

**PDTA Representative Assembly Meeting
November 13, 2006
Minutes**

Present: C. Bader, A. Balch, B. Burrows, B. Canfield, D. Cerbone, L. Chaput, E. Ciccone, T. Dickerson, J. Drake, G. Drooz, J. Duntley, B. Gibson, G. Herman, M. Humphreys, A. Johnson-Credit, K. Jordan, L. Khalil, M. LoRe-Geigel, M. Maland, K. Matychak, H. McAulliffe, A. McCarthy, S. McGrath, J. Menchel, G. Mulkeen, D. Nichols, B. O'Brien, M. O'Connor, B. Shapiro, K. Shield, S. Smith, N. Sorrentino, S. Stein, S. Tontarski, L. Traynor, P. VanGraafeiland
Absent: P. Abkowitz, K. Boardman, M. Brown, C. Burton, M. Donner, S. Gager, C. Glassman, L. Riley, C. Sackett, D. Sanfratello, A. Shannon

Thank you to the Pittsford District Retired Teachers Association for providing refreshments for today's meeting!

1. **Minutes from September 11, 2006 Representative Assembly and September 25, 2006 Executive Committee meetings** were distributed electronically. These were approved.
2. **Treasurer's Report** was distributed, reviewed and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

3. **Shared Decision Making (SDM) Training:** We have the support of the Superintendent to move forward with this. The plan is to look at leadership teams where decisions are made. If anyone has any suggestions on what you would like to see as part of the training, contact B. Shapiro. Hopefully, a plan will be ready by February or March.
4. **Elementary Academic Council (EAC):** PDTA will request that 3 people be added to the council so that all elementary schools are represented (two schools are already on the council). The names to be submitted: Sharon Maragus, Terri Nicosia, Judy Flagg.
5. **Negotiations:** P. VanGraafeiland is currently collating/organizing the submitted issues/concerns. The Professional Advancement Committee and Negotiations Team will meet to prioritize the issues. The first meeting will be November 15. Everyone who submitted an issue/concern (and put their name on it) will get a response from the team. There will be a General Membership Meeting in late January/early February to present the findings of this group.

NEW

6. **Director of Operations Interview Committee:** L. Khalil has agreed to serve on the committee as the PDTA representative.
7. **SRP Recognition Day:** November 15. PDTA agreed to spend about \$2 per SRP for a small recognition gift. Stickers will be distributed to all members to wear on that day.

- 8. Retiree Council #6 Donation:** R.A. agreed to increase the donation to \$100 or \$25 more than what we donated last year, whichever is less.
- 9. 2007-08 School Calendar:** Although the BOE decides, PDTA is allowed input into the school calendar. We have 187 teacher days and 184 student days. The non-student days are the summer PD day, Staff Orientation and a Superintendent Conference Day in March. Next year, we will have several more days of vacation due to the early Labor Day and late Regents Week. Some suggestions on how to use those days:
- Use August 30 as the summer PD Day and Tuesday, September 4, as Staff Orientation. Students would begin on Wednesday, September 5.
 - Add days around the December break to make it 2 weeks.
 - Create a four-day weekend around Good Friday/Easter and a four-day weekend around Memorial Day.
- B. Shapiro will review the number of days and send out an e-mail to all R.A. members to get their preference.

SPECIAL REPORTS

10. President's Report:

- a. In-service Hours, PD Day:** These are required by contract. John Schiess sent letters to those who didn't fulfill this contractual obligation. There will be consequences.
- b. Disk Space:** The district may ask people to reduce the amount of space they are using on district computers if they have used a lot of space. This can be done by keeping some data on CDs or flash drives.
- c. Staff requesting less than ½ day off:** Staff cannot request less than ½ day personal days.

11. V-P Administration: The BOE thanked PDTA for its gift.

12. Professional Standards Review Board had its first meeting of the year. Carole Schwab will chair the PSRB.

13. Grievance: PDTA will monitor the process for hiring a new head coach for the Varsity Football Team. B. Gibson has spoken with Scott Barker, Athletic Director, to review the process.

14. Retirees: The PDRTA held its annual VOTE/COPE fundraiser. They raised over \$1,200! PDTRA is one of only a few retiree associations that do a VOTE/COPE fundraiser. July 25, 2007 will be the 25th anniversary celebration of the PDTRA.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Balch
PDTA Secretary