

PDTA Representative Assembly Meeting Agenda

Monday, October 17, 2016, promptly at 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: SHS LGI

Present: T. Anderson, C. Bader, S. Bielec, G. Bischooping, M. Brown, B. Burrows, D. Cerbone, K. Chesko, T. Cole, 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 – September 2016: Approved
 - b. Executive Committee – October 2016: Approved
3. Treasurer's Report: Presented by David
4. Old Business
 - a. Scheduling Survey closes today at 5 pm! For elementary teachers. As of today 150 teachers have responded to the survey. There will be 2 more opportunities to survey the staff.
 - b. Elementary report card function meeting this week. Jeff C agreed to meet with elementary building reps on Wednesday about the functionality.
 - c. Elementary report card content update. Building reps met with Melanie W. From that meeting some recommendations were made to Erin Ciccone who have implemented some immediate changes. Erin is bring the feedback / changes to Elementary Academic Council.
 - d. PLC article in the next Speak Out: This month speak out Jolene's article will focus on PLCs and politics. Shared communication went out to principals: PDTA is in support of collaboration, but this year needs to be slow. Any time that is administrator directed can be used for PLC (faculty meeting, ILT meetings, and superintendent's conference days). Any time that is teacher directed cannot be mandated as PLC time. Administration cannot mandate the products out of PLCs because that is not what we have agreed to. Mike Leone has is not supportive of release time for PLC work.
 - e. FMLA practices: HR has requested a diagnosis from two members. PDTA never agreed to language requesting a diagnosis.
 - f. Personal days: Principals should not be requesting the reason for the personal day, but the absence should align with the stipulation set forth in the contract. There is nothing in our contract that requires a reason if requesting multiple consecutive personal days.

Other:

5. New Business
 - a. **On-line and Blended Learning Committee is assembled** On-line learning co-chairs: Mike Donner, Jeff Cimmerer. Other members: Lynn Drake, Paula Fink, Dwayne Cerbone, Scott Bielec, Cheryl Picarel.
 - b. Other: Please take the survey that SED is sending out. Focus groups, which included Jolene sent feedback to SED which influenced the creation of this survey.
 - c. Gofundme campaign for Kevin D. Jolene is looking into additional ways to contribute to this family. PDTA is looking for a couple of people to reach out to CRMS with any ideas for fundraisers.

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

- a. Public Relations: Building reps: we did collect shirt sizes for all new teachers, and they will receive a PDTA t-shirt as a gift from the association. They do NOT need to submit an order with any money. We are filling those orders for them.
- b. Political Action: VOTE! Phone banking opportunities Thursday 3:30-5:00, Thursday October 27 3:30-5:00. NYSUT would like to get us in a good place for the presidential vote and for the convention.
- c. Health and Safety: Collecting evidence on hot rooms for meeting in January. All buildings should have done a lockdown drill and / or have one plan. Staff is supposed to be sending feedback to building principal. Lockdown drills are only a threat for inside the building. It's okay to be visible from outside. District is conducting lead testing in sinks and drinking fountains. Cold rooms on the Tuesday after Columbus day. The heating system failed and the problem was communicated to the building principals, but information was not distributed to faculty.
- d. Membership: None
- e. Communications: None
- f. Extracurricular: None

7. Special Reports

President:

- Building Visits in November and December
- Committee appointments by PDTA: We have had people step down from district level committees (SEAC, APPR). If you are asked to be on a committee as a PDTA person, and you can no longer serve, you need to contact Jolene or the building representative, so that an appropriate replacement can be found.
- PCSD and PDTA meeting with Senator Funke re: Full Day K and school funding. Jolene is going with the BOE and Mike Pero to discuss funding opportunities.
- Learning opportunities: Union solidarity/Confidential meetings/District level meetings
- November's Exec Mtg: Could potentially be cancelled. If it is necessary to have a meeting Kim will run it.
- Important dates:
 - PDTA Teacher Center Workshops: October 20 (politics), November 3 (what to say about unions)
 - SRP Day November 15
 - SRP Pre-Retirement Workshop for SRPs Only: October 24 (3:30-4:30)
 - TRS Pre-Retirement Workshop for Teachers Only: December 15 (3:30-5)
- Other

Vice President-Administration:

Board of Education

DPT

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

Vice President-Negotiations: Contract has been looked at by both sides. It will go to NYSUT and the attorneys.
Resolution Specialist: Working through updates to staffing and travel documents.
Delegates: 11/3 ED 5/6 Meeting Guest Speaker NYSUT VP Catalina Fortino (Any RA Members Welcome)
Retirees: Luncheon with the Jolene as the guest speaker.