

**PDTA Representative Assembly Meeting
September 17, 2007
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, C. Glassman, C. Gunter, M. Hamblin, M. Humphreys, K. Jewett, S. Kaier-Tuttle, L. Khalil, E. Khuns, J. Larson, M. LoRe-Geigel, M. Maland, K Matychak, S. McGrath, E. McRae, J. Menchel, G. Mulkeen, D. Nichols, B. O'Brien, M. O'Connor, L. Riley, D. Sanfratello, B. Shapiro, A. Shelp, K. Shield, S. Smith, N. Sorrentino, S. Stein, S. Tontarski, P. VanGraafeiland

Absent: P. LeVan, L. Shemancik

1. Additions to the Agenda:

A photographer took pictures of the R.A. to be used in future *New York Teacher* and other NYSUT publications.

B. Shapiro opened the meeting with a review of the goals of PDTA and the responsibilities of the members.

2. Approval of Minutes: The following were approved: June 18, 2007 R.A. meeting, June 19, 2007 General Meeting and September 10, 2007 Executive Committee meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report: J. Menchel distributed the report for June-August. He reviewed how the report works. He reminded R.A. members that they can and should ask any questions if they are unsure regarding expenditures. Dues for 2007-08 are \$576.05 for full-time professional staff. Payroll deduction for dues begins November 9.

A motion to increase the PDTA Office Secretary's salary to \$14.50 per hour was raised, and discussed. A motion to amend the salary increase to include adding 1 week (20 hr.) of paid vacation was then raised and discussed. The motion, along with the amendment was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

4. PDTA Audit: J. Menchel reported the results of the annual PDTA audit on September 1, 2007. The books were reported in good order.

5. PDTA Political Action Chair Vacancy: There is an opening due to the departure of P. Abkowitz. B. Shapiro will send out a letter posting the position. If you are interested, or know of someone who might be interested in the position, please contact B. Shapiro. Encourage someone who is really interested in political action!

6. **PDTA DPT Representatives:** There were 3 openings due to retirements and people who have stepped down. B. Shapiro recommended M. Donner (MHS), J. DiBrango (BRMS), and S. Stein (SHS). The R.A. approved these for PDTA representation.
7. **Extracurricular Committee:** Building Reps were asked to get names to B. Shapiro. This committee needs to get working ASAP as some club/activity advisors are waiting to find out the status of their club/activity.
8. **“Instruction for All” Training:** Building Reps are to recommend names of anyone in your particular building who might be good for this training to B. Shapiro ASAP.
9. **Professional Development Plan:** There will be a committee of 13 to work on this plan. PDTA needs to supply 5 representatives. There will be a majority (seven) of teachers on the committee.

Committee Reports

10. **Communications** (B. Burrows): *Speak Out* is published 6-8 times per year. It has advertising, so if anyone wishes to advertise, they should contact B. Burrows. The deadlines for *Speak Out* will be coming out soon.
11. **Membership** (P. LeVan): The membership drive is underway and is progressing smoothly.
12. **Public Relations** (J. Drake):
 - The Breast Cancer Walk is Sunday, September 30. Building Public Relation reps have information. PDTA is planning to walk together. If you plan to walk with a different group, be sure to stop by the NYSUT table to register there too.
 - Entertainment books will be sold again this year. Sample books and info sheets are now at all buildings.
 - Pittsford Food Cupboard Donations: We will follow the same format as last year: each building will be assigned 1 month. PDTA R.A. will look into collecting during the very needy months. AC will be first in October!

Special Reports

13. **President:**
 - Shared Decision Making Training: Three schools had training last year and 3 more will have training this year.
 - VOTE/COPE: Our hope is always to have 100% participation from the R.A. members. Five did not contribute during our last campaign. B. Shapiro will make contact with these members.

14. V-P for Administration:

- 1-2 retirees plan to attend Board of Ed meeting regularly.
- PDTA will join in with PDDA and PTSA to honor Board of Education members during BOE Week in October.
- Student Benefit Fund is available. Forms are in each building's main office.

15. V-P for Negotiations: A small group is working on specific language for the new contract. When it is done, copies will be printed, hopefully October 1.

16. Grievance: Any questions or concerns regarding workload or class sizes should be sent to S. Gager or B. Shapiro.

17. Retirees: The Retirees' Association celebrated its 25th anniversary this past summer. They had their annual breakfast to "induct" new retirees on September 4.

18. PSRB: No report

19. Delegates: No report

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Balch
PDTA Secretary