

**PDTA Representative Assembly Meeting**  
**October 15, 2007**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** C. Bader, A. Balch, M. Brown, S. Burdett, B. Burrows, C. Burton, B. Canfield, L. Chaput, J. DiBrango, T. Dickerson, M. Donner, J. Drake, G. Drooz, S. Gager, C. Glassman, C. Gunter, M. Hamblin, M. Humphreys, K. Jewett, S. Kaier-Tuttle, L. Khalil, E. Khuns, J. Larson, P. LeVan, M. LoRe-Geigel, M. Maland, K. Matychak, S. McGrath, E. McRae, J. Menchel, G. Mulkeen, D. Nichols, B. O'Brien, M. O'Connor, L. Riley, D. Sanfratello, B. Shapiro, A. Shelp, L. Shemancik, K. Shield, S. Smith, N. Sorrentino, S. Tontarski, P. VanGraafeiland

**Absent:** S. Stein, D. Cerbone, G. Drooz, J. Larson, D. Sanfratello

1. **Additions to the Agenda:**

2. **Approval of Minutes:** R.A. September 17, 2007 and Executive Committee October 1, 2007: both approved.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** A slight change in reporting Student Benefit Fund form to ensure that the money is being spent on what was requested. Report was approved.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

- **PDTA Political Action Chair Vacancy:** R.A. approved Laura Shemancik.
- **Professional Development Plan:** Compliance issue from State. B. Shapiro will serve, as well as Len Chaput, Bret Burrows, and Donna Nichols.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Sales Tax Issue:** Monroe County Legislature introduced and voted on a "Medicaid Swap Plan." School districts will lose 50% of their sales tax revenue. (For Pittsford, this is about \$1 million, \$2 million next year!) The Monroe County School Boards then voted to sue Monroe County. NYSUT is sending us \$30,000 to help pay for ads to counter the County's ad campaign. Our BOE noted that the increased money from the State last year went to reduce the tax rate for the district's residents.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Membership (P. LeVan):** P. LeVan thanked his committee for all of their hard work. He also thanked B. Stellrecht for her help. Signups are almost complete and dues will begin to be deducted in November.
- **Public Relations (J. Drake):** Entertainment books are on sale in the buildings and will also be on sale at the Benefits Fair.

- **Health & Safety (L. Khalil):**
  - PDTA Health & Safety had its first meeting. Concerns have come up regarding fire codes, especially with windows and doors. This H&S committee will work on getting the exact fire code language (new laws went into effect this year) to the staff and discuss this in terms of comfort and working conditions. PCSD has failed inspections repeatedly. Now these errors must be corrected or we will lose our Certificate of Occupancy. A letter will be sent to administrators and staff where rooms were in violation. If you receive a letter, or if you get a directive from an administrator, be sure to follow that directive. Remember, staff can always fill out a H&S form if you have an issue regarding H&S and your working conditions.
  - Global Compliance is required. Some buildings have deadlines. PDTA will look into getting some compensation for time spent (TC credit or maybe reduction of a staff meeting).
- **Communications (B. Burrows):** Distributed *Speak Out* to Building Reps.

## 7. SPECIAL REPORTS

- **President (B. Shapiro):** None
- **V-P for Administration (L. Chaput):** M.A. Price has been fielding community concerns regarding overpopulation of MCE and under-population of AC. M.A. Price wants to convene a task force.
- **V-P Negotiations (P. VanGraafleiland):** New contract is almost ready for printing. IST group had its first meeting. Extracurricular Committee met twice. They have reviewed all the forms filled out by advisors and made adjustments, as needed. Almost all buildings have received stipend contracts for those with leadership roles (ex. department leaders, grade level chairs, Standards leaders)
- **Grievance (S. Gager):** Class size issues at the HS still exist. Domestic Partner issues have come up, specifically reimbursement for those who have continued to pay other premiums after August 1, 2007.
- **Retirees (N. Sorrentino):** Fall luncheon is next Tuesday.
- **Professional Standards Review Board:** None
- **Delegates:** None

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Balch  
PDTA Secretary