

PDTA Representative Assembly Meeting Minutes Monday, March 8, 2021



1. Opening:

- a. Review of NYSUT/PDNTA Code of Conduct
- b. Additions to the Agenda:

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- a. Re-opening scenario committee report

Dwayne asked representatives to communicate concerns around the idea of re-opening. There are many factors involved in this decision; therefore, PDNTA wanted to know the concerns of the membership to ensure accurate representation during the meetings.

3. Approval of the Minutes (sent with agenda)

- a. Representative Assembly – February 2021
- b. Executive Committee – March 2021

Motion to approve minutes:

Representative Assembly minutes are approved as is

Executive Committee minutes, approved as amended: Change line: PDNTA does not endorse in local elections to PDNTA has not endorsed local elections.

4. Treasurer's Report: (sent with agenda)

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5. Old Business

- a. Travel out of state:

Any questions around the change in travel restrictions and its impact should be brought to the building principal.

- b. Vaccinations

PDNTA remains committed to advocating for all staff to have access to a vaccination, if desired by staff members.

- c. Seniority issues:

Dwayne is working with HR on issues of seniority. Communication is forthcoming. Seniority matters must be addressed before voluntary transfer postings occur.

Bold items should be included in building minutes.

6. New Business

a. 2020-21 Posting Process: Resetting of pre-TLM Staffing

Members have been re-centered to positions that were held before the TLM began.

PDTA is advocating that no members be harmed due to the TLM process

b. PDTA District Elections 2021-22

i. President, Executive VP, All SRP Reps, All Committee Chairs, RA Delegates 3,5,6 and NYSTRS Delegates

ii. Dates – See *Important Dates* below

- March 8th : The election memo for Officers and District Level Positions will be sent out.
- April 5th : Officers and District Level Positions petitions due to PDTA office.
- April 12th : The election memo for Building/Unit Level Positions will be provided to Building Reps for distribution.
- April 20th : Officer and District Level Elections will be held, if needed.
- April 23rd : Building/Unit Level Positions petitions will be due in our office
- May 11th : Building Level Elections will be held, if needed.
- May 21st : Building Elections Results and Committee Member Form due to the PDTA office.

iii. SRP Reps – Filling Vacated Seats: Lorinda Spring

PDTA would like to focus on ensuring there be an SRP representative in all buildings. Please encourage SRPs to run for representative, especially if there are no SRP representatives currently in your building.

c. Mandated Standardized Testing – PDTA and NYSUT continue our advocacy efforts

NYSUT and AFT are still advocating at the federal level for a change in this requirement. As of now, only federally required exams will be administered. PDTA and the district are looking into testing accommodations as well as the end of the year calendar. More information will be forthcoming by the state.

d. PEF (Formerly KEEP) - Honor and Educator:

The PEF foundation would like to encourage staff to highlight a fellow colleague by using the “Honor and Educator” award through PEF. For more information, please contact Kristen Dolan.

e. School Calendar Draft 2021-2022

PDTA discussed the draft calendar. The proposed calendar is set to go to the Board Of Education later this month.

f. Meeting scheduled next Monday for Elem. EAC reps and Elem PDTA Reps

This meeting was called by Dwayne due to disjointed conversations. PDTA wants to ensure that PDTA members who sit on committees through PDTA are voicing the concerns of the membership they represent.

7. Committee Reports

a. Communications

2020-21 Speak Out Deadlines

Speak Out	Submission Deadline	Publication Date
March	3/15	3/18
May	5/10	5/13
June	6/14	6/17

b. Extracurricular (Katie Shea)

Update: PDTA is currently advocating for appropriate stipends based on workload of the club / activity. Please talk to your building representative before signing contracts.

c. Health and Safety (Emily Natoli-Burns)

d. Membership (Paul LeVan)

e. Political Action (Karen Grace)

i. Committee of 100 Update

ii. Legislative Forum

iii. PDTA BOE and Local Elections Endorsement Process

A. BOE (Petitions due 4/19th):

Valerie Baum and Irene Narotsky announced they are not running for the BOE.

Rene Kazacos announced she is running again for the BOE

B. Local Elections

3 candidates for Pittsford Supervisor/Town Council have solicited endorsement from the PDTA
Bill Smith, Alexe Dunham (NYSUT), Kim Taylor (CSEA)

As per RA practice, when a candidate requests endorsement of PDTA it is brought to the Representative Assembly to determine whether we would like to endorse in the local election.

Motion to continue our current practice of **not** endorsing in local elections.

Motion passes.

- f. Professional Advancement (Cindy Merrifield)
No report
- g. Professional Growth (Julie Barker)
No report
- h. Public Relations (Nina Talamo)
No report
- i. Special Events (Shari Ebert)
Currently working on the logistics of the retirement party.
Looking into the possibility of holding the Benefits Fair in district

8. Special Reports

President:

- a. Important Interests to Members
 - Seniority Interest Update
 - For tax purposes, each member's annual union dues for 2020 is shown on the last paycheck stub of the year. This information can be obtained in WinCap.
 - 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. (Applications Due: 04/20/21)
- b. Important dates:
 - Annual United Way Drive:
 - Retirement: Para/SRP members considering retirement in June who are eligible for the Career Award are encouraged to review the contractual provisions and submit your letter to HR by Thursday, April 1st (5th) . Please contact the PDTA office if you have any questions.
 - Retirement Party – TBD (Eagle Vale) - May 20, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.
 - Senior Parade : June 5th
 - Graduation : June 19th

Executive Vice President:

- a. Upcoming PTSA Meeting – March 10th at 7:00PM. We encourage PDTA members of the PTSA to attend and participate in the voting.
 - i. Here is the Zoom Link for the Meeting:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99575050368?pwd=Sk0zVk1FczZoS3FBOTFuSnVORWZwZz09>

Meeting ID: 995 7505 0368

Passcode: 696345

- ii. To assist with voting, please email your non-school email address to Stephanie Warchol (PTSA Rep) prior to the meeting.
- iii. You must be a PTSA member to attend. For Faculty/Staff membership
<https://www.cognitoforms.com/PittsfordPTSA/ptsamembershipform20202021>
- b. Student Benefit Fund - Forms are electronic and found exclusively on www.pdta.org
- c. Social Media - FB page (Pittsford District Teachers Association), Twitter (@PDTAunion)

Vice President-Negotiations

No Report

Resolution Specialist

No report

Delegates

No report

Retiree (PDRTA)

No report

Respectfully Submitted,

Shari Ebert
PDTA Secretary