

# Representative Assembly Meeting - Minutes

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**Monday, January 11, 2010**

Present: Andy Balch, Marcia Brown, Bret Burrows, Chris Burton, Bernadette Canfield, Dwayne Cerbone, Len Chaput, Jolene DiBrango, Kristen Dolan, Jill Drake, Sue Gager, Lee Gibson, Becky Girouard, Carrie Gunther, Mary Hamblin, Marc Hellems, Kelly Jordan, Suzanne Kaier-Tuttle, Paul LeVan, Maryanne Maland, Rhonda Matthews, Sue Ann McGrath, Joel Menchel, Gail Mulkeen, Michelle O'Connor, Lisa Riley, Brian Shafer, Barbara Shapiro, Karen Shield, Steve Smith, Sandy Stein, Tracey Stubbs, Pam VanGraafeiland

Absent: Connie Bader, Tracy Dickerson, Caren Glassman, Linda Khalil, Erin Khuns, Helga Lübbers, Pam Metzler, Donna Nichols, Laura Shemancik, Sherry Tontarski, Dennise Zobel

1. *Additions to the Agenda:* none
2. *Approval of the Minutes*
  - a. *Representative Assembly, December 14, 2009:* approved
3. *Treasurer's Report:* Report was distributed and approved.

#### **4. Old Business**

*PDTA t-shirts:* RA agreed to go with the middle level t-shirt, embroidered. We will pre-order for RA members. The cost will include some money that PDTA will use for public relations. (e.g. scholarship fund).

#### **5. New Business**

*2010 -2011 Calendar:* There is an error in draft #3. It should be 186 days. Barb will request eliminating the September 2 workday. Concerns from elementary staff regarding the Nov 2 day: 1) November is already chopped up due to holidays and, 2) there is Social Studies testing in November. Could we possibly move it to March or maybe to October 8, connected to Columbus Day weekend? Barb will bring input to the Superintendent.

*Race To The Top Funding (RTTT):* Federal funding \$700 million. Money will be won by state, not by district. There are 4 parts: 1) professional development, 2) data, 3) improving instruction (teacher performance pay, retention, tenure) and 4) what to do with failing schools. There is wording that states that this can't replace what is already in a negotiated contract. Pittsford did agree to be part of the NYS application. Money would be awarded via Title I and Competitive grants. NYSUT composed a cover letter that addresses some of the concerns. PDTA sent that letter along with its support for joining RTTT application.

Also, some of the NYS leaders, including the governor are pushing to raise the cap on funding for charter schools. NYSUT is opposed to this, without changes in their accountability and reporting requirements.

#### **6. Committee Reports**

*Professional Growth:* TC funding was cut. The Policy Board decided to eliminate the TC Registrar's position for cost saving. A question came up about the money that Standards Leaders gave to help out the TC.

## 7. **Special Reports**

*President:* Corrections were made to the seniority list.

*Vice President-Administration:*

Board of Education

DPT: will be discussing RTTT and budget

PTSA

Student Benefit Fund

*Vice President-Negotiations:* Several meetings have been held for those thinking about retiring.

*Grievance:* no report

*Retiree:* Barb was a guest at the December luncheon. On a sad note, Wanda Ward's husband passed away.

*Professional Standards Review Board:* C. Schwab and T. Nicosia will be co-chairing.

*Delegates:* no report

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Balch

PDTA Secretary