

Duval County Council of PTAs
General Meeting
October 28, 2014

School Board	The Honorable Fred “Fel” Lee welcomed everyone and thanked the PTA for their help in supporting public education. The School Board is pursuing ways of raising money for our schools and asks for any ideas to be submitted to the school board.
Call to Order	The general meeting of the Duval County Council of PTAs was held in the auditorium at the Teacher Supply Depot. The 2 nd vice president, Victor Melone, called the meeting to order at 9:29 am. The secretary was present.
Meditation	The meditation on why we should advocate for inclusion was given by Juliann Gaus-Graeser.
Quorum	A quorum was established.
Minutes	The minutes of September 2014 were approved as written.
Correspondence	Ann Gipalo sent thank you notes to all general meeting speakers from September and one condolence card to the Florida PTA board.
Treasurer’s Report	Jenifer Morgan reported that the beginning balance on September 1, 2014 was \$53873.96. Receipts totaled \$2541.73. Disbursements totaled \$3616.88. Balance on hand September 30, 2014 was \$52798.81. Report is filed for audit. Remember that all audits should be completed and turned in to the school bookkeeper as well as treasurer@dccpta.org and ginger@floridapta.org . County dues of \$35 are due on November 1, 2014. File your 990’s by November 15, 2014. File the IRS receipt with treasurer@dccpta.org and ginger@floridapta.org .
President’s Report	none
1 st VP	none
2 nd VP	VP LOCAL UNIT DEVELOPMENT: Victor Melone reminded everyone to join the Presidents and Treasurers Facebook page.
3 rd VP	VP LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: Juliann Gaus-Graeser invited everyone to serve on district committees as a parent representative.
Committee Reports	<p>AWARDS: Ann Gipalo for Terry Chrisley- 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.</p> <p>BUSINESS PARTNERS: Kim Sheldon reported Sweet Frog is offering fund-raising evenings. The Jaguars December 7, 2014 game is a buy one get one free on all seats but club seats. Jacksonville Zoo is giving a 10% off discount in January. School Aids will give \$15 back to your PTA for every \$100 spent.</p>

LEGISLATIVE: Melissa Daniel reminded everyone that Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Each vote counts so please vote and let your voice be heard. www.schoolboard2014.org has information from the candidates. www.floridapta.org has an advocacy tab. Sign up for Take Action Network and review the guide for the PTA advocate. Watch for alerts and information to send to your members. Sign up for Capwiz. Report attached.

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. The next theme search is due to the state office by November 14, 2014. Information on guidelines can be found at www.floridapta.org. For photography entries, please submit an actual print and you may also include a digital copy.

TEACHER SUPPLY DEPOT: Ann Gipalo reported on the Mr. Rogers Sweater Drive going on from November 1-November 30, 2014. Deliver your items to the Teacher Supply Depot or call 381-7480 for pick-up if you have an extremely large collection. Please separate men's, women's, and children's sizes. You may contact buckleyc@duvalschools.org for information. Chris Buckley: The next Teacher Supply Depot giveaway will be November 6, 2014 from 3-6 pm. The picnic table drawing goes to John Stockton Elementary.

TECHNOLOGY: Ann Gipalo has added an election tab with nonpartisan information to the DCCPTA website.

Superintendent

Dr. Vitti recognized Fel Lee for his service to the Duval County School Board. He thanked all for serving in the PTA and helping students and teachers. He wants a functioning PTA in every Duval county school. In regards to the resolution requesting a year- long grace period before accountability to the new standards and assessments, Dr. Vitti worries that a drop in school grades will hurt public education in Florida. By the end of next school year, all schools in Duval county will be wireless and the bandwidth and access points will be improved. An all-inclusive portal for parents to access student information will be completed in about 18 months. School level budgets will be made earlier this year so principals may plan more effectively.

1st VP

Our guest speakers today included Jon Heymann from the Jacksonville Children's Commission, Susan Pitman from Drug Free Duval, and Marla Bryant from James Weldon Johnson. Contact information for each speaker is on the agenda and at our website. Handouts are attached.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 AM.

Mandi Welch, Secretary

Approved As:

Date: _____ Corrected: _____ Written: _____