

# PDTA Representative Assembly

December 14, 2009

## Minutes

**Present:** Connie Bader, Andy Balch, Marcia Brown, Bret Burrows, Chris Burton, Dwayne Cerbone, Len Chaput, Jolene DiBrango, Tracy Dickerson, Jill Drake, Lee Gibson, Becky Girouard, Caren Glassman, Carrie Gunther, Mary Hamblin, Marc Hellems, Kelly Jordan, Suzanne Kaier-Tuttle, Linda Khalil, Erin Khuns, Helga Lübbers, Rhonda Matthews, Sue Ann McGrath, Joel Menchel, Gail Mulkeen, Michelle O'Connor, Lisa Riley, Brian Shafer, Barbara Shapiro, Laura Shemancik, Karen Shield, Sandy Stein, Tracey Stubbs, Sherry Tontarski, , Dennise Zobel  
**Absent:** Bernadette Canfield, Kristen Dolan, Sue Gager, Paul LeVan, Maryanne Maland, Pam Metzler, Donna Nichols, Steve Smith, Pam VanGraafeiland

1. Additions to the Agenda: none
2. Approval of the Minutes:
  - Representative Assembly, November 9, 2009: approved
  - Executive Committee, December 7, 2009: approved
3. Treasurer's Report: distributed and approved
4. **Old Business**
  - a. PDTA e-mail accounts: all R.A. members have an account
  - b. PDTA t-shirts: Looking for union-made. The color will be green w/ white lettering.
5. **New Business**
  - a. NYSUT RA Resolutions: PDTA RA voted to support a number of Resolutions.
    - Opposition to taxing health benefits
    - Opposition to taxing retiree pensions
    - Enhancing the COLA
    - Permanent Health Insurance Moratorium
    - Universal Health Care For All New Yorkers
    - Recognition of Retiree VOTE-COPE Contributions
    - Financial Disclosure of Charter Schools
    - 125 Plans for Retirees
    - Keeping Retirees Connected to NYSUT
    - Reauthorization of ESEA
    - Support for New Teachers of Languages Other Than English
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  - b. Mike Corn presentation: RA agreed to allow last ½ hr-45 minutes of February's RA for Mike Corn presentation. PDTA retirees will be invited.
  - c. Building Athletic Coordinator: There are 4, one for each secondary building. It is .2 release time plus a stipend. It has not been posted in a while and the job description has not been updated, as other teacher-leader positions have. B. Shapiro, S. Barker and J. Schiess wrote a draft of an updated job description with input from the current Building Athletic Coordinators. PDTA is currently reviewing the job descriptions and process for interviewing and hiring.

6. **Committee Reports**

- a. **Health and Safety:** Classroom temperatures: About 50% of the time, the problems are caused by blocked ventilation or the request to the custodian is done verbally and not by e-mail or written form. The ventilation system we have requires the fan to continue to run to allow for constant fresh air. Minimum SED temperature is 65° F. There is no maximum temperature.
- b. **Public Relations:** J. Drake collected donations of food and money for Pittsford Food Cupboard. Entertainment Books are now available for a discounted price of \$20.00.

7. **Special Reports**

**President**

- Negotiations conference: January 29-30, 2010
- Seniority lists: Building reps are collecting questions to bring to B. Shapiro, who will then go to Human Resources.
- NYS Budget crisis: Teacher Center will be hit with a 12.5% cut in unused TC monies. Also, a Tier 5 will be created beginning January 1, 2010. There will most likely be a 25/55 retirement incentive.

**Vice President-Administration**

- Board of Education – No Report
- DPT– No Report
- PTSA– No Report
- Student Benefit Fund – No Report

**Vice President-Negotiations-** Meetings have been scheduled for people planning to retire this year or next year.

**Grievance** – No Report

**Retiree:** November newsletter was distributed. About 25% of retirees contributed to VOTE-COPE. More than \$2,500.00 was collected. They are having their luncheon tomorrow. Retirees are also raising money for PDTA scholarship.

**Professional Standards Review Board:** meeting today.

**Delegates** – No Report

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrew Balch  
PDTA Recording Secretary