

**PDTA Representative Assembly Meeting
November 14, 2005
Minutes**

Present: P. Abkowitz, C. Bader, A. Balch, M. Biondi, K. Boardman, M. Brown, B. Burrows, B. Canfield, D. Cerbone, L. Chaput, E. Ciccone, J. DiBranco, G. Drooz, J. Duntley, B. Gibson, B. Girouard, M. Hart, D. John, A. Johnson-Credit, L. Khalil, D. Krenzer, M. LoRe, M. Maland, H. McAulliffe, A. McCarthy, J. Menchel, G. Mulkeen, B. O'Brien, C. Sackett, A. Shannon, K. Shield, N. Sorrentino, S. Stein, S. Tontarski, L. Traynor, P. VanGraafeiland

Absent: S. Bertrand, B. Collins, K. Dolan, M. Donner, J. Drake, L. Ehrlich, S. Gager, C. Glassman, S. Johnston, D. Nichols, D. Sanfrantello, B. Shapiro

1. Minutes: October 17 and November 7 minutes were approved with no changes.

2. Treasurer's Report: Distributed and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Contract Items: L. Chaput distributed copies of the contract updates. These are to help if anyone has any questions. We will not be distributing this to all members. It was suggested that the contract changes be put on the PDTA website.

4. MS Transfer: Meeting for MS professional staff will be November 21. They will go over the process and answer any questions.

5. PDTA Survey: We had a great response...over 400! Committee will begin to gather data soon.

6. Survey Raffle: Winners of \$50.00 raffles are: Denise O'Neill (MC), Jill Richards (PR), Holli Englerth (PMS E), Gail Shears (PMS W), and Linda Lamontagne (PR). Congratulations!

NEW BUSINESS

7. 2006-07 Calendar: Executive Committee discussed option of keeping Veterans' Day holiday and working before Labor Day, as we usually do, or working Veterans' Day holiday and not have Staff Orientation until after Labor Day. (This choice comes about because next year Veterans' Day falls on a Saturday.) Executive Committee recommended the first option. After discussion, the R.A. agreed. In the end, though, it is the decision of the BOE.

- 8. Model UN donation:** This year a student was awarded the opportunity to go to the International Model UN competition. R.A. agreed to donate \$50.00 to help with expenses. J. Menchel will check with B. Shapiro about whether money should come from gift category or scholarship category.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 9. Membership:** Membership Drive is complete. We have more new members this year, some of whom haven't joined in years past. Payroll deductions will begin with November 22 paycheck.
- 10. Special Events:** Next year, the Benefits Fair is scheduled for November 2. Hopefully we will be able to include a flu shot clinic.

SPECIAL REPORTS

- 11. V-P:** PDTA joined with PDAA and PTSA to give gifts to BOE members. Students created cards for them too!
- 12. DPT** has decided to increase the number of meetings. All standing committees are creating charters. DPT worked on its charter.
- 13. *Speak Out!*** Deadline is Nov 18.
- 14. Grievance:** A Memo of Understanding was signed regarding Overloads with new Special Ed model. It was agreed that next year we will stick to the contract numbers or work on new model that follows contract numbers.
- 15. Retirees:** New representative Nanette Sorrentino was introduced. She distributed a copy of *Retired Times*. They will be having a holiday luncheon on December 6. Updated member list will be ready in January. E-mail addresses will be ready in February.
We are all saddened by the recent deaths of Anita Boags and Jim Wittig, both MHS retirees.
- 16. Excellus:** Concerns were raised by several regarding payments for work from July 1 to November 1. People are getting different answers from different people at Excellus regarding reimbursements. Reimbursements were supposed to be distributed early November. Barb will need to check on this.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Balch
PDTA Secretary