

Duval County Council of PTAs
General Meeting
September 1, 2015

School Board	The Honorable Cheryl Grymes welcomed everyone and thanked all for advocating for all children and sacrificing time for others. She encouraged everyone to be involved and to take advantage of training opportunities to help us with not only PTA work, but all future endeavors as well.
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 September 1, 2015. The president, Karen Nuland, called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. The secretary was present.
Meditation	A meditation on positive versus negative outlooks was given.
Quorum	A quorum was established.
Parliamentarian	Delores Appleby explained the voting procedure. Yellow cards will be available at the registration desk during general meetings so that you may write a question pertaining to the good of the group for Dr. Vitti to answer. Please do not ask questions relating to a specific child and remember to respect Dr. Vitti's and others' time by limiting your question to just one.
Minutes	The minutes of April and June 2015 were audited by a committee over the summer.
Correspondence	Melissa Daniel received thank you notes from James Oberry, Marye Lee, and Savannah Mika for their scholarships from DCCPTA. A thank you note was received from Kifimbo Parnell for her invitation to the P&P luncheon in May.
Treasurer's Report	Jenifer Morgan reported that the beginning balance on April 1, 2015 was \$64345.57. Receipts totaled \$3783.97. Disbursements totaled \$2139.91. Balance on hand April 30, 2015 was \$65989.63. Beginning balance on May 1, 2015 was \$65989.63. Receipts totaled \$2824.89. Disbursements totaled \$12473.78. Ending balance on May 31, 2015 was \$56340.74. Beginning balance on June 1, 2015 was \$56340.74. Receipts totaled \$103.30. Disbursements totaled \$2809.75. Ending balance on June 30, 2015 was \$53634.29. Beginning balance on July 1, 2015 was \$53634.29. Receipts totaled \$602.40. Disbursements totaled \$1145.00. Ending balance on July 31, 2015 was \$53091.69. Included in this last amount is \$11434.48 for the eyeglass fund, \$1023.58 for the scholarship fund, \$4503.54 for the convention fund, \$671.34 for the Teacher Supply Depot, and \$13836.57 held in escrow for inactive PTAs.
President's Report	Karen Nuland organized leadership training and taught several presidents' and treasurers' classes over the summer. She met with all principals and aspiring principals to explain the proper role of PTA. She is currently working with JPEF as well.

1st VP Programs	<p>Felita Tutt reminded everyone that for each fundraiser you host, you should present 3 programs with the funds you receive. A program is to benefit all students, not just a small group. There are resources to host free programs as well. Contact Tia Leathers with the Parent Academy for free programs.</p>
3rd VP Leadership	<p>Juliann Gaus-Graeser wants us to develop our own leadership skills and help identify these skills in others. The Superintendent's Leadership Academy for high school students will be hosted at Frank H. Peterson this year. Information will be delivered to each high school principal regarding this opportunity.</p>
Committee Reports	<p>BUSINESS PARTNERS: Kim Sheldon distributed the newly updated membership benefits flyer. E-mail Kim for additional information and offers. Quality Images is currently offering \$3 PTA name badges.</p> <p>LEGISLATIVE: Jackie Jones reminded us that PTA has its roots in advocacy. The legislative session is early this year. Jackie is inviting representatives to come to meet with us. Check the county and state PTA websites for legislative updates. Contact Jackie to come and speak at your school.</p> <p>MEMBERSHIP: Theresa Rogers asks that you e-mail her for support in your membership drives. Tables at Open Houses are a great way to recruit new members. September 30th is the FDOE Dads Take Children to School Day. Try to add to your male membership during this event. Membership is year-round so keep recruiting. Theresa will spotlight a local unit each month to celebrate their membership drives. This month Stanton PTSA is congratulated on their 1,148 members last school year.</p> <p>TEACHER SUPPLY DEPOT: 1000+ teachers came to the back to school event at the Depot this year. Schedule volunteer time for your PTA members and students with Chris Buckley. PTA presidents can shop at giveaways with teachers or send their designee once the person is registered with Chris. The Kids in Need Foundation is giving away a grant. Check out their website to apply by September 30, 2015. Adventure Landing is accepting donated supplies on September 19th and 20th that will be given to the Teacher Supply Depot. A discounted ticket will be given after you donate. Office space is available at the Depot for PTA board meetings and you can shop for certain items once you perform volunteer work.</p> <p>WORKSHOPS: The Fall Leadership Workshop will be Saturday September 26, 2015 at Darnell Cookman. Registration begins at 8:30 am with classes beginning at 9am, 10am, 11am, and noon. There will be a joint health/safety fair during this time also.</p>
Superintendent	<p>Dr. Vitti reported that the Florida Department of Education has validated the Florida State Assessments. Test results will stand. School grades will be issued in November or December. When asked if uniforms were going to be made</p>

mandatory in the future, Dr. Vitti stated he would like to present the proposal in the future. He feels safety is improved, a sense of camaraderie is instilled, better behavior is displayed, and parents have stated that uniforms are a positive change at charter schools. In response to wi-fi at our schools, Dr. Vitti stated that wireless upgrades at all schools should be complete by the end of this school year. Interactive monitors have been installed in middle school core classes already.

New Business

The 2014-2015 audit was performed by Melissa Daniel, Karen Nuland, and Margaret Godke. The year beginning balance was \$12813.76. Receipts totaled \$42183.34. Disbursements totaled \$41321.35. Ending balance was \$13675.75. An outstanding check remained in the amount of \$246.66. Copy of audit it attached.

The 2015-2016 proposed budget is as follows:

Operating Fund: Beginning balance \$22758.60. Anticipated income is \$19935.00. Total \$42693.60.

Starting balance \$30875.69. Expenses \$31469.51. Total in/out budget \$74163.11. Budget was approved.

Consultant

Vision Screening Tracy Scott 904-858-1946 or scottt4@duvalschools.org

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 AM.

Mandi Welch, Secretary

Approved As:

Date: _____ Corrected: _____ Written: _____