

Duval County Council of PTAs
General Meeting
January 27, 2015

School Board	The Honorable Scott Shine welcomed everyone. Mr. Shine stated that graduation rates are high across the district. School grades are down but the grading scale is very different. Schools are trying to become more individually oriented and helpful to students with dyslexia, ADHD, and other learning obstacles. Common Core standards will be in effect next school year and schools grades will most likely drop due to the difference in grading standards.
Call to Order	The general meeting of the Duval County Council of PTAs was held in the Cline Auditorium of the Duval County School Board. The 1 st vice president, Karen Nuland, called the meeting to order at 9:32 am. The secretary was present.
Meditation	The meditation was from Dr. Seuss' <u>The Lorax</u> . "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing's going to get better. It's not."
Quorum	A quorum was established.
Minutes	The minutes of November 25, 2014 were approved as written.
Correspondence	Ann Gipalo sent thank you notes to all the November speakers and a sympathy card to the FLPTA board.
Treasurer's Report	<p>Jenifer Morgan reported that the beginning balance on November 1, 2014 was \$56393.69. Receipts totaled \$3030.49. Disbursements totaled \$1430.05. Balance on hand November 30, 2014 was \$58294.13. The beginning balance on December 1, 2014 was \$58294.13. Receipts totaled \$1003.28. Disbursements totaled \$1769.11. Balance on hand December 31, 2014 was \$57528.30. Report is filed for audit.</p> <p>The mid-year budget review was conducted. An amendment proposal was made by Jenifer Morgan for \$600.00 to allow 2 people a one-night hotel stay, mileage, and per diem to attend the FLPTA Health Summit. This amendment passed.</p>
2 nd VP	VP LOCAL UNIT DEVELOPMENT: Victor Melone presented a PTA charter to our newest PTA, the Grasp Academy.
Parliamentarian	Mary Lobello read the county bylaws explaining the process of electing a nominating committee. The floor elected Melissa Daniel, Debra O'Berry, and Mindy Eisman to join the board's nominees of Betty Marty and Jenifer Morgan. Victor Melone will serve as the alternate.
Committee Reports	<p>AWARDS: All applications for county awards are on www.dccpta.org and must be received by Tuesday April 28, 2015 at noon.</p> <p>BUSINESS PARTNERS: Please check www.dccpta.org for new member benefits.</p>

HOSPITALITY: Contact hospitality@dccpta.org to sign up to serve refreshments for the Student Leadership Academy on Saturday January 31, February 21, or March 7, 2015.

P&P TICKETS: Tickets to the annual Presidents' and Principals' Luncheon will be available to units in good standing. The order form is online at www.dccpta.org.

RECORDS: Betty Marty reported that there are now 80 PTAs in good standing and 20 more that are only missing bylaws, council dues, or state/national dues. Additional notices have been sent to these units through school mail.

REFLECTIONS: Entries and participation certificates may be picked up today.

SCHOLARSHIP: Graduating seniors must have their applications postmarked by March 31, 2015.

TEACHER SUPPLY DEPOT: The next teacher and PTA president giveaway is on Thursday February 5, 2015 at 3:00 pm.

WORKSHOPS: The Spring Leadership Workshop will be Wednesday April 22, 2015 at the Schultz Center. Classes will be held at 9am, 10am, and 11am.

Superintendent

Dr. Vitti answered questions briefly this morning so we could move to our special legislative program. Please remember to fill out a yellow question card found at the registration table before the meeting to ask Dr. Vitti a question. When you are called on, please ask a single question that will be for the good of all students.

LEGISLATIVE:

Melissa Daniel introduced our legislative panel of John Sullivan, DCPS' Legislative Liaison, Adam Miller, aide to Charles McBurney District 16, Dee Alexander, aide to Senator Aaron Bean District 4, and Senator Audrey Gibson, District 4. Thank you to each of these honored guests for their time and information. You may find this under the legislation tab at www.dccpta.org. Also located there is information on the FLPTA legislative platform and the DCCPTA's grant application for the FLPTA Legislative Conference.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 AM.

Mandi Welch, Secretary

Approved As:

Date: _____ Corrected: _____ Written: _____