

**PDTA Executive Board Meeting**  
**September 10, 2007**  
**Minutes**

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

**Absent:** none

1. **PDTA Directory for New Staff** was distributed to Building Reps. Please have Building Rep, Assistant Rep or Membership Rep deliver the directory to new members.
2. **Executive Committee Contact:** B. Shapiro requested cell phone numbers of all Executive Committee members.
3. **Entertainment Book Sale:** B. Shapiro distributed a flyer to be copied and distributed to all staff.
4. **Committee Roster Openings:** B. Shapiro made Building Reps aware of unfilled positions. Building Rep will be named to that committee until he/she can fill the position.
5. **NYSUT Calendars** haven't arrived yet. Please let staff know that they will be coming, (hopefully) soon.
6. **Dental Insurance:** There was a miscommunication between the district and Excellus. As a result, claims were rejected. The problem is being worked on and will be corrected soon.
7. **Domestic Partnership:** Delay due to the fact that the district didn't know they needed a separate rider. It will be corrected soon and will be retroactive to August 1, 2007.
8. **Shared Decision Making Training:** Questions came up from those who have had the training regarding how new topics for Shared Decision Making are decided. B. Shapiro asked 3 more schools to volunteer. Reps will check with their ILTs to see if they are willing to be trained this year.
9. **Extracurricular Committee:** This committee has been working for the past several years. All clubs/activities filled out an evaluation last Spring. They were not looked at due to negotiations. So, the committee needs to conduct this review ASAP. *B. Shapiro asked Building Reps to find a rep to sit on this committee.*

- 10. “Instruction for All”:** B. Shapiro shared a list of those who have been trained in Leading the Learning and Instruction for All, as well as those who were “nominated” to be trained this year with Brenda Kaylor. PDTA can also nominate some names. *So, if any Building Reps wish to nominate a colleague in their building, please let B. Shapiro know.*
- 11. Payroll Office:** Some delays due to lots of changeover with healthcare. Please remind staff to make changes in dependents, as appropriate.
- 12. NYSUT Photo Visit:** PDTA has been selected for a photo op by NYSUT. The District has approved us being used throughout the year in NYSUT publications. They chose us to highlight what’s going well in public education. NYSUT will send a photographer on Monday, September 17. B. Shapiro will coordinate a MS and a HS photo op at a later date.
- 13. Political Action Chair:** This position is vacant due to Pamina Abkowitz’s departure. We need to find someone who has a passion for politics to chair this committee. Any ideas on who would be good for this?
- 14. Grade 4/5 Library:** Question came up regarding whether or not the teacher needs to stay with class when they visit the library. A miscommunication was sent to some buildings. B. Shapiro will meet with elementary building reps after the meeting today to help clarify the issue.
- 15. Contract:** Still working on finalizing the language before the contract is printed.
- 16. Building Reports:**
- AC-** Smooth start for the school year. They plan to meet with Mary Alice Price regarding concerns about decreasing enrollments.  
Marissa Stolt Kleisley got married. Mary-Jo Farrell and Michele Seidel lost their dads. Karen Foster lost her mom.
- JR-** Good start to the year. JR principal has been requesting extra meetings with various groups.
- MCE-** Question came up regarding social dues: Most buildings due half dues for paras, PT
- PR-** Small scheduling problem that was resolved. Some problems contacting the bus garage when problems arise.  
Jeff Zettel is recovering from wrist surgery and a broken arm.

- TR-** Good start to year. Concerns about some parents overriding the co-taught placements, thus upsetting the numbers/staffing. Still no additional swipe location as requested.  
Amy Sherbinski Pellitier got married. John Graser has a new baby girl.
- BRMS-** Smooth opening despite lots of summer construction. Concerns regarding special ed, especially co-taughts (workload, numbers higher than some gen ed classes, max numbers over).  
Geri Drooz and Kelly Kogut both lost their fathers.
- CRMS-** Initial concerns regarding numbers and special ed (co-taughts)  
Some also asked about end-of -day time at MS 3:00? 3:10?  
Marriages: Katie (Redding) Pickels, Victoria Morchower-Palumbus, Jennifer (Ciancio) Hayward, Sean and Tracy (Schomske) Hopkins  
Births: Chase Dermody - Chris and Lori Dermody, Jack Nally - Bob Nally  
Welcoming back: Marcia Carey, Nancy Williams
- MHS-** English Department has 2 who are over the contractual limit of 114. Some classes began already “maxed out,” so there is no room for new students.  
Mary Harvey’s father passed away. Sarah Nazarian O’Connor Eliot got married.
- SHS-** Quiet opening! Concerns regarding gen ed classes exceeding 1/3 special ed student.  
Ryan Bell, Tom Crafts, Tracy Schomske recently celebrated marriages.  
Bill Smith – Baby boy, Tristen, Shelley Guido Lindsay – Baby Girl, Iona, Lina Maine - Baby Boy, Ari
- SRPs-** Questions regarding paras subbing for the teacher and getting paid. SRP Day is now officially the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in November). Exec Committee will talk at a future meeting about what we’ll do to honor our SRPs. For this year, it is November 20.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Balch  
PDTA Secretary