

**General Meeting of the
Duval County Council of PTAs/PTSAs
March 15, 2011**

Call to Order

The General meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by the President, Melissa Kicklighter. The meeting was held at the Cline Auditorium of the Duval County School Board Building on Tuesday, March 15, 2011. The recording secretary recorded the minutes.

Attendance

There were 56 people in attendance and 43 schools were represented.

Meditation

Diana Elenz read the meditation "The Wave" and led everyone to the Pledge of Allegiance.

Parliamentarian

No report.

Minutes

The minutes from the February General meeting was approved and will be filed for audit.

Correspondence

No report.

Treasurer's Report

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

Balance Forwarded	\$ 38,385.41
Total Receipts	\$ 4,341.18
Total Disbursements	\$ 2,426.00
Ending Book Balance	\$40,300.59

Executive Committee Report

President

Melissa Kicklighter announced the changes on the Community Budget Meeting schedules as follows: April 4 – Atlantic Coast High School, April 7 – Andrew Jackson High School and April 11 – Ed White High School.

Melissa encouraged everyone to attend these budget meetings to know and be aware how bad it is going to impact our public schools.

Melissa also reminded everyone that all state membership fees are due no later than March 31st and all membership award applications are due as well.

Melissa Kicklighter added that the Center for Adult Learning programs are available at the Public Library especially for non-speaking English adults.

1st Vice President

Shelley Gill-Cain introduced Kelly Likins from the Jacksonville Public Library.

2nd Vice President - No report.

3rd Vice President - No report.

Committee Reports

Awards

Mandi Welch announced that state membership dues are due March 31st. She also reminded everyone that all county award applications are due on May 19th at 12 noon. Mandi distributed different certificates to the local units for being awarded the Superman, 100% Faculty Membership, 100% Membership awards and others.

Environmental

Melissa Kicklighter reported for Chris Buckley and reminded everyone that this Saturday is the St. John's River Clean up from 8:00 am until 11:30 am. She encouraged everyone to volunteer, especially high school students in need of hours. Melissa Kicklighter thanked everyone who has been volunteering at the Teacher Supply Depot. She stated that Chris is receiving donations all the time.

Hospitality

Thank you to Pine Forest Elementary PTA for providing hospitality at the meeting.

Legislation

Melissa Kicklighter reported for Ted Corley and announced that the Rally in Tally is on March 24th. The bus is leaving at 6 am from the school board parking lot. She announced that many of the students participating in the Superintendent's Leadership Academy - student leadership training will be attending the Rally in Tally. She stated that the estimated arrival in Tallahassee will be between 9:45 – 10:00 am. She reminded everyone who still needs to order t-shirts for the Rally to contact Julie Delegal. The shirt cost \$5.00 each. Melissa also asked that people e-mail her or inform her in any way if they are coming to the Rally even if they are driving on their own. She added that it is a district-approved activity, and it should be an excused absence for any students wanting to participate in the Rally.

Membership

Melissa Kicklighter reported for Vilma Morgan and announced that PTA night with the Jacksonville Suns is on May 11th. PTA members with 50+ volunteer hours will receive free admission. The process for awarding the admission will be shared at a later date.

P&P Luncheon/Vendor's Fair

Gretchen Lynch reported for Lisa Page and announced that the tickets for the P&P Luncheon will be on sale after the meeting. The P&P will be held at the University of North Florida on May 24, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

Juliann Gaus-Graeser reported that 25 vendors are already committed to the Vendors Fair at the P&P Luncheon. She encouraged everyone to come between 9-11 am before the luncheon to check out the Vendors Fair. She announced that the list of vendors will be available on the website.

Reflections

Gretchen Lynch reported for Reta Russell-Houghton and announced that two entries will go on to compete in the National level in Reflections. Copy of the list attached. She also reminded everyone that the reception information will be sent out once it is finalized.

Scholarship

Shelley Gill-Cain announced that scholarship applications are due on April 2nd. She reported that they have received 5 applications so far. She encouraged all high school students to apply.

Workshops

Terry Chrisley announced that the Spring Leadership Workshop is on May 19th. She encouraged all returning and incoming board members to come to the training and learn.

Program

Kelly Likins of the Jacksonville Public Library talked about the resources that the public library offers:

*Library Cards- library cards can be obtained from any of the 21 library branches as long as you live in the county. For those who cannot get one, they can sign up for an e-card use it to access the online resources.

*Free Tutoring – the library offers free online tutoring for any students needing help in academics.

*FCAT testing – hundreds of different practice tests are available for students from 3rd Grade to 11th Grade. They also offer SAT/ACT and other practice tests.

*BYKi – another database they offer is BYKi (Before You Know it), which is similar to Rosetta Stone for learning a new language.

*Downloadable audio books – available for ipod, MP3 players and e-book download to Sony book readers for FREE.

*Ride to Read – for anyone 17 and older who needs a ride to get to a library. Just bring your library card and get a free sticker for riding the bus for FREE to get to a library. This is a partnership with the JTA.

*Summer Reading – the public library offers prizes and incentives to kids to help them read during the summer time. They are partnering with Barnes and Noble bookstores. The instructions and forms are available online and kids can even write reviews on the books they read.

*Outreach Program – the Jacksonville Public Library have staff who will come out and speak about the programs that the library provides.

Superintendent's Remarks

Ms. Patricia Willis reported for the Superintendent Pratt-Dannals and stated that they have visited schools and observed students during the FCAT testing and found that they were well engaged and many parents volunteered.

Ms. Willis talked about the options and implementations plan for the intervene schools and announced that they have submitted those plans in a proposal sent to the State Commissioner of Education. She announced that the Superintendent and some of the School Board members are in Tallahassee to talk about the next steps around our intervene schools.

Ms. Willis discussed that they are continuously working on how to address the potential \$97 million budget shortfall, and she asked Mr. Mike Perrone to speak about the budget. She also thanked the PTA for the letters and invited everyone to come to the community budget meetings.

Mr. Mike Perrone, Chief Financial Officer for the district school system discussed the \$97 million projected deficit.

Consultants

EESS

Melissa Kicklighter reported for Rosemarie Parsch about the Tools for Success Conference.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Election for the 2011-2012 DCCPTA Board of Managers was conducted and the following officers were elected:

President – Melissa Kicklighter

1st VP- Programs – Kim Sheldon

2nd VP- Star Team – Mitzi Calvin

3rd VP- Committees – Gretchen Lynch

Corresponding Secretary – Terry Chrisley

Recording Secretary – Rowena Nagales

Treasurer – Mary Lobello

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Signed:

Rowena Nagales

Recording Secretary