

Executive Committee Meeting
Lomb Porch
Monday, April 9, 2018 at 3:30 pm
Agenda

Updates:

- Elementary Report Card Core Committee: The last meeting was cancelled to give more time to look at the data from the most recent release day.

- Elementary Standards Leader Posting: PDTA and the District have reached the following decision. The group involved in this decision included teacher representatives from the district offices, elementary teachers, PDTA, PDAA, and all remaining Core Elementary Standards Leaders.
 - Math and Science Standards Leader will be posted as a 1.0 position
 - This is a one-year plan with an agreement to review this structure and alternative options next year.
 - Building Level teaching position for the standards leader will be protected.There is still concern about the number of leaders currently at the elementary level as well as the impact it may have for elementary teachers to be pulled out of the classroom full time.

- Membership of Special Education Large Group Interview Committee: A change in the structure for this committee went through the Elementary Leadership Team. This change would result in the reduction of teachers on this committee. It was then determined, in conjunction with HR, that this decision should be made through the Elementary Academic Counsel to ensure representation from both teachers and administration. EAC has decided to not pursue the proposed change; therefore, this interview committee will remain as previously structured.

- The ambassador lists have been finalized for the 1:1 meetings with members. Ambassadors will also have the “Why in 5” cards and the pamphlets to hand to members at the end of the meeting. The goal is for these meetings to be completed within 30 days, but if more time is needed, that deadline could potentially be extended. Must be completed for NYSUT by June 1st.

Discussions/New Business:

- PDTA apparel discussion: PDTA’s contact person for the tee-shirt orders is no longer working with the company that has been providing our shirts. This, in addition to the high cost of this company, has led the Public Relations chairperson to request that we move our tee-shirt sales to a company run by Alex Chesko, with whom PDTA worked previously, and who originally designed the PDTA logo that is on the current shirts.
This proposed change was brought to the Executive Committee for a vote, which passed.

- Elections and Constitutional Changes Ratification: If there are any district level elections needed, they will occur within the next two weeks. In addition to district level elections, PDTA will need to vote on the amended constitution. Both votes will occur at the same time. More information to follow.

- With the possibility of FDK looming, the Executive Committee discussed the possible posting process for the elementary level. It was voted upon at Executive Committee that the current posting practices will remain in place. This means that any full time teacher may post to openings for other grade levels (including K) and / or other buildings. Fulfillment of those postings will be decided by seniority. Once all full time employees have moved, part time employees may post for any remaining positions.

- Opt Out position: PDTA believes in the right for parents to opt their children out of the NYS assessments. The District and PDTA have agreed that there needs to be a neutral stance on this issue from both PDTA and the District. Dwayne will address messages shared in buildings that may not align with this.

- Calendar: 2019 Retirement party date is tentatively scheduled for the Thursday before a long Memorial Weekend. It was recommended that this date be moved one week earlier to avoid conflicting with member travel plans.
- Seniority lists: All issues have been addressed and the outcome communicated. If you have not received communication about your issue, please contact Dwayne.
- June Exec Meeting will be held off district premises.
- Treasurer: PDTA Modified Budget Review for 2018-19 and audit committee will be brought to the RA for volunteers.
- Kim: There is an MOA in discussion with HR to correct the language in the contract around Co-taught classes and Consultant teaching. This MOA will expand all contractual language for Co-taught to those classes that are utilizing Consultant teaching.
- Building Reports: There is still a major concern about substitutes, especially at the elementary level. Dwayne reminded all the building representatives that we have negotiated terms where a teacher, from any level, may give up an unassigned time period to cover a class for a colleague. This member would receive pro-rated curriculum rate pay for those 40 minutes. This request should come from an administrator. In addition to this, Dwayne also reminded building representatives of the contractual language around Para support in the elementary classes. If Paras are being pulled, it is possible there is a breach of contract, which must be brought to the attention of administration.

Building news:

TR school news

Samantha Gulisano (St. James) was married to Brandon Gulisano on February 17, 2018
Bernadette Canfield is the recipient of this year's PTSA Honorary Life Membership Award

MCE news:

Courtney Harrison had a healthy, baby boy, Benjamin on 4-6-18

Respectfully Submitted,
Shari Ebert