

Executive Committee Meeting
Lomb Porch
Monday, May 7, 2018 at 3:30 pm
Agenda

Updates:

- Elementary Report Card Core Committee is working on collecting more data from the elementary staff. A survey was sent out to all classroom teachers and ELA/ Math specialists. The group will reconvene on May 17th to analyze the data received from these surveys.
- Dwayne has selected the PDTA representatives for the Standards Leaders interviews. During this selection process, PDTA ensured that each team had a leadership connection with PDTA along with experience from the content areas of the standards position. It is important to remember that any interview that goes beyond contractual hours will be compensated through a time sheet for those not compensated by the district already for their position (SL's).
- Dwayne is looking into the prospect of incorporating on-line voting for matters that are not elections and / or contract ratifications. He is currently working with NYSUT on how to ensure security and reliability if we were to move to this voting process.
- The Superintendent has communicated that the district will maintain a neutral message when it comes to option out of state testing. He has communicated this message with all administrators. Even though the district is remaining neutral, there is feedback coming from the District towards NYSED and the Commissioner. In addition to expressing concerns with the Commissioner about the assessments, the District also implemented a time limit on the math test to benefit our students. There was no time limit set by the state, which proved to be detrimental to many elementary students. NYSUT leaders also gave a clear message to the Commissioner at the Representatives Assembly this April. The message that was communicated was around the following points:
 - Test was still over 66% of what it was previously but it was cut to 2 days instead of 3. It should have been cut to 66%.
 - There were many computer-based testing failures.
 - The lack of time constraints had a negative impact on students

There are many districts that offer incentives to students who take the assessments, therefore, the PDTA views the District's neutral stance as a positive.

- Postings
 - Members should always obtain and retain evidence (email reply, dated receipt, or other formal communication) of any official communication with District Offices.
- 1:1 meetings with members are continuing. We have about 200 members who have not yet signed to remain a member of the association. PDTA has a deadline of June 1st to complete these meetings. Please contact your building representative if you have not been contacted by a PDTA Ambassador about your meeting.
- PDTA has established a Budget Review committee to design the budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Committee is scheduled to meet Monday May 21, 2018
- The PDTA audit will occur this summer.

New Business:

- School budget vote:
 - Budget vote on May 15th. Get out to vote in your school district!
 - PDTA will be phone banking on May 9th at NYSUT & 14th in the LOMB building. See your Political Action representative if you are able to attend.
 - PDTA will be participating in a solidarity day on the day of the vote.
- The tenure reception will be held on May 21st. Please consider attending.

- VP for Negotiations is currently working on prioritizing interests for the next contract negotiations. Applications for the negotiations team will be distributed soon. Negotiations team members will be announced before the end of the year.
- PDTA and the District have finalized two different MOUs which reflect the understanding of different language used in the contract.
 - The insurance used is currently RASHP, so the first MOU replaces Blue Point with RASHP everywhere it appears in the contract.
 - Many schools have implemented the Consultant Teaching method within the Special Education program, so the second MOU includes this program with our Integrated Co-Taught program essentially maintaining all the contract language for both programs.
- The Resolutions Specialist is currently working on an MOA to resolve the additional work day that has been added to our calendar for next school year. More details to follow once this has been written and signed.

Respectfully submitted,

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PDTA Secretary