

**General Meeting of the
Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs
September 21, 2010**

Call to Order

The General meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Melissa Kicklighter. The meeting was held in Cline Auditorium of the Duval County School Board Building on Tuesday, September 21, 2010. The Recording Secretary recorded the minutes for the meeting.

Attendance

There were 79 people in attendance and 59 schools were represented.

Meditation

Diana Elenz read the meditation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Parliamentarian – No report.

Minutes

The minutes from the August 24, 2010 General meeting were approved as corrected and will be filed.

Correspondence - No report

Treasurer's Report

Mary Lobello presented the treasurer's report. There were no questions, so the report will be filed for audit. The treasurer's handouts are attached. The report overview is as follows:

Checking Account:

Ending Balance as of August 31	\$ 792.92
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Money Market Account

Ending Balance as of August 31	\$ 32,317.50
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Total Outstanding	(\$452.00)
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Total of all accounts	\$ 33,110.42
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Executive Committee Reports

President

Melissa Kicklighter announced that reminder for the general meeting is being sent out through the Constant Contact email message service. She also distributed the handbooks today to the local units PTA Presidents and told everyone that the content has been

reduced since it will be used more as a reference and the rest of the content will be available through the website – www.dccpta.org.

She reminded everyone that as PTAs/PTSAs, we fight for issues, and we do not support any candidates especially during the time of an election.

Melissa announced important dates as follows:

Sept. 25 – Hon. Betty Burney is hosting a Student leadership conference. It will be from 10:00 – 12:00 noon at Atlantic Coast High School. It is a free workshop for students who are interested in leadership training.

Sept. 27 – New Children’s Movement of Florida will be hosting a rally in Jacksonville **at the Ritz Theater** at 6:00 pm. It is free and open to the public.

Oct. 5-8 – Celebrating Service Excellence Week . They are promoting service excellence in our schools. They are asking PTA if they can find a way to celebrate customer service excellence.

Oct. 19 – Jacksonville Public Education Fund will host a debate for the two candidates who will participate in the run-off election for School Board in November. The two candidates are Fel Lee and Theresa Graham. The program will begin at 6:30 pm at Atlantic Coast High School.

Oct 5 – Superintendent’s State of the School Address will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Cline Auditorium..

Nov. 13 – College and vocational recruiting Fair hosted by Willy E. Gary classic at the Main Library from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Nov. 5-7 – The Florida PTA Convention. Let your voice be heard. Melissa stated that it is important for local units to start planning for this event. She noted that this is the second primary Florida PTA event and this year, we will be doing Bylaws Amendments. The Convention will be held at Gaylord Palm in Orlando. October 1 is the deadline for early registration.

1st Vice President

Shelly Gill-Cain introduced Mr. Paul Soares who presented the Chief of Police, Chief Rick Townsend and Martha McManus from the Cultural Arts Council.

2nd Vice President

Gretchen Lynch announced that it was a great start for PTAs/PTSAs. She shared that there were a lot of people who stepped up to start their PTA. She also found out that there was a real need for assistance in filing the appropriate 990 tax forms. So, She reminded everyone that every PTA has to file a 990 with the IRS. She stated that filing 990 informs the government that the organization is still in existence and a non-profit. Gretchen announced they will have a workshop

for filing 990 on October 13th at the Schultz Center. They passed around a sign up sheet for those who need help with the 990, so they can prepare for how many computers they will need during the workshop. She reminded everyone that the deadline to file the 990 is November 15th.

3rd Vice President

Kim Sheldon announced that we have over 22 committees in DCCPTA. She encouraged everyone to join committees and be involved at the board level and have some input. She stated that there are committee positions that still need chairs. She passed around the list of committees sheet for everyone to sign up on whatever committee they think they can participate or are interested in.

Committee Reports

Awards

Chair Mandi Welch presented the State Awards to the local units.

Council/Local Unit Relations

Chair Betty Marty congratulated the following local units for being in good standing as of September 15th: Atlantic Beach Elementary PTA, Atlantic Coast High PTSA, Brookview Elementary PTA, Jeff Davis Middle School PTA, Greenland Pines Elementary PTA, San Mateo Elementary PTA, Joseph Stillwell Middle School PTSA.

She reminded everyone about the additional requirement of the 990 tax forms being filed for the Right Foot Award She also reminded everyone about the other requirements of being in good standing with Bylaws, dues, attendance at 2 of the first 3 Council meetings and attendance at the Fall Leadership workshop.

Cultural Arts – No Report

Environmental

Chair Chris Buckley announced the Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, September 25. She encouraged everyone to get the students involved, especially those who are looking for volunteer hour opportunities. She mentioned that on November 15th, there will be an opportunity for people to turn in their hazardous waste like used cell phones, batteries, etc., at the stadium.

Exceptional Students - No report

Eyeglass Fund – No report.

