

PDTA Executive Committee Meeting
December 4, 2006
Minutes

Present: B. Shapiro, L. Chaput, P. VanGraafeiland, A. Balch, J. Menchel, B. Gibson, K. Shield, B. O'Brien, L. Riley, S. McGrath, M. Brown, B. Canfield, L. Traynor, G. Herman, K. Boardman (for M. Donner), H. McAulliffe

Absent: M. Donner

1. **Membership-Agency Fee:** Letters will go out soon to non-members for their agency fee.
2. **Elementary Academic Council (EAC):** Our proposal to add three members was approved. All three additions are classroom teachers—Sharon Maragus (JR), Judy Flagg (TR) and Teri Nicosia (MCE).
3. **Health & Safety-Eat Well/Live Well Challenge:** This challenge is sponsored by the Rochester Business Alliance. It was introduced by Wegmans several years ago. B. Shapiro checked with Building Representatives to find out how it was presented in the buildings. She wanted to be sure that it was voluntary.
4. **Cooperative Decision Making Proposal:** B. Shapiro met again with the Superintendent. They looked into other possible trainers, but did not have success. They also met with Lorraine Henderson, a candidate for trainer, to talk about some of the issues we raised regarding her previous relationships with the district. Lorraine adjusted her proposal to better fit our specific needs. This proposal was distributed to all Building Reps. Next steps: The Superintendent will e-mail building principals to let them know to expect to have a conversation with his/her PDTA Building Rep. The purpose is to see if your building might be interested in working with the trainer. So far, it looks like the DPT and ILC are planning for training. Which building ILTs wish to participate? Building Reps will report back to B. Shapiro after their conversation with principals. Training may start as early as February.
5. **Negotiation:** The team will be meeting directly following this Executive Committee meeting.
6. **Calendar:** Thanks to the preparation work done by PDTA, the Superintendent supported our preferences for the 2007-8 calendar. Students will start on Wednesday instead of the Tuesday after Labor Day, with a four-day weekend around Easter and a four-day weekend around Memorial Day. The Superintendent will bring this to the Board of Education for approval.
7. **Substitutes:** The district is monitoring who is on the sub lists. They need to keep quality subs and remove poor subs. Some sub lists are closed, as there are enough people on the lists. The district limits numbers because subs apply for unemployment insurance, which is a cost to the district.

8. **403b:** FYI, the district will most likely hire a common remitter company to deal with 403bs. Due to new and stricter regulations the District wants to have a professional company handle the education, distribution and calculations necessary.

9. **Building Reports:**

- a. **AC:** All is fine.
- b. **JR:** Still no swipe cards.
Maryanne Maland's sister-in-law passed away.
Beth Gerlach is on leave-of-absence to care for her terminally ill father.
- c. **PR:** Linda Lamontagne had hip replacement surgery.
- d. **MCE:** Tina Maffucci had back surgery.
Chris Burton recently returned from being out for surgery.
- e. **TR:** all is quiet
- f. **CRMS:** all is quiet
- g. **BRMS:** Gail Shear's dad passed away. She also had back surgery.
Barb Chiacchierini remains out due to a car accident she had with a district school bus.
- h. **MHS:** Ron Marianetti's father passed away.
Julie Barker's stepfather passed away.
- i. **SHS:** no news is good news.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Balch
PDTA Secretary