

**PDTA Executive Committee Meeting**  
**April 3, 2006**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** A. Balch, K. Boardman, M. Brown, B. Canfield, L. Chaput, J. DiBranco, G. Drooz, J. Duntley, B. Gibson, B. Girouard, H. McAulliffe, J. Menchel, B. O'Brien, B. Shapiro, K. Shield, P. VanGraafeiland

**Absent:** M. Donner

**1. Topics/Concerns to bring up to Superintendent when she visits RA next week:**

- **loss of program:** "belt tightening" is now to the point of losing program. Examples: Music, French 1.
- **lack of shared decision making:** elimination of MS Phase program, proposal to change dates of report cards and parent conferences at Elementary (see #7 below)
- **communication:** new rules regarding collecting money/dues at elementary schools. Some schools haven't even heard about it yet.

**2. PDTA Elections:** Packets were distributed to each Building Representative. B. Shapiro will also e-mail an electronic version. Be sure to distribute to all PDTA members.

**3. Health Insurance Grievance:** P. VanGraafeiland met with J. Schiess and negotiated this item. They came up with a tentative agreement and we will vote on it at next week's R.A. meeting.

**4. Orientation Meetings for Benefit Resources:** Meetings will be scheduled at each building, along with two general meetings in case someone can't make his/her building meeting.

**5. Negotiations:** Next year is a negotiations year. Work can begin after the PDTA election for V-P for Negotiations. Executive Committee agreed that we might want to solicit ideas from the membership twice, once in May and again in early Fall.

**6. IST:** B. Shapiro asked each building to describe how/when their IST meets as well as how members are chosen. Also, whether or not there is any release time or other compensation for members/leader. It seems as though it is becoming an expectation. We discussed a brief history of IST and talked about the role of special education. IST was originally intended to be a general education team.

**7. Elementary Report Cards/Conferences:** Some elementary schools received copies of a proposal for changes in dates for report cards and conferences. This proposal came from the elementary principals. They are asking for input from building ILTs. Concerns were raised about how teachers were not included in the process to make a change. Since this proposal directly affects teachers, teachers should have been involved right from the beginning. Is this shared decision making? B. Shapiro asked elementary Building Reps to

talk with building principals before next Monday to let them know that this concern has come up.

**8. Faculty Cafeterias:** Some concerns were raised regarding quality of food and service. It appears that the study conducted by George Kisha has not resulted in any improvements for faculty. Of particular note, TR has lots of restrictions for teachers and very few choices.

**9. Building Reports:**

**AC-** Sam Crawshaw's son Mark, a Pittsford graduate, died suddenly and unexpectedly a few weeks ago. Maureen Norton has returned from recovering from surgery.

**JR-** Joanne Palma has had several deaths and illnesses in her family during the past few months.

**MCE-**

**PR-** no report

**TR-** Kelly Sanderson had a baby girl on March 13.

**PMS-** Jennie Murphy's son passed away.  
Julie Sherman had a baby girl.

**MHS-** Kathy Eckler is out due to illness.

**SHS-**

Respectfully submitted,

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