

PDTA Representative Assembly Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 11, 2019, promptly at 3:30 pm
3:30 – 5:00

1. Attached to Agenda: 2019-20 Executive Budget Highlights and NYSUTs Request
Spec. Ed. Communication Tree
Spec. Ed. Key Contact List

2. Approval of the Minutes (sent with agenda)
 - a. Representative Assembly – February 2019 **Action: accepted**
 - b. Executive Committee –March 2019 **Action: accepted**

3. Treasurer's Report

4. Old Business
 - a. Pdta Constitution Review:

Stephanie Warchol is continuing a comprehensive review of the PDTA Constitution. A draft will be brought forward to the RA in April and then to our active members for review and ratification this spring. The goal is to have the membership vote on this during the April election.

 - b. Benefits Fair
 - i. Venue – A decision has been made to continue holding the event at the Burgundy Basin Inn
 - ii. The PDTA Sub-Committee met with the Superintendent. We are working to update our process documents. Currently there is no room for additional vendors unless a need from the membership comes up. PDTA and the District will analyze those needs as they come up. PDTA is keeping a list of contact information from possible vendors so that we can access them if there is an opening/need.

5. SPED Discussion Update:
 - a. Members are encouraged to use the Communication Tree and Contact lists attached to communicate any Special Education concerns to the appropriate identified individual. PDTA is hoping to shift the communication that has come to PDTA to the appropriate member of the Special Education department.
 - b. When district/CSE provided supports do not meet the unique needs of the particular student it is important that our members not provide support in conflict with this decision. PDTA understands the challenge in this and is working on ensuring clear communication of responsibilities to the teachers.
 - c. Continued conversations with the District around how PST is run district wide. PDTA is hoping to gain consistency with this process.

6. New Business
 - a. 2018 Member Transfer Survey:

Survey will be distributed to all transfer members mid-March. This survey is going to everyone who has transferred any position in the past year.

Bold items should be included in building minutes.

b. 2019-2020 PCSD Calendar:

The PCSD calendar has been released for next school year. PDTA is working on an MOU which will allow for Elementary staff to start the year one day earlier and end one day earlier, whereas the secondary staff will start the school year one day later and end on the rating day for secondary staff. This MOU meets the diverse needs of our elementary and secondary members.

c. Seniority lists:

Dwayne will be meeting with HR to discuss each item. All members who submitted a request will receive a message of the status from either Dwayne or HR.

d. Elementary Conference Day:

June 24th will be an elementary staff conference day to finalize the discussions on the implementation of the new report card system. This was decided because there are 3 days with no students at the end of this calendar year, which is an increase from last year.

e. PDTA Kindergarten lunch:

March 19th Dwayne is providing a lunch for the kindergarten teachers to express appreciation the work that the teachers have put into implementing FDk. The Superintendent and the ASI will be invited.

f. NYSUT: Look at Teaching Summit:

RA discussed some ideas of how to promote the teaching profession to get more students to pursue teaching as a career. Discussion that the media doesn't always portray the profession in a positive way, so what are some ways that we can help promote teaching as a profession among our students and community.

g. PDTA Elections Process

i. Filling Committees:

Agreed practice from last year as at RA:

In the event that more than one person is interested in representing PDTA on a District committee and there is no stated need for balanced representation (Building, Grade, Subject, Core/Encore/Support, Primary/Intermediate); an election process will be implemented. No signature sheets are required to apply for these positions.

- ii. Officer positions will be posted first, then building level positions. Open: President VP for admin, secretary, treasurer, delegates 3 and 4
- iii. Transition Secretary and Treasurer to 2-year terms (add to constitution revisions)?

Action: Will be added to the constitutional amendments being made. If passes, Secretary will begin the 2-year term and Treasurer will run for a 2-year term next year.

7. Committee Reports

a. PAC: ATTACHED: 2019-20 Executive Budget Highlights and NYSUTs Requests

b. The RA in October will be located in the downtown NYSUT offices. The meeting may not be able to start until 4:30 and will go until 5:30 with phone banking after.

8. Special Reports

President:

a. Important dates:

Annual United Way Drive: March 11th – 15th

SRP retirements letters for retirement at the end of the school year with Career Award are due by March 31st

Retirement Party (Eagle Vale) - May 16, 2019

Graduation (RIT) June 29, 2018 (SHS 10:00am & MHS 2:00pm)

b. Other

- i. Application forms for the “Barb Shapiro Scholarship Fund” have been distributed to the high school Counselors. PDTA members, please make students who are planning a career in education aware of this unique scholarship opportunity.

Vice President-Administration: No report

Vice President-Negotiations: No report

Resolution Specialist: Instructional materials center

With Debbie B. retiring there is a void for Instructional Materials. Kim will be speaking to HR about impact negotiations—the impact that the elimination of this position has had on our members. The district has not indicated whether they will replace the position, so PDTA is working on ways that the District can support teachers during this absence. Members should let their administrator know how impacted. The teacher center will not be filling in for the Instructional Materials Center.

Communication : Speak Out deadlines

Month	Submitt	Publish
March	3/18	3/21
May	5/13	5/16
June	6/10	6/13