

Duval County Council of PTAs
General Meeting
November 17, 2015

School Board	The Honorable Ashley Smith-Juarez thanked everyone for their communication efforts and work to make the “S” in PTSA important by including students in such activities as the Superintendent’s Leadership Academy.
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 November 17, 2015. The president, Karen Nuland, called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM. The secretary was present.
Meditation	A meditation on strength under control was given by Santhea Hicks-Brown.
Quorum	A quorum was established.
Parliamentarian	Please remember when asking a question to stand up and state your name and local unit. One question per person will be taken.
Minutes	The minutes of October 27, 2015 were approved as written.
Correspondence	Melissa Daniel sent thank you notes to Becki Couch for our October meeting and Vickie Hamby for updating our website. She participated in the Florida Consortium of Education Foundations call with JPEF. Melissa also worked with JPEF to update the informational card “Choosing a School: a guide for parents, guardians, and caregivers”.
Treasurer’s Report	Jenifer Morgan reported that the beginning balance on October 1, 2015 was \$54828.55. Receipts totaled \$5486.26. Disbursements totaled \$1952.91. The ending balance on October 31, 2015 was \$58361.90.
President’s Report	Karen Nuland is continuing to work with local units as needed. Please email Karen at president@dccpta.org if you would like to walk in the MLK day parade with the PTA.
1st VP Programs	Felita Tutt attended the Health and Safety summit in Orlando with the Florida PTA.
Committee Reports	<p>AWARDS: The Right Foot award will be given out in January 2016.</p> <p>HEALTH&SAFETY: Ann Gipalo, Jackie Jones, and Cathy Guiler are working on a resolution concerning e-cigarettes to present to the Florida PTA at this summer’s convention. E-cigarettes are used 3 times more often over traditional cigarettes amongst middle schoolers and high schoolers. There is proposed legislation regarding powdered alcohol.</p> <p>LEGISLATIVE: Jackie Jones reminded us that the legislative session is early this year. Representatives say they want to hear our voices but don’t. FLPTA’s legislative priorities include autism, Kidcare, medical assistance funds, and</p>

texting in school zones. NPTA opposes SB0068 and HB4001 regarding concealed weapons on college campuses. Over 100 postcards were mailed from the October general meeting responses. DTU invites PTA members to Tallahassee on January 14, 2016 to ride the bus with free lunch included.

MEMBERSHIP: Theresa Rogers spotlighted local units with increased membership now over last year's total. Bartram Springs increased membership from 255 to 494 and Paxon School for Advanced Studies increased membership from 572 to 721. Consider a new membership drive in January.

RECORDS: There are 58 units in good standing. Eleven units still have not filed their 990.

REFLECTIONS: The deadline for entries is December 4th from 9am-noon in Room 613 of the School Board. No late entries will be accepted. Have your local PTA participation form, register at NPTA website, and log your winning entries. You must have a consent form for each face in your entry.

TEACHER SUPPLY DEPOT: There will be a giveaway for teachers and PTA presidents on December 3rd from 3-6pm.

Superintendent

Wendy LeHockey for Dr. Vitti: Working groups for boundary changes are ongoing or finishing now. Dr. Vitti is considering taking the recommendations to the board as they come in. The lowest 300 elementary school initiative will be discontinued after Christmas break. Only Rutledge Pearson requested to continue with the extra hour of school. Close to \$4million will be re-allocated to all schools with the savings from this discontinuation.

New Business

Duval County Council Facebook page is inactive. The new page is Duval County Council of PTAS.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Mandi Welch, Secretary

Approved As:

Date: _____ Corrected: _____ Written: _____