

Duval County Council of PTAs
General Meeting
September 29, 2015

School Board	The Honorable Paula Wright welcomed everyone and asked us to continue our work in furthering the purpose of PTA. On behalf of the School Board, she thanked everyone for their work. She would like to create a series of videos showing PTA's involvement to show at school events and on the morning shows.
Call to Order	The general meeting of the Duval County Council of PTAs was held in the auditorium at Englewood High School on September 29, 2015. The president, Karen Nuland, called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. The secretary was present.
Quorum	A quorum was established.
Meditation	Santhea Brown presented a motivational vitamin by Ralph Marston stating every choice we make matters.
Minutes	The minutes of September 1, 2015 were approved as written.
Correspondence	Melissa Daniel sent a sympathy card to Karen Nuland upon the passing of her step-father. She sent thank you notes to Cheryl Grimes and Dr. Vitti. She will send thank you notes to the health fair vendors and presenters from the Fall Leadership Workshop once contact information is obtained.
President's Report	Karen Nuland has attended each school board meeting on our behalf. She has helped re-charter Ribault High School and Fort Caroline Elementary. She taught the required presidents' training class at the Fall Leadership Workshop.
Treasurer's Report	Jenifer Morgan reported that the beginning balance on August 1, 2015 was \$53091.69. Receipts totaled \$157.59. Disbursements totaled \$756.04. Balance on hand August 31, 2015 was \$52493.24. Report is filed for audit.
1 st VP Programs	Felita Tutt thanked everyone who attended the Fall Leadership Workshop and Darnell Cookman for hosting this session. Another workshop series will be held in January.
2 nd VP Mentors	Please contact Victor Melone for assistance in running your local units.
3 rd VP Leadership	Juliann Gaus-Graeser represented the Duval County Council at the Florida PTA Board of Directors meeting. She asks that we remember our PTA units are filled with hard-working people. Take time to make new members feel welcomed to your unit. Find your reason to be involved and help others discover theirs.
Committee Reports	HEALTH & SAFETY: Contact information for our health and safety fair vendors is on the www.dccpta.org site. October is Children's Health month. The National Walk Safe Day is October 7 th . UF and Shands is currently looking for 15-19 year old volunteers to meet bi-monthly with their youth advisory board.

LEGISLATIVE: Jackie Jones attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting where concerns over the low FSA results in regards to economic development were discussed. The Florida Department of Education validated the FSA test. JPEF is working to help the community understand these test results and their possible impact. A community meeting will be held October 19th from 6-8pm at the Dupont Center. Training on the FSA will be held there on October 14th from 11:30am-1pm.

MEMBERSHIP: Theresa Rogers highlighted Thomas Jefferson Elementary for their membership efforts last year that resulted in a doubling of their membership and a tripling of their board size from the previous year.

NEW UNITS: Betty Marty reminded all that there are now 6 requirements for "good standing", not just 3 as in previous years. Only 4 PTA units are currently in good standing-Thomas Jefferson Elementary, Stillwell Middle School, Paxon, and Stanton. Please register your officers, complete your audit, complete your 990, update your bylaws, pay your county dues by November 1st and pay your state dues monthly.

REFLECTIONS: This year's theme is "Let Your Imagination Fly". All county entries should be submitted by the deadline of Friday December 4, 2015 from 9am to noon in Room 613 of the Duval County School Board building. Set your school deadline at least 2-4 weeks before this county deadline. Submission requirements have changed this year. Please go to the state PTA website for information. October 30, 2015 is the deadline for the next theme search. Sizes for visual arts entries have changed and 3-D submissions will now be accepted. To qualify for judging, please have all dues paid, your 990 on file, and your bylaws with a date of 6/30/2013 or later.

TEACHER SUPPLY DEPOT: Call Chris Buckley at 381-7480 to schedule volunteer hours during early release days, planning days, and school breaks. You may shop after the October general meeting at the depot. You may fill 2 bags.

Superintendent

Dr. Vitti supplied everyone with a handout listing the school grade statistics since 1999 and levels of proficiency for math and reading tests. The state will be releasing grades without learning gains included which is usually 50% of a school's grade. The education commissioner made recommendations as to what scores should be proficient AFTER the test was already taken. The superintendents in Florida collectively stated they have lost faith in our accountability system. In regards to the new FOCUS system, training will be hosted for the parents at your school if you request it.

Consultant

Louisa Alderson with Chartwell's spoke on the new website www.myschoolbucks.com which replaced www.mylunchmoney.com. Account balances were transferred automatically. A new digital menu is available at www.DuvalSchools.nutrislice.com. This is also available as a free phone app. Two food trucks are traveling between secondary schools and you may request a food truck for after school activities.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 AM.

Mandi Welch, Secretary

Approved As:

Date: _____ Corrected: _____ Written: _____