

# PDTA Representative Assembly Meeting

## March 13, 2017

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**Present:** T. Anderson, C. Bader, S. Bielec, G. Bischooping, M. Brown, B. Burrows, D. Cerbone, K. Chesko, J. DiBrango, C. Doggett, K. Dolan, J. Drake, L. Drake, S. Ebert, L. Ehrlich, P. Fink, C. Foti, K. Grace, M. Hamblin, M. Hellem, K. Jordan, S. Kaier-Tuttle, G. Kemp, T. Kennell, B. Kramer, D. Larson, P. LeVan, M. Maland, A. Marshall, R. Matthews, L. Mauger, P. Mayer, V. McCutcheon, D. Nichols, D. Pellegrino, R. Ramesh, B. Regan, K. Roser, H. Schindeler, B. Shafer, J. Shaw, K. Shea, K. Socker, L. Spring, C. Teel, S. Tontarski, S. Warchol, D. Zobel

1. Additions to the Agenda
2. Approval of the Minutes
  - a. Representative Assembly – February 2017 approved
  - b. Executive Committee – March 2017 approved
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Old Business
  - a. Deadline for tenure recommendations is March 30<sup>th</sup>. PDTA requests from administration to be made aware of any potential denial of tenure. The officers have a meeting with HR about any member concerns.
5. New Business
  - a. PDTA is in need of 1-2 volunteers for this summer's annual AFT audit. Elected officers cannot participate in this audit. The audit is conducted one morning or afternoon in August. Lunch is provided. Jill Drake and Lisa Mauger have already volunteered to participate. If you are interested, please contact Kim and David.
  - b. Budget Committee proposal: PDTA is looking for a committee to help to put together the budget for the following year. The committee will be meeting for an afternoon within the next month. If any member of the RA is interested, he / she should contact Kim and David. A recommendations has been made to make two separate budgets: one for normal operation, and one for a non-agency fee possibility.
  - c. Contract has been signed. We will print a copy for each RA member. All new teachers and SRPS who begin in September will receive a hard copy. A limited number of hard copies will be available in the PDTA office on a first come basis. An electronic copy is available on our website [www.pdta.org](http://www.pdta.org).
  - d. Ebeling Fundraiser:
    - Pittsford Bands Together—at Johnny's Bar and Grill on March 31<sup>st</sup>. There is no admission charge, but donations will be accepted.
    - SHS silent auction with musical event located at Sutherland High School. Date TBD.
  - e. PDTA members participated in this march for education in downtown Rochester to encourage the legislators to increase funding to public schools. Information about calling senators about funding concerns will be available through social media.
  - f. Petitions are due April 4<sup>th</sup> for district level PDTA positions.
6. Committee Reports – Committee chairs please share any updates.

Professional Growth: April 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for study-grants / Crump foundation applications

Public Relations: Fundraiser for our PDTA student scholarships on May 16<sup>th</sup> at BRMS. PDTA needs to raise \$1000 to be able to fully fund the scholarships. Fundraiser will be a chicken BBQ, with tickets sold ahead of times. Meals are \$10 and will be served from 3-7pm. Ticket sales will occur during the month of April.

Political Action: Vote Cope numbers are up from last year by \$5000. While we are up in money, we are down with the number of people contributing. PDTA is striving to send the message that Vote Cope is non-partisan, and benefits all professional staff.

In district lobbying dates are May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Karen Grace if you are interested in participating. There is the potential of taking a union day with the president's approval.

## 7. Special Reports

### President:

- PDTA is in the process of interviewing candidates for the BOE, and preparing for an endorsement of individual candidates.
- Seniority items will be discussed with HR in late March and each member and building rep will be notified of each issue as it is resolved. The window to submit issues is now closed. Kim and Jolene will be setting up a meeting by the end of the month to look over seniority problems. All members who sent in a seniority error will be notified when the error has been resolved.
- PDTA Social Media Accounts – Looking for a VOLUNTEER social media coordinator for remainder of the year. Kim Chesko is now managing the FB and Twitter account for PDTA on an interim basis only.
- Speak Out – early April edition – committee chairs and others need to report out for spring activities
- Rochester Area Labor Council breakfast: Jolene represented PDTA at the Labor Council breakfast.
- Committee of 100—NYSUT's lobbying day (K-12). 700 people represented NYSUT. Local unions were sending people to be trained about the constitutional convention. The district leadership was present lobbying for public school funding as well. The main concerns dealing with funding are the following:
  - Expansion of the millionaires tax
  - Ensuring that the tax cap equals 2% & eliminating the super majority
  - Close the carried interest loop hold
- Jolene attended a meeting with New York State Education Department. She participated in the following focus groups
  - ESSA—(Every Student Succeeds Act) Legislation at the national level that replaced NCLB. Local unions are giving feedback about this legislation.
  - Principal program guidelines—longer internships (possibly year-long), looking at varied levels and settings, add competency based expectation, and possible continuous learning opportunities
- PDTA workshop: History of Unions. PDTA needs an additional officer to assist with this workshop.

### Vice President-Administration:

- PDTA participated in the AROS (Alliance to reclaim our schools) day of action with shields in February and we are interested in keeping this activist momentum going. We are looking for ideas for another day of action around the budget vote. If you have any ideas, please contact Kim.
- PTSA – Encourage all PDTA members to join! Membership is \$8 but any amount is appreciated. Student Benefit Fund - Forms are electronic and found exclusively on [www.pdta.org](http://www.pdta.org)

### Vice President-Negotiations

- Contract is signed and posted on PDTA website. [www.pdta.org](http://www.pdta.org)

### Resolution Specialist

- Attended a United Way dinner. Labor provides over 60% of the funding for the united way campaign
- Attended Legislative breakfast: A new perspective for the constitutional convention—if you think about our current political climate, do you really think that the constitution will come out better?
- Still working with the district about how and when overages are applied. Dwayne is also working on how overages are calculated.

Delegates: Nothing to report

Retirees: PDRTA will continue to give \$1200 towards the PDTA scholarship.

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Ebert