

Duval County Council of PTAs
General Meeting
October 27, 2015

School Board	The Honorable Becki Couch welcomed all on behalf of the Duval County School Board. She offered to help our legislators connect to parents and students in our area. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Couch at couchr@duvalschools.org.
Call to Order	The general meeting of the Duval County Council of PTAs was held in the auditorium of the Teacher Supply Depot on October 27, 2015. The president, Karen Nuland, called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. The secretary was present.
Meditation	A meditation was given by Joyce Gustafson on behalf of Santhea Hicks-Brown.
Quorum	A quorum was established.
Minutes	The minutes of September 29, 2015 were approved as written.
Correspondence	Melissa Daniel sent a sympathy card to Melissa Kicklighter upon the passing of a relative. She sent thank you notes to Paula Wright and Melissa Kicklighter for their presentations. Melissa worked with JPEF to prepare for the One by One event on October 19 th and participated as the parent voice on a panel discussion about the FSA and boundary changes.
Treasurer's Report	Jenifer Morgan reported that the beginning balance on September 1, 2015 was \$52493.24. Receipts totaled \$4746.10. Disbursements totaled \$2410.79. Balance on hand September 30, 2015 was \$54828.55.
President's Report	Karen Nuland participated in the One by One meeting hosted by the Jacksonville Public Education Fund. She attended the initial meeting of the EDDY Awards committee. Karen gave the opening remarks to the Superintendent's Leadership Academy. She has begun the planning for the January 2016 Winter Leadership Workshops. She continues to reach out to local PTA units and help them organize and operate.
1st VP Programs	Felita Tutt announced a lunch and learn after the November 17, 2015 meeting by a victim of an educator. Please sign up for this program if you wish to be included in the lunch portion. You are also welcome to bring your own food or attend without eating.
Committee Reports	<p>AWARDS: Remember to apply for the Right Foot award as soon as possible. Applications can be turned in today or mailed to our P.O. Box by the due date.</p> <p>LEGISLATIVE: Jackie Jones reminded us of PTA's purpose and why it was founded. Time was taken to have everyone use their phones to add their representatives to their contact lists. The opportunity was then given to send e-mails and fill out postcards to send to our legislators.</p> <p>RECORDS: 27 PTAs are currently in good standing.</p>

REFLECTIONS: The due date for Reflections at the county level is Friday December 4, 2015 in Room 613 of the Duval County School Board from 9am to noon. Judging starts at noon. No late entries will be accepted.

TEACHER SUPPLY DEPOT: The next giveaway for teachers and PTA presidents will be November 3, 2015 from 3-6pm.

WEBSITE: Rick Godke announced the newly designed website for DCCPTA. Please check out the new site and give us your feedback.

Superintendent Dr. Vitti encouraged us to contact the governor's office regarding FSA accountability. He feels the new curriculum is effective and noted that teachers were on the panel that chose this curriculum. He wants to educate parents on the changes in curriculum and tests through community meetings in different areas of town. He is also creating videos to explain these changes. He wants to create a hotline that parents can call in the evening to reach actual math teachers for homework help.

Guest Speakers Our guest speakers today were Representatives Jay Fant and Reggie Fullwood. Both speakers promised to better educate themselves on the issues faced in public education. Representative Fullwood told everyone to bring their concerns to their legislators before the issues are voted upon.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Mandi Welch, Secretary

Approved As:

Date: _____ Corrected: _____ Written: _____