

**General Meeting of the  
Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs  
March 13, 2012**

**Call to Order**

The General Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by the President, Melissa Kicklighter. The meeting was held at the Cline Auditorium of the Duval County School Board Building on Tuesday, March 13, 2012. The recording secretary recorded the minutes.

**Attendance**

There were 43 people in attendance and 26 schools were represented.

**Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Sharon Hodges read the meditation and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes**

The minutes from the February General Meeting were approved and will be filed.

**Correspondence**

Terry Chrisley reported that they received ticket orders for the P&P luncheon. P&P tickets are available for pick up from Terry Chrisley today.

**Treasurer's Report**

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

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| Total Receipts           | \$ 2,567.32  |
| Total Disbursements      | \$ 1,294.07  |
| Ending Bank Balance      | \$ 47,179.17 |
| Ending Checkbook Balance | \$ 47,021.58 |

The report was approved and will be filed for audit.

**Executive Committee Report**

**President**

Melissa Kicklighter thanked Stanton PTA for emailing her a brief description of how they celebrated the Founder's Day. She also shared the advocacy award Duval County Council received at the National PTA Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. last week. Melissa also thanked Juliann Gaus-Graeser and Vickie Hamby for presenting the advocacy module on strategy at the conference.

**Ist Vice President**

No report.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

Melissa Kicklighter reported for Mitzi Cavin and announced that they are wrapping up local unit outstanding business items. She reminded everyone that March 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for the State/National membership dues to be submitted.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President**

Gretchen Lynch announced that the Reflections committee needs volunteers for the reception. Reflections Reception is on May 11, 2012 at ACHS Performing Arts Center.

She also announced that Keep Jacksonville Beautiful award application and information are available on the website and due on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Advocacy**

Vickie Hamby announced that Lunch and Learn today will be about working with media and meeting with decision makers. She added that this training will complete all 4 modules.

She announced that at the Spring Leadership workshop in May these same modules will be offered again. Information about the Common Core State Standard Initiative will also be taught more in depth at the Spring workshop. She added the plan is that next month, binders of parent guides will be delivered to the schools in English and in Spanish. All parent guides are available at the iAdvocate.com website.

### **Awards**

Mandi Welch reminded everyone that March 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for submitting State membership award applications and all other State award applications are due May 1<sup>st</sup>.

She announced that the DCCPTA awards will be given at the P&P Luncheon on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Cultural Arts**

Rowena Nagales announced the State winners for Reflections. She added that the reception for the District Reflections award winners is on May 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 pm at the Atlantic Coast High School Performing Arts Center. The invitations will be sent directly to the students' home addresses.

### **Hospitality**

Thank you to Mandarin Middle School PTSA for providing the refreshments for the general meeting today.

### **P&P Luncheon**

Gretchen Lynch announced that half of the tables for the P&P are sold. The last week to purchase tickets for tables is on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Vendor's Fair**

Juliann Gaus-Graeser announced that there are 11 vendors who responded early to the invite for the P&P Luncheon. Vendors Fair will be held from 9 am until 11 am and it is free. Anyone who knows any vendors who is interested, please contact Juliann.

## **Workshops**

Margaret Godke announced that the Spring Leadership Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Schultz Center from 9 am to 2 pm as shown at the back of the agenda. She stated that this year, they have added a series of advocacy training topics and parent education topics. The entire list and schedule will be on the website.

Melissa Kicklighter wants everyone to promote this opportunity for officers to attend leadership skills training.

## **Consultant Reports**

### **Teacher Supply Depot**

Melissa Kicklighter reported for Chris Buckley and reminded everyone to apply for the Keep Jacksonville Beautiful Award. Also, the deadline for the Earth Day grant is on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

She also announced that Bank of America is sponsoring an outreach event and offering customer assistance to the public to avoid foreclosure from 8 am -8 pm. Please let your school community know of this opportunity.

### **Exceptional Education Student Services**

Rosemarie Parsch reported that the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Tools for Success Family Conference at the Schultz was a success. They had 539 people registered and 424 people in attendance of which 170 were parents of children in Exceptional Education programs. There were 30 sessions offered to parents and 57 vendors including DCCPTA and ESEAC.

She also announced that a series of Grassroots training is being offered to the ESEAC audience of parents on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, May 30<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup>. Juliann Gaus-Graeser will present these trainings.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **New Business**

Election of DCCPTA 2012-2013 Officers

Rowena Nagales read the bylaws on officers and their elections. Mary Lobello, Nominating Committee Chair, read the proposed slate of officers for 2012-2013. Melissa Kicklighter read the nominations. The nominations are as follows:

President – Gretchen Lynch

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Programs – Rowena Nagales

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – STAR Team – Mary Lobello

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Committee – Margaret Godke

Recording Secretary – Ann Gipalo  
Corresponding Secretary – Terry Chrisley  
Treasurer – Mindy Eisman

Melissa Kicklighter thanked the nominating committee for their service and encouraged everyone to get involved in the county level.

### **Program**

FCAT 2.0

Tim Ballentine, Executive Director, Instructional Research and Accountability spoke about the grade changes. A slide presentation was shown to the general membership explaining the changes in grading for FCAT and how this will affect the grading of the schools and students. More information is available at the

[http://www.fldoe.org/board/meetings/2012\\_02\\_28/agenda.asp](http://www.fldoe.org/board/meetings/2012_02_28/agenda.asp)

Mr. Ballentine can be reach at telephone number 904-390-2976 with any questions.

### **Superintendent's Remarks**

#### **Announcements**

April 17<sup>th</sup> – History books are due for judging and DCCPTA awards applications are due.

Next general meeting will include the installation of the 2012-13 officers.

A One x One Community Conversation Lunch and Learn hosted by the Jacksonville Public Education fund will directly follow the next General meeting, and we hope you will attend and bring at least one other person to participate.

#### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 am

Signed:  
Rowena Nagales