

PDTA Representative Assembly Meeting
April 7, 2008
Minutes

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

1. **Additions to the Agenda:** None
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved: March 10, 2008 R.A. minutes, March 31, 2008 Executive Committee minutes.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** No report

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4. **Professional Development Plan/Negotiations:** H. Jones, J. Schiess and J. Barker distributed a draft of the PDP that deals with the 12 hours of professional development required by the contract for professional staff beginning 2008-09. This falls under the District's PD initiative. The Teacher Center will bring course proposals to the PDP team for approval. The draft also included criteria for what counts as PD. It also listed the district, HS level, MS level and Elementary level initiatives. Questions came up about peer mentoring. It can't count if it is during the school day. But follow-up sessions can count if approved by principal. This is just a draft. Any more comments or questions should be directed to H. Jones.
5. **Labor Religion Coalition:** B. Shapiro shared more detail about the group. They are NOT affiliated with any religious group. They just work together on issues that are important to both groups.
6. **2008-09 School Budget:** Another budget review meeting was added for April 7, 2008. F.A.I.R. plan money will not be put back into the budget because the District has not yet received it. Staffing is in progress and is looking better than it did originally.

NEW

None

Committee Reports

- 7. Political Action:** VOTE/COPE campaign was very successful. Thanks Laura and committee! We increased our donation over \$1,000. Seven out of nine buildings increased the number of contributors. Raffle names we selected. \$50 = Kathy Jordan (BRMS), \$75 = Suzanne Nash (MHS).
- 8. Public Relations:** Encourage seniors to apply for the two PDTA scholarships. If asked by a senior to write a recommendation, please keep to the deadline (April 22)!
- 9. Professional Growth:** Application deadline for study grants is April 15!
- 10. Special Events:** Plans for the retirement party are in full swing. Invitations will be out in early May.

Special Reports

- 11. V-P Administration:** The BOE was happy to see staff and community out at budget and BOE meetings.
- 12. V-P Negotiations:** IST had its last scheduled meeting a week ago. Not much progress, so they will need to continue to meet. Special Needs (504 tutor) will meet on April 8. Special Needs Advisory Committee will meet again in May and June and continue into next year.
- 13. Grievance:** PDTA went to the District with a written grievance regarding the Health Fund. It was denied by the District. PDTA plans to continue with the grievance. Next step is to meet with NYSUT to plan a case to be presented to the superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Balch
PDTA Secretary