

**General Meeting of the
Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs
October 19, 2010**

Call to Order

The General meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by President Melissa Kicklighter. The meeting was held in Teacher Supply Depot on Tuesday, October 19, 2010. The Recording Secretary recorded the minutes for the meeting.

Attendance

There were 52 people in attendance and 38 schools were represented.

Meditation

Diana Elenz read the meditation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Parliamentarian – No report.

Minutes

The minutes from the September 21, 2010 General meeting were approved and will be filed for audit.

Correspondence - No report

Treasurer's Report

Mary Lobello presented the treasurer's report. The report overview is as follows:

Checking Account:

Ending Bank Balance as of September 30	\$ 34,727.14
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Money Market Account	\$ 30,320.00
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Total Disbursement	\$ 1,310.94
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Mary Lobello moved that the DCCPTA funds be transferred from Wachovia Bank to CommunityFirst Credit Union due to increasing fees at Wachovia and no fees and better interest rates at CommunityFirst Credit Union. Motion passed. Copy of the motion is attached. Mary reminded everyone the deadline for the \$35.00 DCC dues is on November 1st.

Executive Committee Reports

President

Melissa Kicklighter announced that on the back of the agenda is the information from the district about Amendment 8. She reminded everyone about the discussion at the last

general meeting and pointed out several reasons why we chose to support amendment 8 even though the Florida PTA does not support it.

Melissa also mentioned that the handbooks were mailed already to the local units' respective schools and reminded the PTA Presidents to check their school mailboxes for the handbooks. Melissa also thanked Laura Maloney and Terry Chrisley for facilitating a successful Fall workshop and Health and Safety Fair on October 1st at the Schultz Center.

1st Vice President

No report.

2nd Vice President

Gretchen Lynch announced that in the next two weeks all local units will receive a letter to let them know whether or not they are in good standing.

3rd Vice President

Kim Sheldon announced that she is still finalizing the list of the committee chairs and those who signed up will be contacted in the next few days.

Committee Reports

Awards - No report

Council/Local Unit Relations

Chair Betty Marty reported that 24 PTAs are in good standing as of October 18th. She also announced that she already received 12 applications for the Right Foot Award. She asked that if your PTA qualifies for the award, to send in your application now.

Cultural Arts – No report

Environmental

Chair Chris Buckley thanked everyone who came today. She reported that TSD received 30 more palettes of supplies. She encouraged all the local units to volunteer even a few hours to work at the depot and in return bring back school supplies for the teachers and schools. She also mentioned that they would open one Saturday a month to accommodate those who cannot volunteer during the week to do some work.

Chris encouraged everyone on November 8 to do a craft day at their schools. She added that they displayed some samples of artwork on the table for the general membership to see and they have the supplies that they can bring back to their schools to do the crafts. She mentioned that November 15 is National America Recycles Day and asked everyone to do something in honor of recycling day for the kids. She added that books that have been outgrown by kids could be one of the things you can recycle.

Chris asked everyone to participate in the Mr. Roger's Sweater Drive. The form is available at the registration table. She stated that everyone could donate sweaters, gloves, shirts or just about anything that can be used for winter season. She also mentioned that large sizes are good and can be use for layering. She reminded everyone that the collection from

schools can be picked up through school mail by November 10th or preferably before Thanksgiving week.

Exceptional Students - No report

Eyeglass Fund – No report

Health/Safety – No report

History – No report

Hospitality

Special thanks to Crown Point Elementary PTA for providing hospitality for the general meeting today.

Legislation

Melissa Kicklighter reported for Chair Ted Corley and thanked everyone for supporting the legislative days.

Marketing/Communications – No report

Membership

Kim Sheldon reported for Chair Vilma Morgan and reminded everyone that the MOSH event is on November 20th. She also announced that the game day with the Jaguars is on December 12th. She added that Tropical Smoothie Café is giving incentives to PTA members by giving 15% off on the total order when they present their PTA ID.

P&P Luncheon – No report

Reflections

Chair Reta Russell-Houghton announced that she has packages for the leadership training for Reflections that contain a disc with the information and a check off list. She stated that if anybody is interested in serving in her committee they should contact her.

Registration – No report

Resources – No report

Scholarship – No report

Student Leadership – No report

Technology – No report

Workshops

Chair Terry Chrisley reported that 50 schools were represented during the Fall workshop. Terry gave out the applications for the award so that they can apply for the award. She also thanked everyone who attended the workshop and encouraged them to attend the Spring workshop.

Superintendent's Remarks

Superintendent Ed Pratt-Dannals stated that they were able to put together information in terms of Fiscal impact of Amendment 8. He explained that as his personal position, Amendment 8 deserved support because it gives flexibility but his concern is more on the financial support. He emphasized the importance of the district moving forward. He explained that the district is moving forward in number of areas. The first area would be greater improvement in reading starting from Pre-K to 3rd Grade. Second is further improvement in graduation rates. Third would be to continue to work on the gap closure particularly with the students on free and reduced lunch. He stated that it needed individual follow through-through response to intervention. Lastly, moving forward in strategic partnerships and engaging big businesses in Jacksonville. He mentioned that we needed to get those businesses on board in providing support especially in turnaround schools. He continued to say that there was a lot of progress in a lot of areas but it still needs a lot of work.

Consultant Reports

FLPTA Board Members – No report.

Consultants

Chartwell's – No report

Community and Family Engagement

Melissa Kicklighter reported for Cynthia Humphrey and announced to those who need to apply or renew their volunteer ID can now apply online. She asked that if you already sent in a paper application that you do not need to apply online. The form can be downloaded from the DCPS website under the volunteer page and can also be obtained from your schools.

Exceptional Education/Student Services

Melissa Kicklighter reported for Rosemarie Parsch and reminded everyone that we are celebrated the Disability History and Awareness Week October 1-14.

FLDRS/Crown – No report

Military School Liaison Officer – No report

Save Duval Schools – No report

School Education - No report

Teacher Supply Depot

Betty Metz from Book A-Go-Go encouraged everyone to have a book drive at schools. She announced that they collect books all year round and asked everyone even if they are not from turnaround schools to still come out and support and donate books.

New Business

DCC Bylaws

Vicki Drake, by direction of the Bylaws Committee, made 9 motions to update the DCCPTA Bylaws and the motions passed. Copies are attached.

Vicki Drake, by direction of the Bylaws Committee, made 17 motions to accept the proposed FPTA Bylaws changes and the motions passed. Copies are attached.

Announcements

Melissa Kicklighter reminded everyone to wear nametags during the general meeting. She asked that if anyone needs a nametag, we will provide information about where to order them.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Signed: _____
Rowena Nagales