

PDTA Representative Assembly Meeting
September 12, 2005
Minutes

Present: B. Shapiro, L. Chaput, P. VanGraafeiland, A. Balch, J. Menchel, B. Gibson, B. O'Brien, B. Girouard, J. DiBrango, M. Brown, B. Canfield, G. Drooz, M. Donner, H. McAulliffe, K. Shield, D. Nichols, B. Burrows, J. Drake, K. Dolan, P. Abkowitz, E. Ciccone, L. Khalil, C. Glassman, S. Johnston, M. Biondi, D. John, D. Krenzer, 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. Tontarski, S. Gager, D. Sanfrantello, J. Finnell

Absent: J. Duntley, C. Sackett, S. Bertrand, K. Boardman

Announcements: B. Shapiro reminded that we will begin meetings promptly at 3:45 pm. She also reminded representatives that they have an important responsibility when items are brought up for a vote. Please feel comfortable at the meetings to ask questions and voice concerns.

Minutes: June 13, 2005 minutes were approved. B. Shapiro suggested that Building Representatives post these on a PDTA bulletin board in each building.

Treasurer's Report: B. Shapiro publicly thanked David Pellegrino for all his work as PDTA Treasurer. She then introduced Joel Menchel as our new PDTA Treasurer. J. Menchel distributed the August report, which was approved.

B. Shapiro distributed the PDTA audit report. Audit was completed on August 8, 2005. The audit report shows the PDTA financial books and records in good order. Three recommendations were given by the audit committee (D. Sanfrantello, G. Mulkeen, A. Balch):

- Make available a secure location for financial books and records
- Look into whether or not we are adequately insured
- Write receipts for any cash collected

Old Business

Contract Items: P. VanGraafeiland and B. Shapiro reported that they are working on resolving a few items still remaining from the negotiations. The two biggest items include getting the extra-curricular lists and pay schedules to members and setting up interviews for companies that manage health funds, flex funds and dental. (We agreed to look into seeing what other companies are out there beyond our current Excellus/EBS.)

B. Gibson reviewed the new Substitute/Absence Form. She gave copies to all Building Representatives and asked them to deliver them personally to their principals. All buildings are expected to begin using this form immediately. Another suggestion was to bring it to your next faculty meeting and do a "show and tell."

New Business

1. **PDTA Goals 2005-06:** PDTA officers met in early August and many reps met for training on August 29. We discussed goals for this year. Three key goals were identified:

- a) In-depth survey of PDTA membership to help improve our union. L. Chaput agreed to chair a committee which will create a survey to be given to all members in October. The committee includes: S. Tontarski (SRP), L. Ehrlich (PMS), M. Hart (PMS), J. DiBrango (MC) and J. Menchel (SHS).
 - b) Increase participation of membership in union. The above mentioned survey will help us get started with this.
 - c) Running and updating of new PDTA website.
2. **Meeting Locations:** B. Shapiro asked for ideas. Some suggestions included MHS Lecture Hall rooms, new library in village, Barnes & Noble, AC multi-purpose room, SHS conference room.
 3. **PDTA Administrative Assistant:** RA voted to raise salary to \$13.00/hour.

Committee Reports

Communications: B. Burrows, Chair, reported that we have new software for *Speak Out*. It looks a bit different, but it will include regular contributors. B. Burrows will e-mail all of those people to remind them of deadlines. He will do the same for members of his committee.

Special Events: K. Dolan, Chair. The Benefits Fair will be held September 29, 2005 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Burgundy Basin Inn. Building Reps: Be sure to talk about this at your next staff meeting. Be sure to remind everyone that it is open to all staff, not just union members.

Public Relations: J. Drake, Chair.

1. Entertainment books will be for sale again this year. A copy should be displayed in each building. They are \$25.00. Proceeds will be donated to various local community organizations.
2. Food Cupboard is up and running again in all buildings. PDTA will be collecting SOAP. Please bring soap to R.A. meetings. You can also bring J. Drake money and she will shop for you.
3. Making Strides to Fight Breast Cancer on October 16. NYSUT is a flagship sponsor. We will have a Pittsford group this year. We will travel together!!! We are asking each building to have at least 10 people sign up.

Membership: E. Ciccone, Chair. E. Ciccone reported that a new letter was drafted and will be sent to committee members. B. Shapiro suggested that Building Reps *personally* meet new staff members and encourage them to join the union.

Political Action: P. Abkowitz, Chair. D. Sanfrantello reported on the issue of privatization of Social Security. NYSUT is upset with local Congressman Randy Kuhl's change in position on this topic. NYSUT plans to voice their concerns to him at a meeting at the Brighton Town Hall on September 19 at 5:30 pm. Please join us there and let Randy Kuhl know our concerns!

Special Reports

President's Report: First payday is Wednesday, September 14.

V-P for Administration: Please recommend students for the Student Assistant Fund. This can be done via the Principal's office.

Building Reports

B. Shapiro asked the Building Reps to keep an eye on class sizes.

MCE: Jennifer Kunselman got married and is now Jennifer Montgomery. Smooth opening of the school year!

PR: Also a smooth opening.

AC: Smooth start!

JR: Kelly Jordan had a baby. Yolanda Thompson had a baby. Jen Carey got married. Cindy Merrifield's mom passed away.

TR: Construction has been completed! Johanna Mahan had a baby!

PMS: Six new babies!! Mike Pero began as principal. Carmine Peluso begins as assistant principal on September 26. They had a wonderful start to the school year!

MHS: Stephanie Tranquil is on required bed rest until her due date in November. Jessica D'Arienzo got married and is now Jessica Buckpitt. Smooth opening. There is concern about the collaborative classes. Some are over the contract limit. M. Donner will monitor this. There has been an overall decrease in the amount of supervisory time this year.

SHS: Pam Danger's mom passed away. Shelly Fiorito got married! Harold reports that SHS had a VERY difficult opening with all of the construction. They have some health and safety concerns.

SRP: Will have an orientation meeting for all new to the district on September 21. Location TBA.

Retirees: They are looking to replace J. Finnell as Retiree Rep to PDTA. Bob Carroll and Russell Matthews passed away. Their next meeting is October 19 at Shadow Lake. Their Vote/Cope drive is currently underway. B. Shapiro publicly thanked the retirees for all that they do for the PDTA.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Balch
PDTA Secretary