

PDTA Executive Committee Meeting

February 1, 2010

Minutes

Present: Andy Balch, Marcia Brown, Bret Burrows, Bernadette Canfield, Dwayne Cerbone, Len Chaput, Jolene DiBrango, Sue Gager, Becky Girouard, Sue Ann McGrath, Joel Menchel, Barb Shapiro, Karen Shield, Steve Smith, Denise Zobel

Absent: Pam Metzler

1. **PDTA E-mail accounts:** Our system is up and running. FYI, it is a little slow with delivery.
2. **NYSUT Leader Access/Briefing:** All PDTA Executive committee members were given access to the NYSUT Leader website. Instructions were distributed.
3. **2010-11 Calendar:** Barb brought changes to Mary Alice. She agreed to look into moving the Superintendent Conference Day to March.
4. **Special Vote:** Barb checked with NYSUT and checked our Constitution. NYSUT recommends that we add a line to our Constitution stating that “any officer retiring may be allowed to complete his/her term.” This would apply to president and V-Ps, as they are the only offices that are more than one year. The Representative Assembly and the general membership will need to vote on the change to the Constitution.
5. **PDTA T-Shirts:** Color and design were chosen from a selection. (Dark green with cream PDTA logo on breast).
6. **Negotiations Issues:** The form for bringing up issues will be found online at www.pdta.org.
7. **Speak Out!** Issue was delayed, but will be out this week!
8. **Building Associations:** Questions have been raised about “Building Association” accounts. Back in the Fall we discussed this and recommended that you not use the words “Association” or “dues”. Building reps will check to see where the accounts are and if they are interest bearing accounts.
9. **Tenure Decisions:** Barb reminded reps to pay close attention, as people may find out tenure decisions soon. Barb will send updated Seniority List when she receives it.
10. **BOE report:** S.Reinhart gave his building report, where he stated that all of his staff is doing an alternative to the regular observation. At its last BOE meeting, the Board discussed the desire to get more people out to vote on the school budget in May. Stats show that only approx. 12% of staff who work in the district actually voted on the budget in May. L. Chaput is willing to come to your building to talk at the end of a faculty meeting. Building reps will e-mail Len with dates of meetings between now and early May.
11. **Building Reports:**
 - AC-** no report
 - JR-** no report
 - MCE-** no report
 - PR-** no report
 - TR-** Things are going well with interim principal. Question was asked: Have all elementary buildings entered DRA info on Infinite Campus?
 - BRMS-** no report
 - CRMS-** no report
 - MHS-** Rick Voss’ dad passed away last week. Infinite Campus access may be given to Special Ed staff, so teachers don’t have to fill out forms. It may come up as an issue elsewhere.
 - SHS-** Some staff received voicemails a month after they were sent. It happened in several buildings, not just SHS.
 - SRP-** no report

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Balch

PDTA Secretary