

Representative Assembly
Monday, November 17, 2008
Minutes

Present: Connie Bader, Andy Balch, Marcia Brown, Sue Burdett, Bret Burrows, Chris Burton, Bernadette Canfield, Dwayne Cerbone, Len Chaput, Jolene DiBrango, Kristen Dolan, Mike Donner, Jill Drake, Sue Gager, Lee Gibson, Becky Girouard, Caren Glassman, Mary Hamblin, Kristen Jewett, Suzanne Kaier-Tuttle, Linda Khalil, Erin Khuns, Marie LoRe-Geigel, Maryanne Maland, Katherine Matychak, Sue Ann McGrath, Joel Menchel, Gail Mulkeen, Michelle O'Connor, Barbara Shapiro, Karen Shield, Steve Smith, Nanette Sorrentino, Sandy Stein, Pam VanGraafeiland, Dennise Zobel

Absent: Erin McRae, Donna Nichols, Laura Shemancik, Paul LeVan, Rhonda Matthews, Tracy Dickerson, Kelly Jordan, Keith Boardman, Chris Gunter, Sherry Tontarski

ILC Assessment Subcommittee Presentation: Holly Jones reviewed the role of the ILC and its strategic planning for 2008-09. She highlighted two topics they are working on: 21st Century Skills and Assessment. Jeff Cimmerer, co-chair of the Assessment subcommittee, distributed a draft of the Pittsford Assessment Philosophy. Jackie Roblin, the other Assessment subcommittee co-chair, explained that the subcommittee is recruiting people to work on the “study groups” that the subcommittee identified. Anyone interested in joining this subcommittee, please contact your ILC representative.

- 1. Additions to the Agenda:** Health & Safety Report. *See Committee Reports below.*
- 2. Approval of the Minutes:** The following minutes were approved:
Representative Assembly, September 15, 2008
Executive Committee, October 6, 2008
Executive Committee, November 3, 2008
- 3. Treasurer’s Report** was distributed and approved. J. Menchel reminded people to cash checks in a timely fashion so we can keep our records up-to-date.
- 4. Old Business**
 - a. Sick Leave Bank:** B. Burrows gave the final figures: 47 new members giving 93 new days, one assessed day from each of the 552 current members, 270 volunteered days total: 915 grand total with starting balance = 1124.8
- 5. New Business**
 - a. International Model United Nations Donation:** Approved to give \$50.00.
 - b. ASI Interview Committee:** B. Shapiro recommended B. Burrows, J. DiBrango, A. Balch, along with Julie Barker. Approved by R.A.
What are we looking for in a new ASI?
 - Sensitivity and respect for teachers.
 - Classroom experience, stability and time to work on initiatives, long range vision, shared decision making
 - What was his/her last big project he/she worked on (it tends to show what might come to us next)?
 - Will new person look to see what is working well before he/she looks to make changes?

6. Committee Reports

- a. **Political Action:** Wonderful news on the national and state levels regarding the election: 92.7% of our endorsed candidates won! Thanks to all who volunteered to make phone calls for the election! Regarding the fiscal crisis: **Please go to *NYSUT.org*. Click on the button “Legislative Action Center”** and send a note to your state legislator/ senator acknowledging the fiscal problems and encouraging them not to make mid-year cuts.
- b. **Health & Safety:** Health & Safety policy, with revisions, will be going around the buildings via the H&S reps. Please review and contact a member of the H&S Committee in your building with any questions and concerns.

7. Special Reports

- a. **President:** NYS relies on revenue from Wall Street so we, NYS, are in a very difficult situation right now. The Governor called a special session of the NYS Legislature to make cuts. NYSUT is working to hold these cuts and has been suggesting ideas on how the state can increase revenue.

Posting: Standards Leader for Special Ed If we don't fill it, it may go away. The position has been restructured. Please encourage colleagues to apply.

- b. **Vice President-Administration:** Board of Education- PDTA joined in toward gifts for the BOE members for BOE Appreciation Day

DPT- The recommendation from K-5 Committee is to keep schools and attendance areas at status quo. DPT will continue to monitor over the next few years. But right now, the DPT decided not to make any changes.

- c. **Retiree:** Jan Larson came and will help N. Sorrentino on occasion.

8. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Balch
PDTA Secretary