

Representative Assembly Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 14, 2011

Present: Dennise Zobel, Becky Girouard, Sue Ann McGrath, Marcia Brown, Adrienne Ehrlich, Michael Kutny, Pam Metzler, Shari Deragon, Karen Shield, Bret Burrows, Lawrence Wirth, Paul LeVan, Kathleen Roser, Rhonda Matthews, Patricia MacMullin, JoElyn Sesso, Marc Hellems, Brian Shafer, Danielle Gerby, Lynn Smith, Esther Marino, Tracy Dickerson, Sari Middleton, Constance Bader, Mary LaBella, Suzanne Kaier-Tuttle, Maryanne Maland, Barbara Manchee, Sherry Tontarski, Janice Larson, Len Chaput, David Pellegrino, Jolene DiBrango and Ann Bayer, Lisa Backsheider

Absent: Dwayne Cerbone, Donna Nichols, J. O'Neill, Caren Glassman, Karen Grace, Kristen Dolan, Jill Drake, Kelly Jordan, Steve Smith, Andy Balch, Sue Gager

Special Guest Speaker: Michael Herlan, ED 5 & 6 Director

- He is our NYSUT Board of Director representative
- Needed PDTA's opinion on a dues increase at the NYSUT level
- NYSUT has a \$17 million deficit this year
- NYSUT is creating a 3 year plan for budgeting
- He asked that members go to NYSUT.org and send faxes in support of the Millionaires Tax and American Jobs Act
- He also encouraged our members to attend the Rochester Labor Council meetings and sign up for the newsletter:

<http://act.afcio.org/c/238/p/salsa/web/common/public/signup?> signup page KEY =136

1. Additions to the Agenda
- 2.
3. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Representative Assembly, October 17, 2011 - approved
 - b. Executive Committee, November 7, 2011 – unable to be approved as copies were not provided
4. Treasurer's Report- distributed and reviewed. Under *Technology*: office supplies looks like a deficit. David will look at the rollover money. Report approved.
5. **Old Business**
 - APPR- committee met on November 9th to look at the rubrics. The Negotiations team will meet on November 21st.
 - EXCEED Update- Trainings have begun. February rollout is expected with IST's. Training of IST chairs and administrators will be January 5-6.

6. New Business

- APPR Negotiating Team Approval - Constitution guidelines require a vote on the APPR Negotiation Team. RA approved team members: Jolene, Bret, Len
- PDTA Office Secretary- 10% (\$1.20) raise. Nancy's next review will be in June and then on a yearly basis after that.
- APPR/PSRB Honorarium - \$500 for 4 people. The committee is now 7 people. RA approved the additional honorariums.
- Retiree Council #6 Donation – last year \$110- approved for same amount this year.

7. Committee Reports

Communications – Next **Speak Out** Update- Larry requested articles for publication the week after Thanksgiving.

8. Special Reports

President –

- Election results in Ohio were a huge victory for unionists everywhere! They restored their collective bargaining rights. When unionists unite we can make a difference in elections.
- SRP Recognition Day Reminder
- Curriculum writing reminder – we do not write curriculum unless we get paid or are given release time. Do not write curriculum during department meetings. Do not set a precedent!
- Seniority lists are posted in buildings. Be sure that members review those for potential errors, especially SRPs. The Alpha list has all SRP hours listed while the Current list has only one's current job on it. Alpha is used for Longevity Award and the Current list is used for layoff and recall.
- Labor movement- Area Labor Councils support educators when we need them and we must support them as well. As unionists, we should have a presence at their meetings. We will discuss at future meetings who among us will be attending 2-3 meetings per year starting next year.
- Darrin Kenney will be our special guest speaker at the December RA
- PDTA will look at constitutional changes to positions in the Spring.

Vice President-Administration-

Board of Education- BOE appreciation is at tonight's meeting

PTSA – **Continue to encourage membership @ bldg mtgs and in your minutes EACH month!**

Student Benefit Fund – Requests have arrived. Six students from the CRMS want to attend a NYC field trip. They are receiving some funding from the district. RA approved giving \$25 per student for the NYC trip. Jolene, Len and David will look at creating parameters for requests in the Spring.

Vice President-Negotiations –

- Contract update- contract is now complete. Each member of the RA will receive hard copies of the contract. All others members of PDTA will have electronic access to the new contract. This is a cost-saving effort!

Retiree Report was shared by Janice Larson

Delegates –

- Election- Marcia Brown ran unopposed and will be our new delegate, replacing Gail Mulkeen.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Balch
PDTA Secretary