

PDTA Executive Committee Meeting

December 5, 2011

Minutes

Present: Andrew Balch, Marcia Brown, Bret Burrows, Dwayne Cerbone, Shari Deragon, Jolene DiBrango, Adrienne Ehrlich, Becky Girouard, Sue Ann McGrath, David Pellegrino, Karen Shield, Dennise Zobel, JoElyn Sesso (for Mike Kutny)

Absent: Len Chaput, Sue Gager, Michael Kutny, Pam Metzler

Updates:

- SEAC- Jolene is co-facilitating with Pat Brogan. They had their first meeting of the year. It went well. SEAC is looking to review/revamp the SE Standards Leader job description. They will look to Special Ed teachers for input.
- APPR- Mike Pero sent the email re: rubrics. A group (ELA and Math 4-8 and Jolene, Melanie, Mike P.) will sit down to work out the 20% local assessment.
- Copiers- The district has contracted with Toshiba and buildings that are scheduled for replacement will get new Toshibas. The MCE, BRMS West, SHS, and MHS will have an increase in the number of copiers. This will be done in the next month. Prox card readers will be necessary to make copies. Professional development will be provided.
- Negotiations Conference in January – To save money, we will do the Saturday component of the Conference only. Jolene will send invites to all PDTA members.
- Universal Screening Survey: Elementary principals will send out the survey to all elementary teachers. Please encourage all teachers who took part in the Universal Screening to complete the survey. The feedback will be used to inform our future practice.
- Millionaires Tax: Jolene distributed a phone number being distributed by www.99percentny.org group. NYSUT is requesting that members support the push to reform the tax laws. This number should be called immediately as a special legislative session is likely this week. Also look out for action emails from NYSUT.
- NY (Long Island) Principals' APPR Position Paper: NYSUT has requested that all members NOT sign/support this, as it exploits our position on APPR.

Input Required:

- Public Relations Update- T-Shirts; Jolene will get samples of long-sleeve t-shirts and fleece shirts from a couple of different vendors.
- RA Resolutions – Jolene will send them electronically prior to RA meeting. We will discuss and vote at the RA.
- Managing Local Union Finances Workshop- Jolene and David will go.

Building Rep Reminders:

To Do:

- Be sure newest seniority lists are posted. Keep old copy for yourself if you feel you need it. **Be sure to communicate to staff that it is everyone's responsibility to check for the accuracy of these lists.**
- Survey Monkey for NYSUT- Jolene will send this to Executive Committee members only. Executive Committee members need to complete the survey.
- Jolene will provide a list of possible PDTA Bldg Meeting ideas to the reps each month. Feel free to use these topics to conduct a short five minute meeting at the end of faculty meetings or at your ILT meetings. Here are this month's topics: SEAC and APPR updates/questions, PTSA plug, invitation to general RA meeting in January, Facebook plug, Retirement Seminar plug, Negotiations Conference plug, Seniority lists.
- Planning time for Elementary Teachers with students with IEPs- There is a concern for those who co-teach and have a large portion of their preparation time going to planning for those students/classes, and they don't have time for planning for the bulk of their students. This could be a topic for SEAC.

For the Good of the Order:

- Building Reports/News

AC- no report

JR- no report

MCE- still an issue with parking

PR- no report

TR- no report

BRMS- no report

CRMS- no report

MHS- no report

SHS- issue around understanding of modifications / accommodations.

SRP- no report

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Balch
PDTA Secretary