

PDTA Executive Committee Meeting
May 1, 2006
Minutes

Present: A. Balch, M. Brown, B. Canfield, L. Chaput, J. DiBrango, M. Donner, G. Drooz, B. Girouard, H. McAulliffe, J. Menchel, B. O'Brien, B. Shapiro, K. Shield, P. VanGraafeiland

Absent: J. Duntley, B. Gibson

1. **Screen Dusters** were distributed to all Executive Committee members. General membership will get theirs in the fall.
2. **PDTA Elections:** There are still a few openings. B. Shapiro will check with current office/position holders before the R.A. meeting next week. If there are still openings by then, she will announce positions available.
3. **2006-07 Staffing/Postings:** B. Shapiro wanted to know if there have been any problems. We discussed the concerns regarding elementary and MS Special Ed. There has been little communication with staff and some errors were found. The posting of French and Latin at the HS level came up. If anyone knows of any other problems with the postings, contact B. Shapiro immediately.
4. **Benefits Resource Orientation Meetings:** Meetings are going well. Please encourage staff to attend!
5. **School Budget / BOE Elections:** There are 3 incumbents running for 3 open positions, so there will be no need for interviewing candidates. Executive Committee agreed to send out Vote Yes postcards to NYSUT members who live in the district. B. Shapiro reminded all that we should be supporting school budgets in our home district—whatever that district is.
6. **High School Forum:** NYSUT is conducting a forum in Albany regarding HS graduation rates. Building Reps will check to see if any member might be interested in attending this Forum. NYSUT will pay.
7. **PDTA Scholarship:** We haven't been receiving as many applications recently. After discussing what it is we do to support this, it was suggested that we promote it in the fall too, when seniors are writing college application essays; and that we be sure that it is being promoted equally at MHS and SHS via counselors and the College/Career Center Coordinators. Committee agreed that quality of applicants, not quantity was the key factor.
8. **Letter to members who still owe "6 hours" professional development:** B. Shapiro sent the friendly reminder. Should we (PDTA) continue to do this? One

recommendation included sending out a general e-mail at this time next year to remind members of the contractual obligation and have a link to the TC website. This may come up next year in Negotiations.

9. **IST:** If you hear concerns regarding “demands” or “expectations” for being on IST, keep track of that info. We will need that next year as we enter Negotiations. At this point, IST is supposed to be on a volunteer basis.
10. **Elementary Report Cards/Conference Schedule:** Principals have appointed people to be on a committee. There will be at least one teacher from each building and all grade levels/departments will be represented. Building Reps: When you meet next with your principal, find out who they are appointing. If there is a problem with that person, you should discuss it with the principal.
11. **June Executive Committee meeting:** Dinner. Time and location TBA
12. **Building Reports:**

AC- no report

JR- Penny Vasile—out for a few weeks for surgery

PR- no report

MC- no report

TR- John Sacchitella’s father passed away.

PMS- Carmine Peluso welcomed a baby boy.

MHS- Nicole Barry had a baby girl. Erin Schmitt had a baby boy.

SHS- no report

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Balch
PDTA Secretary