

Duval County Council of PTAs  
General Meeting  
September 16, 2014

- School Board The Honorable Ashley Smith-Juarez thanked the PTA for their support in working together to organize parents to help students and teachers. The board is here to help the PTA and welcomes parent input.
- Call to Order The general meeting of the Duval County Council of PTAs was held in the Cline Auditorium at the Duval County School Board on Tuesday September 16, 2014. The president, Margaret Godke, called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM. The secretary was present.
- Meditation The meditation, "This is No Ordinary PTA", was given by Karen Ramirez.
- Quorum A quorum was established.
- Minutes The minutes of August 2014 were approved as written.
- Correspondence Ann Gipalo sent thank you notes to all general meeting speakers from August.
- Treasurer's Report Jenifer Morgan reported that the beginning balance on August 1, 2014 was \$60157.69. Receipts totaled \$319.31. Disbursements totaled \$6603.04. Balance on hand August 31, 2014 was \$53873.96. Report is filed for audit. Please file all 990's and audits. Instructions are on [www.dccpta.org](http://www.dccpta.org). Dues payment forms are also online. Please remember that PTAs work at the invitation of schools. Training on relationships between PTA, schools, and bookkeepers will be conducted.
- President's Report Margaret Godke reminds everyone to stay in good standing to vote by updating their bylaws, paying their dues to DCC by November 1, 2014, and paying state and national dues monthly to Florida PTA. Remember to register your delegates with the county by emailing [president@dccpta.org](mailto:president@dccpta.org). Each unit has two voting delegates: the president and one additional delegate. DCCPTA has printed a new brochure with updated dates, times, and contact information. This brochure is yellow and should replace the earlier version. The required Presidents and Treasurers training will be offered at the Fall Leadership Workshop on September 27, 2014 at Robert E. Lee High School. First year presidents need to attend the treasurer's class also. Please share great programs from your school with us at [programs@dccpta.org](mailto:programs@dccpta.org). Thanks to Mandarin Oaks Elementary for running our hospitality table today. Remember all meeting speakers have their e-mails listed on the agenda and at our website. We are happy to announce that Duval County graduate Zach Morris is serving on the Florida PTA Board as a student representative.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP VP LOCAL UNIT DEVELOPMENT: Victor Melone reminded everyone to join the Presidents and Treasurers Facebook page. Please ask any questions you may have of the local unit mentors at the end of each meeting by coming to the back table of the auditorium.

3<sup>rd</sup> VP

VP LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: Juliann Gaus-Graeser thanked everyone for signing up to join school district committees.

Committee Reports

AWARDS: Terry Chrisley announced the Right Food award is due November 1, 2014. Applications must be postmarked by this date to be accepted. The application is at [www.dccpta.org](http://www.dccpta.org). There will be an awards class at the Fall Leadership Workshop.

BUSINESS PARTNERS: Kim Sheldon reported business partners will receive a window cling to identify member benefits. High Tide Burrito is offering a 10% discount. Jacksonville Ice&Sportsplex offers a buy one get one free. Mention your school at School Aids and when your total is \$100, \$15 will go back to your PTA. Collect your Office Depot bags and discount cards today.

WORKSHOPS: Amy Barker reported that this year's Fall Leadership Workshop will be on September 27, 2014 at Robert E. Lee High School. Classes in officer training, membership, programs, parent academy, and advocacy will be offered. All information is on [www.dccpta.org](http://www.dccpta.org).

LEGISLATIVE: Melissa Daniel reminded us that each and every vote counts. Information can be found at [www.schoolboard2014.org](http://www.schoolboard2014.org) for the upcoming School Board election. There will be a computer at our registration desk for legislative alert sign-ups today. Attend the legislation class at our Fall Leadership Workshop.

HEALTH & SAFETY: Felita Tutt reported that our Health & Safety Fair will be held simultaneously with our Fall Leadership Workshop at Robert E. Lee High School on September 27, 2014.

HOSPITALITY: Mandi Welch for Vilma Morgan. There is a hospitality opening for the February General Meeting Founders Day celebration. A ¼ sheet cake will be needed. Vilma also asks for two to three extra schools to sign up for possible hospitality fill-ins.

REFLECTIONS: Mindy Eisman reported on this year's Reflections theme: "The World Would Be A Better Place If..." The deadline for county entries is Friday, December 5, 2014 at noon. Entries will be accepted at the Duval County School Board Room 613 from 9am to noon that day. You may turn your entries in before this deadline. It is recommended that you set your school deadline at least 2-4 weeks prior to the county deadline. There will be a training class at the Fall Leadership Workshop at Robert E. Lee High School on September 27, 2014. The next theme search is due to the state office by November 14, 2014. Information for Reflections and for upcoming webinars in Reflections 101 and Online Registration training may be found at [www.dccpta.org](http://www.dccpta.org), [www.floridapta.org](http://www.floridapta.org), and [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org).

TEACHER SUPPLY DEPOT: Gary Kimball announced the next giveaway on October 2, 2014 from 3-6pm. All PTA Presidents are welcome. Volunteers are always needed during the week. Our next general meeting will be at the depot

and all attendees are invited to shop after the meeting. Call 381-7480 for volunteer opportunities.

TECHNOLOGY: Ann Gipalo demonstrated the new DCCPTA website. There are many new features for easier use.

Superintendent

Dr. Vitti spoke of the transition to the new standards and assessments. He is a strong supporter of new standards to promote critical thinking, but wants the new assessments to be field tested before accountability is held. Many district assessments were removed, but we must meet state required assessments for teacher evaluations. Recess/P.E. at the elementary level has been reduced in order to accommodate more science time, and to allow music and art to be reinstated. We are not fully funded for class size compliance but we are meeting class size at the school average. Fines went from \$1.2 million last year to only \$400,000 this year.

1<sup>st</sup> VP

Melissa Daniel for Karen Nuland. Our guest speakers today included Angela DeMonbreun from the League of Women Voters, Harry Reagan from Tobacco Free Jax, Lisa Wright from Walk Safe, and Julie Howard from Hendricks Avenue Elementary for their Family Fitness Night. Contact information for each speaker is on the agenda and at our website.

PTA 101

The National PTA recognized 3 schools from Duval County for the School of Excellence award: San Pablo Elementary, Seabreeze Elementary, and Sandalwood High School.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 AM.

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Mandi Welch, Secretary

Approved As:

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