

**PDTA Representative Assembly
September 11, 2006
Minutes**

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

Minutes from June 12, 2006 R.A. meeting were distributed and then approved. Hard copies of all future minutes will be distributed to Building Reps so that they can post them. All others will receive an electronic copy of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report was distributed, reviewed and approved by the R.A. B. Shapiro reminded reps that it is everyone's responsibility to review and make sure all is well with our money! PDTA's annual audit will be done in the next 10 days.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Secretarial Salary:** The R.A. approved a .75 raise for the PDTA Office secretary.
2. **PDTA Representation on DPT:** PDTA's president and 2 vice presidents are automatic members on DPT. The following have worked on DPT in the past and have agreed to continue: A. Johnson-Credit (SRPs), L. Traynor (MS), S. Stanish (Elem.), and H. McAulliffe (HS). R.A. approved these.
3. **Opportunity Plus/ING and Dean Licata:** In the past we have had concerns about the Opportunity Plus representation. These concerns continue today. PDTA members have requested that Dean Licata, whom many members use, be allowed to present himself at the Benefits' Fair and have access to district employees. The R.A. approved this new endorsement.
4. **Refreshments at District Meetings:** As a goodwill measure, the R.A. approved furnishing refreshments to the first meeting of the larger district-wide committees that have many teachers as members. R.A. agreed to spend a total of \$150 for ILC, DPT, EAC and SAC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

5. **Communications (B. Burrows):** The *Speak Out* deadline is always the Friday after the Monday R.A. meeting. Bret encouraged members to submit items for *Speak Out*, PDTA's newsletter. This could include articles, letters to the editor, ads, etc. Items submitted must be typed on *Word*.
6. **Membership (E. Ciccone):** Our membership drive begins shortly. Packets were sent out to the Membership Committee members. Returning members don't need to do anything unless they have a change. New staff will receive a personalized letter to invite them to become a member of PDTA. Building Reps should be sure to visit with new staff and personally invite them to join PDTA. NYSUT pocket calendars were delayed, but should be arriving shortly. Payroll deduction for PDTA dues begins November 10.
7. **Public Relations (J. Drake):** The *Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk* will be held October 1. An information poster was sent to each building. Please sign up and join others from Pittsford for this worthy cause. If we have enough interest, we will provide transportation. Easy access and easy registration! PDTA will again sell *Entertainment Books*. J. Drake will meet with G. Mulkeen to talk about some changes in how we donate to the Pittsford Food Cupboard.

SPECIAL REPORTS

8. **President's (B. Shapiro):** B. Shapiro reminded Building Reps to be sure to e-mail personnel information to Andy Balch. It will be included in the minutes. This would include things like births, marriages, deaths, illnesses, etc. Due to some miscommunication from administrators, there has been confusion about the required on-line Global Compliance Training. We are required to do only these three modules: **blood borne pathogens, hazard communications and sexual harassment.**
9. **V-P for Administration (L. Chaput):** The Board of Education members are the same as last year. DPT will meet more frequently this year.
10. **V-P for Negotiations (P. Van Graafeiland):** This year is a negotiations year. Last Spring we asked for issues/concerns. We will send another request again this Fall. Please be sure to include only one issue or concern per sheet. PDTA will be sending a letter to ask if anyone is interested in serving on the Negotiations Team. As always, we will try to keep the team balanced (experience, level, etc.).

- 11. Grievance (B. Gibson):** If anyone is aware of any workload or class size issues, please let B. Gibson or B. Shapiro know. This is the time to address those issues.
- 12. Retirees (N. Sorrentino):** The Retirees had their annual 1st day of school luncheon to welcome the newest retirees on September 5th. They will hold their Fall meeting at CRMS. The PDRA is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year and will be planning a big reunion event for next summer. PDRA will sponsor snacks at a PDTA R.A. meeting this year.
- 13. Goals for PDTA are:**
- Successful negotiations
 - Educate members about what PDTA does
 - Develop future PDTA leaders
 - Ensure that cooperative decision making is being fully implemented and that all staff are properly trained.
- 14. Thank Yous:** PDTA received 2 nice Thank You notes: one from Bob Kendall and one from Kara Elizabeth Kempski, MHS 2006 recipient of a PDTA Scholarship.
- 15. Political Action (P. Abkowitz):** We will be running an elections phone bank on Friday, November 3, 2006 from 5- 8 pm.. Each building is being asked to send at least one person. PDTA will sponsor a nice dinner after for the volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Balch
PDTA Secretary