

PDTA
Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, March 3, 2008

Minutes

Present: A. Balch, M. Brown, B. Canfield, L. Chaput, M. Donner, S. Gager, S. McGrath, E. McRae, J. Menchel, B. O'Brien, L. Riley, B. Shapiro, K. Shield, P. VanGraafeiland, J. Larson (for J. DiBrango)

Absent: D. Cerbone, J. DiBrango

1. **Vote-Cope, March 12-19:** Building Rep and Political Action Rep will work together to decide on time/place for kick-off breakfast/snack. Letters will be personalized per building and sent out this Friday.
2. **Life/Disability Insurance:** We are now with Sun Life. March 14 paycheck will show new rate for disability insurance. No change in life insurance rate. No paperwork will be required. Supplemental: a little lower than before.
3. **Contractual Committees:**
 - **Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC):** Standing sub-committee of ILC. The committee has met once so far and will be meeting again next week for a full day. If people have questions or concerns, they should speak with their representatives on the committee. You can also e-mail concerns to Pam VanGraafeiland.
 - **IST:** Most recent meeting was last week. Coming closer to completion.
 - **504:** Meeting March 6 for the first time.
4. **Ad-Hoc YK-5 Study Committee:** DPT has called for this committee to study enrollment trends. This will have much community involvement. PDTA will choose 5 teachers + 1 support staff.
5. **PDP Committee** (Professional Development Plan): Required by NYS. PDTA is pushing the group to get plan set ASAP.
6. **APPR Committee** (Annual Professional Performance Review): Required by NYS. Mike Donner will join committee.
7. **2008-9 School Budget:** More of the public showing up for BOE meetings. District is being very explicit on what is mandated by the state. 74% of budget comes from salaries, benefits, utilities. With the loss of the \$2 million from Maggie Brooke's FAIR Plan and the projected loss of monies the governor originally promised, the budget forecast is grim. The tax rate would increase over 7%.

The BOE has requested to see a budget at the "contingency" level, which means a \$684,000 reduction from the rollover budget. They have also asked to see ½% to below contingency level. At the last DPT meeting, Mary Alice Price asked for input from the group. She will make the final decisions about what to recommend to the BOE.

Mary Alice will present her recommendations to the BOE at its next meeting on March 10. Prior to the March 10 meeting she will initiate a communication plan so that anyone whose job could possibly be impacted will be notified. The BOE has not made any final decisions about the budget.

- 8. Grievances:** It has come to our attention that staff members on leave on October 1 did not receive their Health Fund allocation. S. Gager will pursue this issue.
- 9. Tax Guide:** Each Building Rep received a copy of the 2008 Educators' Tax Guide.
- 10. Draft Payroll Schedule** was discussed. There is concern regarding the three-week period between December 19 and January 9. B. Shapiro will share our concerns with John Schiess.

11. Building Reports:

AC- no report

JR- no report

MCE- no report

PR- no report

TR- no report

BRMS- no report

CRMS- no report

MHS- Mike Donner: baby boy!

SHS- no report

SRP- no report