighter reported for Mandi Welch and reminded everybody to submit all the awards applications by 12:00 noon today. She asked that if anyone has suggestions on how to better get information on awards applications to please email us.

Environmental/TSD

Chris Buckley thanked everyone who attended the Earth Day celebration. She reminded the local units that the next giveaway is by invitation only on May 12th. She also mentioned that they are still accepting projects at the TSD.

Chris also announced that they are partnering again with First Books and they are giving away books. She encouraged everyone especially those who are in Title 1 schools to register for the giveaway.

Chris reminded everyone that there is a special giveaway on June 21st. Anyone who is interested in helping to please let Chris know.

Eyeglass Fund

Mary Lobello announced that there are forms at the registration table for anyone who wants to donate to the eyeglass fund.

Hospitality

Thank you to Jacksonville Beach Elementary PTA for providing refreshments at the general meeting.

Legislation

Ted Corley announced that this will be his last meeting as a legislator chair. He encouraged everyone to continue to email the legislators to let them know that we are unhappy on how our students are being treated. He also encouraged everyone to exercise our right to vote.

Ted also thanked Melissa for her leadership and shared that the students who went to the Rally in Tally did a marvelous job in Tallahassee.

Membership

Vilma Morgan announced that the PTA night with the Suns is on May 10th. Brochures and game schedules are available at the registration table and packets were sent to all the schools.

P&P Luncheon

Mary Lobello reported for Lisa Page and reminded everyone that the P&P Luncheon is on May 24th at University Center UNF. Vendors Fair will be from 9-11 am. She announced that tickets are available now for pick up and will also be available at the Spring Workshop on May 19th.

Juliann Gaus-Graeser encouraged everyone to come early for the Vendors Fair. She also shared that there are vendors that are promoting programs and working with grants and projects.

Reflections

Reta Russell-Houghton announced that the date for Reflections reception is on May 5th at the Atlantic Coast High School at 6 pm. She shared that there are 99 students invited and artwork is available for pick up today.

Scholarship

Shelley Gill-Cain reported that she has received 23 scholarship applications from local high schools. She announced that the scholarship recipients will be invited to the P&P Luncheon to be recognized and receive a check for \$599.00.

Workshops

Melissa Kicklighter reported for Terry Chrisley and reminded everyone that the Spring Workshop is on May 19th at the Schultz Center. As requested, there will be a general session from 10:00-10:25 am on budget updates and the workshop sessions will include various position responsibilities topics and parent education topics.

State Board Members Report

Superintendent's Remarks

Ms. Patricia Willis reported for Superintendent Ed Pratt-Dannals and announced that the board members are making decisions for the intervene schools at the workshop. She also shared that they are continuously working on balancing the budget. She added that despite what is going on with the budget, they are keeping the students excited until the last day of school through summer school. She reported that as part of the reading initiative, there is an extended reading time during summer for the students who are not proficient in reading and students who get 3 or lower score in FCAT.

She announced that graduation ceremonies begin May 25th until the last day of school.

Consultants Reports

Unfinished Business

New Business

Installation of DCCPTA 2011-2012 Officers

Chris Buckley presented the installation of the 2011-2012 DCCPTA Board of Managers.

Program

Mayoral candidate Mr. Alvin Brown stated that he wanted to be our mayor in Jacksonville. He explained that Jacksonville is a great city and he wanted to take it to the next level. There are four things that he wanted to do: 1. He wanted to focus on getting jobs and creating jobs for the folks in Jacksonville. 2. He wanted to balance the budget, 3. Public safety – he wanted every citizen to feel safe in their own neighborhood, no matter what neighborhood they live in, 4. He wanted to be an ambassador for education-forging partnerships with the private sector, and prompting internships with the private sector during summer.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Signed:

Rowena Nagales
Recording Secretary