


PDTA Representative Assembly Meeting

November 14, 2016

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. Hellems, ~~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. McCutchon, 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: None
2. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Representative Assembly – October 2016: Approved
 - b. Executive Committee – None
3. Treasurer's Report: Presented by David. No questions / comments.
4. Old Business
 - a. Update: Elementary report card function meeting:
Meeting in October looking at the functionality:
Elementary building reps will send examples to Jeff C
Jeff C will put together a tutorial along with a cheat sheet
Jamie and Kathy will send out email reminders
Feedback will go to Jolene
 - b. Update: PCSD and PDTA meeting with Senator Funke re: Full Day K and school funding
Senator F listened to our concerns about not having full day K, because our money is frozen we will only get aid for half day even if we switch to full day. Senator F was receptive, but we are not sure what he will be able to do about it. He is going to try to get answer for the school district around doing an additional referendum to offer full day K.

Melanie W called together all of the kindergarten teachers and the elementary principals to discuss the work that will need to happen before approving full day K. They discussed the development of guiding principles which will guide the work. She has a plan in place to develop a committee to help. This committee will include a PDTA representative (Donna N)
 - c. Update: Elementary Scheduling Survey
Wednesday: Melanie W will show the results of the elementary scheduling survey. Elementary representatives will have the data. They will share any concerns that they may see. Another survey will go out in January. We are hoping that we will be able to gather more as the survey goes out during the year.
 - d. Other
5. New Business
 - a. Kevin Ebeling's family and PDTA's efforts to help raise money (Thank you CRMS & SHS)
We would like to deliver the first round of money before Thanksgiving. Jolene will pick up the majority of the money, but others will be delivering it to the PDTA office.
 - b. Webmaster  Social Media Coordinator
Jen Leonardo is planning on retiring. The webpage will require a whole new re-build. The current stipend is \$800, which Jolene would like to reduce. Jolene has proposed that we incorporate the webmaster with a social media coordinator position. If that doesn't work, the webmaster could keep the \$800 stipend for the year of the re-build, but be decreased to maintain the site.
 - c. Wellness Committee – PRE and SHS need to have representatives for this committee. This committee focuses on nutrition, and mental health. It also focuses on the Dignity act for students.

- d. District Full Day K posting process idea – feedback required
- e. Outside Observations began November 1st
- f. Other

6. Committee Reports – **Committee chairs please share any updates.**

Extracurricular: MCE has not gotten contracts. Problem has been resolved. All extra--curricular advisors should have a contract.

Professional Growth—PDTA received a request for a study grant, and money has been granted to the member.

7. Special Reports

President:

- Building Visits in December and January
- SRP Day TOMORROW
- TRS Pre-Retirement Workshop for Teachers Only: December 15 (3:30-5). SHS LGI. Spouses welcome.
- Dues start tomorrow
- NYSUT Resources:
 - **Your Blueprint for a Successful Retirement is now available at <http://www.nysut.org/members/retirees/retirement-guide>. This is an excellent resource for members who are approaching that time of their careers. Visit: [http://www.nysut.org/utilities/search-results?keyword=retirement guide](http://www.nysut.org/utilities/search-results?keyword=retirement%20guide)**
 - **Fall 2016 NYSUT Member Benefits E-Newsletter <http://online.fliphtml5.com/pwms/lhtw/>**
 - **Fact Sheet on Lead in School Drinking water sent as separate attachment**
- Other

Vice President-Administration:

Board of Education

DPT

PTSA – Encourage all PDTA members to join! Membership is \$8 but any amount is appreciated. Drive will be extended until Thanksgiving.

Student Benefit Fund - Forms are electronic and found exclusively on www.pdta.org

Vice President-Negotiations: Contract is in the hands of the district's attorney and NYSUT.

Resolution Specialist: It's every member's responsibility to check your own financials (sick time, pay checks, stipends, graduate credits etc.)

Delegates: Any updates from last week's meeting with Catalina Fortino?

Retirees

8. Adjournment