



PDTA Representative Assembly Meeting

September 21, 2009

Minutes

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

Absent: Jolene DiBrango, Caren Glassman, Carrie Gunther, Marc Hellems, Erin Khuns, Paul LeVan

Additions to the Agenda: Betsy Stellrecht will not be returning due to health problems. She would love to hear from people.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes from the RA/General Meeting on June 8, 2009 and Executive Committee Meeting on September 14, 2009 *were both approved*. Barb reminded reps to be sure to read the minutes and post them. They are also on our website.

Treasurer's Report: Small committee is working on audit. It should be completed soon. Joel distributed the June, 2008 report. He explained how the reports work. He then distributed the 2009-10 PDTA Budget and the treasurer's report for July and August, 2009. *Both reports were approved*. Joel reminded the group that any bills for PDTA should be sent directly to the PDTA Office.

OLD BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. PSRB Nomination Process:** Barb reviewed the process for selecting two new members to the Professional Standards Review Board. She shared the letter to nominate. Barb will send electronic copy to building reps.
- 2. E-mail Accounts:** NYSUT will no longer send union materials to school accounts, so PDTA has asked for members private e-mail accounts. The PDTA website has 100 free e-mails. Barb will look into the possibility of having RA members use these for union matters.
- 3. Speak Out! Raffle:** Chris will do this again this year

4. **Sick Leave Bank:** Open enrollment will be from October 1-31. It is important to encourage staff members to join. It is a one time donation of 4 days. It is important to talk to newer members about this important benefit.

COMMITTEE REOPRTS

- A. **Membership:** Payroll deduction will begin in mid-November. Paul LeVan is managing the membership drive.
- B. **Public Relations:** Making Strides has earned over \$3 billion for research! PDTA and NYSUT will continue to be involved in the Walk. The Walk will be October 4th. Be sure to sign up with the NYSUT booth! Also, Entertainment Book sale has begun.
- C. **Special Events:** Reminder of the Benefits Fair on October 8th. It will also include a seasonal flu shot clinic.
- D. **Health & Safety:**
 1. **Fire Safety:** We had significant improvements in our most recent fire inspections. Some of the improvements came about from removal of old appliances.
 2. **Global Compliance:** The e-mail was sent to all staff on day one. John Schiess will send out a reminder regarding the date training must be completed.
 3. **H1N1 Flu:** The website has the absolute latest on H1N1, because it is updated once a week.

SPECIAL REPORTS

1. **President:** We are looking into the idea of getting PDTA t-shirts
2. **Vice President –Administration:**
 - Board of Education:**
 - DPT was cancelled this month
 - PTSA This is another fund source for students in need. Also, we encourage all to join. Applications are in the school calendar
 - Student Benefit Fund**
3. **Vice President- Negotiations:**
 - Extra-curricular Committee:** one meeting so far with sub-committee. Things will be completed for next meeting on September 30th. Contracts to advisors will go out after that.
4. **Grievance:**
 - Coffee/appliances:** Sue Gager will be meeting with Darren Kenney. to discuss this.
 - Principals visiting en masse:** This is only at elementary level. Elementary reps: please talk to Sue. If you haven't heard about this, please have a chat with your building principal to find out what will be happening, and if staff knows.
5. **Retirees:** Jan Larson reported. She distributed the latest edition of *Retired Times*. PDRTA will be looking into ways to raise money to help PDTA boost its scholarship fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Balch, PDTA Secretary