

**PDTA Representative Assembly**  
**April 16, 2007**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** C. Bader , A. Balch , K. Boardman , M. Brown , B. Burrows , B. Canfield , D. Cerbone , L. Chaput , T. Dickerson , M. Donner , J. Drake , G. Drooz , S. Gager , B. Gibson , C. Glassman , G. Herman J. Larson , M. LoRe-Geigel , M. Maland , K. Matychak , H. McAulliffe , A. McCarthy , S. McGrath , J. Menchel , G. Mulkeen , B. O'Brien , M. O'Connor , D. Sanfrantello , A. Shannon , B. Shapiro , K. Shield , S. Smith , N. Sorrentino , S. Stein , S. Tontarski , P. VanGraafeiland

**Absent:** P. Abkowitz, E. Ciccone, J. Duntley, M. Humphreys, K. Jordan, L. Khalil, D. Nichols, L. Riley, L. Traynor

1. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the March 12, 2007 R.A. meeting and the April 2, 2007 Executive Committee meeting were approved.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** The monthly statement was distributed and reviewed. We are now current with our NYSUT bill. We have also been helping to pay for the Shared Decision Making training

**OLD BUSINESS**

3. **Negotiations:** The full groups have met twice so far. Two sub-committees have been created. There will be another full negotiations meeting next Wednesday. Plans are being made to have a three-day session off-site in June.
4. **Postings:** The first postings were sent/posted today (April 17). Some departments aren't ready for postings, but will be soon. SRP postings will be done after the professional staff postings. When an SRP switches categories, they must apply for that new position. It is NOT automatic. It is our responsibility to keep informed about postings and deadlines!

**NEW BUSINESS**

5. **VOTE/COPE:** Pamina Abkowitz will report the results next month. The following were raffle winners in the VOTE/COPE drive:

AC- K. Griswald	PR- N. Campbell	CRMS- J. Beel
JR- A. Ehrlich	TR- A. Miroff	MHS- Sarah O'Connor
MC- H. Kwit	BRMS- K. Dolan	SHS- D. Sanfratello

The district wide raffle will be next month.

6. **Elections:**
  - BOE: Alan Shaffer is not running again. Pat Schwert is. We are still waiting for applications for the third seat open on the BOE.
  - PDTA: Information was distributed to all members. Please consider staying involved in PDTA and encourage colleagues to get involved.
  - MCEC: Barb is part of the Monroe County Education Coalition, a coalition of School Board members, parents, administrators and teachers. They have a newsletter that Barb will distribute to members via e-mail.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 7. Special Events:** The United Way Campaign begins next week. You will have the option of pledging electronically. The Special Events Committee will be meeting on April 17 to plan. John Schiess and a representative from United Way will be at this meeting. Also, the Retirement Party is scheduled for May 24 and will be at the Monroe Golf Club this year.
- 8. Professional Growth:**
- **Teacher Center:** Ruth Hollis is retiring this June. More than one person is applying. The TC Policy Board has identified an interview committee with a majority of teachers serving on it.
  - **Study Grants:** PDTA has \$5,000 for grants. This is often used for projects that might not be funded through normal channels. The deadline is right now!
  - **Induction Committee:** For newly hired staff, it will be six days, starting August 20. It will include a day for overview of the district, who we are, our culture and what PDTA is all about. Time will be allotted to buildings and technology needs for the new staff. There will also be training for Standards Based Education, planning and assessment.

## **SPECIAL REPORTS**

- 9. President:** No report
- 10. V-P for Administration:** Budget review development is continuing. The BOE applicants will submit letters to be published in *Speak Out*. They will also meet with Len Chaput and a small committee. Student Fund monies are still available!
- **PSRB:** will meet to review PDP and APPR documents to see that our practices, especially regarding professional learning, is aligned with those state documents.
- 11. Delegates** will be going to the NYSUT Representative Assembly in Washington, D.C. next week.
- 12. Grievance:** no report
- 13. Retirees** are gearing up for their United Way Campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Balch  
PDTA Secretary