

PDTA 2025 -2026

End of Year Committee Reports:

Communications Committee

Murie Gillett, Communications Chair

This year, I published six editions of Speak Out! This includes compiling, organizing, and editing articles from regular contributors, ads from NYSUT and community members, photos from events, and important dates/reminders. I also piloted a "Member Spotlight" in the magazine to foster community amongst our members.

In addition, I keep the website up to date. This includes making sure all positions have the correct names and pictures, and the various forms, rosters, etc. are current to this year. I make occasional web design tweaks to make sure the site remains user friendly.

Extracurricular Committee

Katie Shea, Extracurricular Chair

Pending

Membership Committee

Paul LeVan, Membership Chair

Our PDTA Membership Drive has once again proven to be a great success. For 2025 - 2026, even though many rules and laws regarding Unions nationwide have continued to be challenging, PDTA remains incredibly well united! We have once again ended the year with near 100% membership in Pittsford Schools, putting us among the most united Local Unions in New York State! Without the help of our building membership chairs, a successful membership drive wouldn't have been possible. Special thanks go out to: Lori Ianniello, Joanna Farrell, Jenn Montgomery, Libby Day, Becky Scheidt, Chris Bateman, Ashu Sanyal, Erin Khuns, and Dave Pascarella. Thank you all for your continued membership and support of PDTA. It is our unity that gives us strength.

Political Action Committee

Karen Grace, Political Action Chair

Pending

Professional Advancement Committee

Dennise Zobel, Professional Advancement Chair

Committee Description:

The Professional Advancement Committee [during negotiations years], shall explore and recommend to the Representative Assembly action programs as necessary in all areas of teacher welfare such as salaries, leave, fringe benefits, insurance, general working conditions, personnel policies, and procedures for the redress of grievances. This committee will be composed of the nine Building Representatives, the 26'-27' Negotiating Team (Stephanie Warchol, Kim Chesko, Jen Villareale, Ryan Domina, Connie Maust, & Brandon Mauks) and the Vice-President for Negotiations, who shall serve as chair.

Committee Activity:

The Professional Advancement Committee will meet three times this year to review the 200+ contract interests that were submitted by our members. We will head into negotiations next school year 26'-27'. The current CBA will remain in effect through June 30, 2027. We continue to address concerns in the form of MOAs and MOUs. Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed.

Professional Growth Committee

Nicole Barry, Professional Growth Chair

During the 2025-2026 school year, I represented PDTA on multiple committees including ILC, Teacher Center Policy Board, Mentor Steering Committee, Inclusivity Advisory Committee, and Induction Planning. In the case of Policy Board, we have an additional representative from PDTA because I am not able to be a voting member as the Director. The Professional Growth Committee oversees the Wanda Ward Honorary Study Grant that is available to members to pursue professional learning opportunities during times when school is not in session. This grant, which is part of the PDTA Contract, Article 2-5, provides

\$5000 in funding annually. PDTA Study Grants have two application periods – one in the fall and one in the spring. This year we had no applications in the fall and six applications for the spring. We awarded the 6 teachers in the spring funds to attend various summer workshops. To lead the professional growth of our members, the Teacher Center offered a variety of professional learning opportunities during the year for professional and paraprofessional staff. There were a total of 204 professional learning initiative activities and 30 elective activities offered. In addition, there were 27 collegial circles approved for a wide range of K-12 topics during the year.

Public Relations Committee

Kelly Jordan, Public Relations Chair

This year PDTA proudly participated in a variety of public relations opportunities. Our committee does a lot of work to raise money for the Barb Shapiro Student Scholarship Fund. Each year, PDTA awards two scholarships to high school students interested in a career in the field of education. One student from Pittsford Sutherland and one student from Pittsford Mendon will receive a scholarship for \$2000 this year. That was an increase from last year, due to previous success with our fundraising efforts.

Our main fundraisers for the scholarship fund are the PDTA apparel sale, raffle at the Benefits Fair, and the Chicken BBQ. This year, we tried a second apparel sale, and it was successful to bring in additional funds. The total amount raised for the scholarships this year was \$4205.89. The Benefits Fair raffle and PDTA apparel/gear sale raised \$1749, and the Chicken BBQ raised \$2177.74, and the spring apparel sale raised \$279. As part of the Chicken BBQ sale, our members donated 70 meals to PYS families this spring.

Thank you to all who gave, participated in events, and supported our Barb Shapiro Student Scholarship Fund this year! It has been a great year to support our community and students. A HUE thank you and shoutout to all of our building PR committee reps who volunteer their time and make these events possible. Please follow PDTA on Facebook and Twitter to keep up with our PR events.

Safety and SEL Committees Report

Robyn Paino, Safety & Wellness Committees Chair

This year as safety and SEL committee chairperson I attended multiple monthly meetings to support the district's ongoing initiatives to support the social emotional wellbeing and safety of our students and staff.

- SEL meetings were held monthly on Wednesdays, from 1-3 at BRMS.
- Safety Council meetings were held monthly on Wednesdays, from 3:30 to 5pm at BRMS.
- PDTA representative meetings were held monthly on Mondays, from 3:30-5pm at SHS.
- Project Safety Committee meetings were held monthly on Mondays, from 3:30-4:30 at BRMS.

As a chairperson my role was to listen, communicate, and support staff surrounding their concerns and questions with the ongoing Capital Improvement Project, Habits of Mind district roll out and logistics, ICE procedures and safeguards, heat mitigation in classrooms, and transferring our safety form from paper to electronic for easier accessibility and tracking.

Overall, there were minimal safety concerns, and the ones that were brought to my attention were quickly handled at the district level. The district continues to prioritize this work to ensure students and staff are able to work and learn at the highest level.

Special Events Committee Report

Erica Bonin, Special Events Chair

The Special Events Committee successfully planned and executed two major events during the 2025–2026 school year: the Benefits Fair at CRMS and the Retirement and 20-Year Service Recognition Celebration at Ravenwood Golf Club.

The Benefits Fair was held at CRMS on October 23, 2025. Committee members collaborated with Pittsford Food Services to coordinate refreshments for attendees. The committee also assisted with event setup, welcomed staff members, directed participants to the flu shot clinic, and ensured an efficient cleanup following the event.

The Retirement and 20-Year Service Recognition Celebration was held on June 3 at Ravenwood Golf Club. The committee selected a Kentucky Derby theme for the event and worked closely with the venue to coordinate food service, seating arrangements, and room layout. In preparation for the celebration, committee members organized and wrapped gifts for retirees and employees being recognized for 20 years of service. The committee also arranged for a district employee to serve as the event photographer.

On the day of the celebration, committee members arrived early to decorate tables, finalize event preparations, and welcome guests. Photographs were taken of retirees and their guests upon arrival and throughout the evening. These photos will be shared with retirees over the summer as a keepsake from the event.

Through careful planning, collaboration, and attention to detail, the Special Events Committee helped create meaningful and memorable experiences that recognized and celebrated members of the district community.