Health/Safety

Kim Sheldon reported for Chair Laura Maloney. Kim stated that Laura has been working on the Health Fair for the Leadership workshop. She shared that Laura mailed approximately 30 letters and sent over 40 emails. She also provided the list of vendors registered to participate at the workshop. See attached.

History – No report.

Hospitality

Special thanks to Mandarin Oaks Elementary PTA for providing hospitality for the meeting today.

Legislation

Chair Ted Corley announced that Times Union covered the amendments in their September 21 issue. A motion was made by Ted Corley by the direction of legislative committee to support Amendment 8. After much discussion regarding the pros and cons of Amendment 8, the motion passed.

Marketing/Communications – No report.

Membership

Kim Sheldon reported for Vilma Morgan. Kim announced that the flyer for PTA Day at MOSH will be posted on the website. She shared that on December 12th, there will be a PTA Game Day with the Jaguars and flyers will be coming out as a ticket form. She also announced that all local Tropical Smoothie Cafes are now offering 15% off your total order as an incentive for all PTA members.

P&P Luncheon – No report.

Reflections

Chair Reta Russell-Houghton announced that the theme for the 2010-2011 National PTA Reflections program is “Together We Can...” The deadline to turn in entries is December 1st. The Reflection packet is available at the Florida PTA’s website under the program tab.

She also mentioned that the theme search for 2012-13 application is available on the Florida PTA website. She added that county rules allow up to 5 entries per arts area per grade level.

Registration – No report.

Resources – No report

Scholarship – No report.

Student Leadership – No report.

Technology – No report.

Workshops

Chair Terry Chrisley announced that the Fall Leadership Workshop is on Friday, October 1st at the Schultz Center. Workshop schedules are available at the registration table. She encouraged everyone to attend the workshop. She mentioned that there is no need to pre-register. She also mentioned that informative classes are available including some new

ones such as Common Cores Standards and PTA Etiquette. She added that there is a Legislative class to help understand how to advocate for our children with our elected officials. She reminded everyone that when 5 or more members attend, the local unit will qualify for the Study Discussion Award. She continued to say that Health and Community Resource Fair will be available from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon with plenty of vendors and important information.

Superintendent's Remarks

Patricia Willis, Deputy Superintendent, reported on behalf of Superintendent Ed Pratt-Dannals. She shared that instructional reviews are being done at some of the schools. She also added that schools are finalizing their budgets, and they are working with principals and the budget office to make sure the number of student are balanced based on the class size amendment. She mentioned that Mr. Perrone and Ms. Jones are putting together the information on how class size will affect the classroom level. She shared that we still faced the same challenge of having a shortfall of \$125M for the 2011-12 school year. She stated that the Superintendent approves of Amendment 8 because it would allow for flexibility.

Consultant Reports

Florida PTA – Region 3 Representative

Latasha Green-Cobb announced that the webinar for Just between Friends will be on September 27 at 7:00 pm and October 4 at 10:00 am. She stated that there will also be webinars scheduled in November and December. She explained that this website is a great way to communicate with the membership and PTA can print their membership cards from it. She also added that this is a part of a benefit from the \$3.00 dues that are being sent to the State. She reminded everyone that the deadline for her membership challenge is January 15th.

FLPTA Student Involvement – No report.

Consultants

Chartwell's – No report.

Community and Family Engagement - No report.

Exceptional Education/Student Services - No report.

FLDRS/Crown – No report.

Military School Liaison Officer – No report.

Save Duval Schools – No report.

School Education - No report.

Teacher Supply Depot

Chris Buckley reminded everyone that the next giveaway at the Teacher Supply Depot is on October 7. She passed around a sign up sheet for anyone who would like to volunteer at TSD and get resources for their schools. She announced that the next general meeting will be held at the Depot and suggested that people bring tote bags so they can bring supplies to their teachers.

Program

Chief Rick Townsend announced that their office is now responsible for School Resource Officers in the secondary schools. He shared that they have SRO's in place already in most of the middle schools and high schools. He mentioned that they do a lot more things than being School Resource Officers. He added to say that SRO's are required to have 40 hours of training and have to be certified law enforcement officers. He commented that SRO's placed in schools do carry firearms but not tasers at this time. Anyone who has questions can contact him at 904-858-6100. Their office is located at Terry Parker High School.

Martha MacManus, Cultural Arts Council Education Programs Manager, announced that more information available in the packets outside for everyone to take home. She also shared that their main function is to manage the funding money for Arts. She also shared some thoughts about why art is important in education. She explained that the arts help us look at the world the way it is. She also cautioned everyone on class size amendment to ask if art is affected by this amendment. She discussed that there are grant programs where parents can help their art teachers to apply for and try to get some funding for their art classes.

Announcements

Melissa Kicklighter announced that the contest to design logo for this year's theme "Helping Hands, Embracing Hearts" will begin soon. The award will be a \$100 savings bond. She expressed that there will be more information about this contest to come.

Mary Lobello announced that the Council dues form can be found on the second to the last page of the handbook and/or on the website.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Signed: _____
Rowena Nagales