

PDTA Executive Committee Meeting
December 3, 2007
Minutes

Present: A. Balch, M. Brown, B. Canfield, D. Cerbone, L. Chaput, J. DiBrango, S. Gager, , S. McGrath, J. Menchel, B. O'Brien, L. Riley, B. Shapiro, K. Shield, P. VanGraafeiland, S. Smith

Absent: M. Donner, E. McRae

1. **Infinite Campus:** Jeff Cimmerer and Jackie Roblin gave the Executive Committee an overview of what Infinite Campus is: a new information system that will replace WinSchool. Next week they will come to the PDTA R.A. to answer questions.
 - How will IC differ from what they currently do for elementary grades?
 - How much training will teachers need? Should we wait?
 - Parent portal? Who is piloting? Is there a plan to roll that part out?
 - How can we afford this in this time of tough fiscal decisions?
 - What exactly is IC?
 - Didn't we just switch over just 5 years ago? Do we need to change?
 - What other systems does IC replace?
 - Who chose the Feb. 25 turnover date? How was it chosen?
 - Will all schools have to take daily attendance? Period by period at the secondary level?
 - Will all e-class grades carry over smoothly? Will there be any downtime for e-class?
 - Will we be moving to web-based report cards at the elementary level?
 - Who will train? When? Support?
2. **Calendar Dates**
 - January 15 – retirement deadline
 - February 15 – job sharing deadline
 - December 6 – Money Management Seminar
 - December 18 – Pre-Retirement Workshop for Professional Staff
3. **Contract** is now finally completely written and ready to be signed and printed.
4. **Extracurricular Committee:** The committee created a master list (one list instead of 3 separate lists: elementary, middle school, high school) based on the same criteria. Contracts will be coming via the principal.
5. **Grievance Update:**
 - **Dental insurance:** The problem with claims being denied stating that district didn't pay their bills has been resolved.
 - **Domestic partners:** Domestic partners have received their insurance cards and PDTA is collecting info about payments paid by individuals between August 1 and when they received the cards.
 - **Workload/class size:** Some English and some co-taught classes beyond that of the contract. District has admitted that there is a violation of the contract. PDTA is

working with the district to resolve this. Because teachers have been dealing with this since September, most teachers would prefer monetary compensation instead of adding a paraprofessional.

6. **Attendance Procedures:** Minimum deduction = .5 day. If you need to be out only 1 or 2 periods, perhaps a colleague can cover with prior approval.
7. **Membership Drive:** only 11 non-members.
8. **SRP Appreciation Day:** Submit gifts for gifts to Betsy Stellrecht. Hopefully, buildings paid for refreshments.
9. **Scheduling of meetings during the day vs. after school:** Some of this has to do with the scheduling of Brenda Kaylor, the consultant. Need to send out dates earlier. Questions came up about who is being selected to be pulled for scoring. Need to involve Standards Leaders to help communicate.

10. Building Reports:

- AC-** Ingrid Ferrara is recovering at home from a leg injury.
- JR-** no report
- MCE-** no report
- PR-** Peggi Koch is recuperating at home from a hospital visit. Debbie Rose and Pam VanGraafeiland traveled to Washington, D.C. to accept the Blue Ribbon School award for PRE, a national recognition.
- TR-** Staff is concerned that some students are not receiving mandated special ed services. Some concerns about the district grade level meetings, which are now being run by principals.
- BRMS-** no report
- CRMS-** no report
- MHS-** Erin Kuhns' brother and uncle recently passed away.
- SHS-** Lynn Smith is the proud dad of a newborn boy, Simon. Custodian Tom Steely's brother passed away.