

PDTA Executive Committee Meeting
May 7, 2007
Minutes

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

Absent: none

1. **Tenure Reception** will be on May 21, 2007, tentatively scheduled at the TC. Invitations are in the mail.
2. **BOE Election/School Budget Vote:** There are 3 candidates for 2 positions: Ed Starowicz, Bonnie Watson and incumbent Pat Schwert. Len Chaput and committee interviewed all candidates and information will be in the next edition of *Speak Out*. Based upon the interview committee recommendations, the Executive Committee voted not to endorse either new candidate, as we usually do, because they have no record yet. We will support the incumbent, Pat Schwert.

The School Budget Vote is May 15, 2007. PDTA supports this budget and encourages all residents to vote for it.
3. **TRS Delegates:** Building Reps will help principals with elections, if there is a need for one.
4. **VOTE/COPE:** The District raffle will be held next week at the R.A. meeting. Overall, donations were down slightly from last year.
5. **June Executive Committee Meeting** will be June 4, 2007, 4:30 p.m., at P.F. Chang's Restaurant. B. Shapiro will confirm time and location with Executive Committee members.
6. **June R.A. Meeting** has been postponed until **Monday, June 18**. There will also be a PDTA General Meeting **Tuesday, June 19** at 4 p.m. (location TBA).
7. **Shared Decision Making:** M.A. Price and B. Shapiro will meet with Steve LaLonde, the consultant, to review what has been done so far this year and adjust as needed. Building Reps should talk to principals to encourage participating in the training next year.
8. **Postings/Transfers:** The process is moving along, although there are still some problems with notification when a spot is filled.
9. **Negotiations:** The next meeting of the group will be May 16. The off-site session is scheduled for June 6-8.

10. PDTA Elections: B. Shapiro distributed election packets to Building Reps. The district-wide positions were uncontested so there will not be a general PDTA election. Building Reps will send letter to all staff regarding building positions/committees. An election must be held if an office is contested.

11. Building Reports:

AC: Lisa Backscheider is recovering from surgery.

JR: Julie Shaw had a baby boy. Kelly Jordan has returned from maternity leave.

MCE: Julie Sommers had a baby. Theresa Roets' father passed away. Peg Glisson is recovering from surgery.

PR: There has been a lot of staff movement with the transfers/postings. Emma Ricci's mother passed away. Jen Tarver's mother passed away. Abigail Epstein is recovering from surgery.

TR: Sarah Natale had a baby girl.

BRMS: Some classrooms are being relocated now to make room for district offices. Mike Pero and wife had baby girl.

CRMS: There has been a good resolution to some concerns that came up last month regarding a social-emotional initiative. Kelly Cusimano Wesley got married. Laura Smith had a baby girl. Barb Manchee is recovering from surgery.

MHS: Concerns regarding TC credit for training at a faculty meeting came up. Beth Skivington got married.

SHS: Chris Gunter got married. Lina Maine had a baby boy. Kathy Cramer had a baby girl. Brian Holliday is proud dad of twins.

SRP: The second general meeting was held in April. Not too many issues were raised.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Balch
PDTA Secretary