

**General Meeting of the  
Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs  
April 17, 2012**

**Call to Order**

The General Meeting was called to order at 10:01 am by the President, Melissa Kicklighter. The meeting was held at the Cline Auditorium of the Duval County School Board Building on Tuesday, April 17, 2012. The recording secretary recorded the minutes.

**Attendance**

There were 57 people in attendance and 39 schools were represented.

**Meditation**

Gretchen read the meditation for Sharon Hodges and led everyone to the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes**

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

**Correspondence**

Terry Chrisley reported and announced that she received ticket payments for the P&P Luncheon.

**Treasurer's Report**

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

Total Receipts	\$ 5,122.96
Total Disbursements	\$ 3,250.38
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 51,137.33
Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 48,894.16

The treasurer's report was approved and will be filed for audit.

**Executive Committee Report**

**President**

Melissa Kicklighter announced that a Duval County Food Policy Summit will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Schultz Center. They are looking for people interested in attending this event. The goal is to identify solutions to improve quality and accessibility of healthy food for people living in Duval County.

She also announced that Earth Day is going to be celebrated on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Landing. There will be crafts for kids and shirts will be sold for \$10.00. At the meeting today, they are available for \$9.00.

### **1st Vice President**

No report.

### **2nd Vice President**

Melissa announced that all PTA local units that are active have paid State and National dues and membership is up this year.

### **3rd Vice President**

No report.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Advocacy/Legislative**

Melissa Kicklighter announced that on May 16<sup>th</sup> workshop, we are offering advocacy training modules not only for PTA leaders. She asked everyone to bring people from their schools. She also reminded everyone to continue to watch and see what's happening with potential legislation. Discussions are always going in. Also, please remember that August 14<sup>th</sup> is the next school board election. She cautioned everyone about the rules for inviting candidates when hosting events in their schools and that all candidates must be invited as we are a non-partisan organization. She encouraged everyone to stay engaged over the summer months and attend the candidate forums that will soon be announced.

### **Awards**

Mandi is receiving awards applications in the conference room around the corner. If there are any questions about awards, please contact Mandi.

### **Cultural Arts**

Rowena Nagales announced that the Reflection Reception is on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Atlantic Coast High School Performing Arts Center. The reception starts at 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

### **Hospitality**

Thank you to Fishweir Elementary PTA for providing refreshments for today's general meeting.

### **Membership**

Gretchen Lynch reported and announced that the flyer for PTA night with Suns games is now available. PTA members need to bring their PTA card. Anyone in the local unit who volunteered more than 50 hours will receive free admission. Gretchen asked the membership to email her the request, and she will send them the certificates for admission.

Melissa announced that the Superintendent Membership Awards winners will be announced at the game as well.

### **P&P Luncheon**

Gretchen announced that the deadline for purchasing tickets for tables at the P&P Luncheon is on April 30<sup>th</sup>. After April 30<sup>th</sup>, email Mary Lobello or Gretchen Lynch for any additional tables. She announced that we have three members of the School Board so far attending the P&P Luncheon, so she is looking for PTAs to sponsor their tickets. Tickets are available for pick up today with Terry Chrisley.

### **Scholarship**

Melissa Kicklighter announced that the DCCPTA scholarships will be awarded to at least four high school students.

### **Vendors Fair**

Juliann Gaus-Graeser announced that the vendor's fair is from 9-11 am before the P&P Luncheon. Juliann asked if anyone knows any vendor or worked with a vendor that they would recommend, to please let her know so she can invite them.

### **Workshops**

Margaret Godke announced that the Spring workshop is scheduled on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Schultz Center. She thanked Vickie Hamby for planning for the advocacy training modules to be available at the workshop. She also announced that the Presidents and Treasurers training will be available in the morning and in the afternoon. She stated that the schedule of the workshops will be available at the website.

### **Consultants Reports**

#### **Exceptional Education Students Services**

Rosemarie Parsch announced that March letters went out to students with IEPs about the McKay scholarship. She added that the ESEAC will have PTA sponsored grassroots advocacy training on April 7<sup>th</sup>, May 30<sup>th</sup>, and June 5<sup>th</sup>. Information is available at the DCPS website under the parent icon.

She reported that they have less than 30 K-12 parents who responded to the survey. She asked everyone to please spread the word out on filling the survey because they want the parents' responses to be shared with the Federal Department of Education.

