

PDTA Representative Assembly Meeting

November 9, 2009

Minutes

Present: Connie Bader, Andy Balch, Marcia Brown, Bret Burrows, Bernadette Canfield, Dwayne Cerbone, Len Chaput, Jolene DiBrango, Tracy Dickerson, Jill DrakeLee Gibson, Becky Girouard, Carrie Gunther, Mary Hamblin, Marc Hellems, Kelly Jordan, Suzanne Kaier-Tuttle, Linda Khalil, Erin Khuns, Paul LeVan, Maryanne Maland, Rhonda Matthews, Sue Ann McGrath, Joel Menchel, Pam Metzler, Gail Mulkeen, Donna Nichols, Brian Shafer, Barbara Shapiro, Karen Shield, Sandy Stein, Tracey Stubbs, Sherry Tontarski, Pam VanGraafeiland,

Absent: Chris Burton, Kristen Dolan, Sue Gager, Caren Glassman, Helga Lübbers, Michelle O'Connor, Laura Shemancik, Steve Smith, Dennise Zobel

Addition to Agenda: copiers and teacher codes

Approval of Minutes: October 19, 2009 R.A minutes approved; November 3, 2009 Executive Committee minutes approved with change under "JR".

Treasurer's Report: distributed and reviewed, then approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **PSRB Nominations:** R.A. approved the nominations of Chris Gunter and Esther Marino to the Professional Standards Review Board.
2. **PDTA Distribution List:** Building reps will send out e-mails to professional staff and SRPs to be sure they are accurate.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **PDTA Administrative Assistant:** NYSUT recommended that we treat our administrative assistant as a regular employee of PDTA, which means that we will now need to have workers' comp, taxes taken out, etc.
2. **PDTA Audit:** Audit was completed and all books are in good order.
3. **New Posting: CSE Coordinator:** No one has come forward to apply for the Special Ed Standards Leader position. The district, with input from others, including PDTA, has been working on creating a full-time position. The posting, with its title, was created by the district. PDTA tried to create a full time Special Ed Standards Leader, but the district elected to create a new TOSA position with CSE and Standards Leader responsibilities.
4. **Copiers:** TR asked about having to enter the teacher ID to access new copier. This is not done at other buildings. B. Canfield will have a conversation with M. Doughty.

Committee Reports:

- 1. Health & Safety:** The district website is the best place to find the most up-to-date information regarding H1N1 Flu. Staff has been asked to create a 5-7 day plan for if they get ill and have a “family plan” if you have children who may be out. Purchasing hand sanitizer is a building – level decision. Some buildings have purchased it, some have not. Questions were raised. L. Khalil will bring concerns to the district H&S committee. She also encouraged people to bring these concerns to their building’s H&S committee. NYS has asked districts to report Flu data on a daily basis. That is why some were asked their symptoms when they called in sick. Closing would not be based on number of students absent, but on the number of adults absent - teachers, bus drivers, cafeteria staff, etc.
- 2. Membership:** Membership continues to hover close to 100%. We are encouraging new members, who have not yet signed up, to join.
- 3. Public Relations:** Entertainment books are on sale through Thanksgiving.

Special Reports

- 1. President:** NYSUT continues to monitor mid year NYS budget cuts.
- 2. V-P Admin.:** DPT met and will continue to look at charters and CAPs.
- 3. V_P Negotiations:** Working on staff use of wellness rooms at the secondary buildings.
- 4. Grievance:** Coffee issue has been resolved.
- 5. Delegates:** Dick Iannuzzi, President of NYSUT came to the ED 5/6 meeting last week. He discussed “taking charge of our profession”. Some timely topics are: use of data, national standards, longer school day and year, Charter Schools and pay for performance. Dick said that the union needs to be part of the discussions. Otherwise, it may happen without us!
- 6. Retirees:** Thanked Barb for attending their luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Balch

PDTA Secretary