

**PDTA Representative Assembly Meeting
Minutes
October 17, 2005**

Present: B. Shapiro, P. VanGraafeiland, A. Balch, J. Menchel, B. Gibson, B. O'Brien, B. Girouard, M. Biondi, J. DiBrango, B. Canfield, M. Donner, H. McAulliffe, K. Shield, B. Burrows, J. Drake, K. Dolan, P. Abkowitz, E. Ciccone, L. Khalil, S. Johnston, D. John, B. Collins, L. Traynor, M. Hart, L. Ehrlich, A. Shannon, S. Bertrand, K. Boardman, D. Cerbone, M. LoRe, S. Stein, C. Bader, A. Johnson-Credit, M. Maland, A. McCarthy, G. Mulkeen, S. Gager, D. Sanfrantello, J. Finnell

Absent: L. Chaput, M. Brown, G. Drooz, J. Duntley, D. Nichols, C. Sackett, C. Glassman, S. Tontarski, D. Krenzer

1. September 12 R. A. minutes were approved.
2. Treasurer's report was approved. J. Menchel will check on check # 3217 to see that it was voided.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Contract

- a. Extracurricular list and stipends are complete and available on the district's website.
- b. Memorandum of agreement for 403(b) is complete.
- c. Prescription changes for Medicare-eligible retirees: The district will send out a letter to retirees warning them not to sign up for any new programs until they hear from district/PDPA first. There is a concern that if people sign up for a new plan, they may be forfeiting the coverage they already have. B. Shapiro will also speak to this at the Retirees' meeting in November.
- d. Middle School staffing: Meeting for middle school professional staff on November 21 to review the process. Selections will take place in February.

NEW BUSINESS

4. **AFLAC** representative will be visiting all buildings. Flyers announcing dates will be sent to Building Reps. AFLAC is selling 3 new products (i.e., cancer policy, supplemental dental).
5. **Retiree Council Donation:** RA approved a donation of \$25.00 over what we donated last year.
6. **PDPA Survey** has been created and is being tested out on a few people. The purpose of the survey is to find out what we do well and what we need to improve upon as a union. The survey will help make us a stronger union. Building Reps will encourage staff to fill out a survey. There will be FIVE \$50.00 raffles as an added incentive for those who fill out a survey.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. **Membership** (Erin Ciccone): We have 45 new members! Payroll deductions for dues will begin with the November 10 paycheck. E. Ciccone also thanked the committee for their hard work this year.
8. **Public Relations** (Jill Drake): PR coordinated the district's team for the Strides Against Breast Cancer. Turnout was good, but we hope to do better next year. Building Reps should check in with their Public Relations rep to see if they have been in contact with J. Drake and to be sure staff knows about Entertainment books for sale.
9. **President's Report**: There will be a workshop with Larry Waite on November 16, 2005 at 4:30 p.m. at the NYSUT Office downtown. The topic will be Special Education issues. If any member is interested in going, contact Barb Shapiro.
10. **Grievance**: (B. Gibson): B. Gibson and B. Shapiro are working on workload issues at the MS and HS. They have met with John Schiess. Most concerns come from the new co-taught model.
Another grievance issue is moving toward Stage 3 and the Grievance Committee may be called to meet.
11. **Retirees** will be having their Fall meeting on October 19. They have been collecting VOTE/COPE donations and will encourage donations at their meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Balch
PDTA Secretary