### **Life Members**

Melissa Kicklighter announced to the membership that if they wanted their Honorary Life member awards to be presented at the P&P Luncheon to have the award sent to her.

### **Teacher Supply Depot**

Melissa Kicklighter reported for Chris Buckley and remind everyone to volunteer at the depot whenever possible. She stated that the depot relies on PTA to help in organizing materials.

Reta suggested that with the upcoming Teacher Appreciation Day, PTA can get supplies to help them celebrate the teachers at the depot.

## **New Business**

### **Florida PTA Platform Item**

Melissa Kicklighter announced that 2012 Leadership/Convention in on July 13-15<sup>th</sup>. Registration can be done electronically. The proposed platform item is as follows:

#### ECG/EKG Testing In Sports Physicals

WHEREAS, an alarming number of sports related deaths in children are due to undetected heart disease or other heart related ailments; and

WHEREAS, increasing evidence has linked sudden cardiac death in student athletes to the lack of proper testing for undiagnosed, asymptomatic heart disease and other heart related ailments; and

WHEREAS, studies show that routine testing of young athletes using electrocardiograms to screen for potential lethal cardiovascular abnormalities is effective at saving young lives; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Florida PTA and its constituent organizations urge and support health education for parents, students, educators and community members that addresses the benefits of cardiac screening and early detection of heart related ailments in student athletes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Florida PTA and its constituent organizations urge and support actions by the legislature, the Department of Education and school districts that will encourage the use of electrocardiography (ECG) testing/screening of all athletes; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Florida PTA encourage other state PTAs to adopt similar resolutions.

#### Rationale

Nationwide, there are 50-100 deaths among high school students each year attributed to Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA); most of these result from a lack of adequate testing. It is imperative that parents know and understand the importance of cardiac screening including ECG for children participating in athletic activities. As advocates for the health and safety of children and youth, PTA must advocate for cardiac screening programs and conduct awareness campaigns to help prevent unnecessary deaths in children due to sudden cardiac arrest.

The references and supporting documentation for the proposed resolution "ECG/EKG Testing in Sports Physicals" are posted on the Florida PTA website under the Resolutions tab. We encourage local units to review this proposal with your members prior to sending delegates to convention.

Prior to convention, any questions may be directed to the maker, Madeleine Plumey-Cruz at [universityptsa@gmail.com](mailto:universityptsa@gmail.com) or to Linda Kearschner, Florida PTA Resolutions Committee Chairman at [resolutions@floridapta.org](mailto:resolutions@floridapta.org). The maker will also be available to answer questions during the Resolutions

Hearing on Friday, July 13 in Workshop Session 3 from 2:00 – 3:15 pm.

There were discussions from the floor.

Vickie Drake moved to refer the item to the legislative committee to create a substitute motion with an emphasis on education rather than legislation.

Motion approved.

### **Program**

Installation of 2012-2013 DCCPTA Officers

Melissa introduced Annette Worthen for the Installation of the 2012-2013 DCCPTA Officers.

Shelley Gill-Cain presented a potted orchid plant to Melissa Kicklighter on behalf of Landmark Middle School PTSA as a token of appreciation.

### **Superintendent's Remarks**

Deputy Superintendent Patricia Willis reported for Superintendent Ed Pratt-Dannals and announced that all schools have worked hard to prepare for FCAT week. They are getting the kids ready for extended learning this summer. She stated that the board is getting ready to work on the budgeting process. She also thanked everyone for all the PTA support this year.

Kathy Leroy talked about some new summer programs to enhance regular summer school. This includes children who need to attend for summer promotion. To ensure everyone in passing the Algebra 1, they have made 1000 seats available all over the district. Those who failed EOC will be eligible to attend the program.

She added that they received money from the Wallace foundation to help support the program. With regard to K-2 retention policies, the students need to be reading on grade level at all times, so they are implementing a summer program for those students who are behind that will require attendance. Summer classes will be held June 18 – July 27.

Right now we are working with the New Generation Sunshine State Standards, and we re beginning to transition to the Common Core State Standards. The level of rigor for the CCSS surpasses even the new Sunshine Standards.

### **Announcements**

Mary Lobello announced that there will be a scholarship available for the Florida PTA Leadership/Convention. The requirements and qualifications for the scholarship will be available at the website. The deadline for the application is May 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:00

Signed:

Rowena Nagales