

PDTA Representative Assembly Meeting
December 11, 2017
SHS, LGI

Present: M. Althouse, T. Anderson, C. Bader, L. Backscheider, J. Barker, G. Bischooping, B. Burrows, D. Cerbone, K. Chesko, T. Cole, 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, L. Mauger, P. Mayer, V. McCutchon, C. Merrifield, D. Pellegrino, J. Pink, R. Ramesh, B. Regan, B. Kecskemety, K. Rudd, H. Schindeler, B. Shafer, J. Shaw, K. Shea, K. Socker, L. Spring, S. Tontarski, S. Warchol, D. Zobel

1. Additions to the Agenda (Short agenda to allow time for us to focus on our preparations for January 22nd.)
2. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Representative Assembly – November 2017 Action: accepted
 - b. Executive Committee – December 2017 Action: accepted
3. Treasurer’s Report:
4. Old Business
 - a. Maternity/Disability Leave Pamphlet is being revised by an RA subcommittee. When work is completed, it will be reviewed with HR. We are not anticipating that to be completed before the end of the year; therefore, any member requiring leave for pregnancy should discuss this with the PDTA President.
 - b. Facilities: Dwayne has been speaking with the superintendent about facilities.
 - i. There has been a request that the BRMS Relocatable Classrooms be relocated. Testing of the air quality came back positive, but conversations are still continuing to ensure that the relocatable classrooms are safe for staff and students.
 - ii. There have been conversations in the district around space for FDK. Building representatives should speak to principals about the number of sections will be anticipated and what building space will be used for those sections. We hope to have some earlier information on the budget from NYS around FDK.
 - c. Union Town Hall (NYSUT Regional Office) –PDTA is interested in looking into offering the spring and summer professional development at the Union Hall, downtown.
5. New Business
 - a. Grade level building release: The superintendent asked about some buildings having release time while other buildings are not allowing that. The superintendent is going to bring this to the elementary principals to come up with a consistent solution for each elementary school. These days are in addition to the release days in the contract.
 - b. Substitute Recommendation Process
 - i. Dwayne is working with HR to capture and streamline the recommendation/application process.
 - ii. Superintendent Pero will be including a job posting for substitute teachers, paras, and nurses in his next newsletter.
 - iii. HR / Finance / PDTA will be meeting to discuss the potential of allowing teachers to take a .2 instead of a .5 for a substitute.
 - c. NYSUT Leadership Institute—Anyone interested in this program, please contact Dwayne.
 - d. NYSUT Regional Winter Conference Saturday January 27th (formally the negotiations conference)
 - i. Registration Deadline is Tuesday December 19th
 - ii. Following registration, please share with Dwayne the workshops you registered to attend.
6. Special Reports
 - a. President:
Important dates:
 - i. Rochester NYSUT Negotiations Conference January 27th 2018 Hyatt
 - ii. Full PDTA Membership Meeting: Monday, January 22nd
 - iii. All written letters of retirement must be submitted to HR by January 15th

- b. Vice President-Administration: Student benefits fund form has been updated. It is located on the PDTA website under documents.
- c. Vice President-Negotiations--This will be the most significant portion of our meeting. **Please bring a Laptop!**
 - i. Representative assembly participated in professional development around collecting interests for the contract that will occur during our January 22nd general assembly meeting.
 - ii. January 22nd General Membership Meeting has been scheduled to collect contract interests for the next round of negotiations. All members should plan to attend this important meeting. We will begin in the auditorium at SHS, then break out to small groups. Table groups will be asked to briefly share their interests, provide possible solutions and to rank/prioritize those interests.
- d. Resolution Specialist: Kim recently attended the NYSUT Woman's committee
 - i. NYSUT is working really hard for us in Albany. Our dues are working hard!
- e. Communications
 - i. Our next Speak Out deadline date is Monday 1/29 for a Friday 2/1 publication.
 - ii. Please forward Building News and pictures of events and happenings.
- f. Retiree: (Retiree Representative attendance at Jan 22nd RA is not required)
 - i. Our retirees collected \$342 dollars for the scholarship fund at the Christmas luncheon where the Barker Road 8th grade chorus entertained us with beautiful voices.
 - ii. We are still collecting peanut butter and jelly and non-perishables for the Pittsford food cupboard. Several boxes of items were collected at the luncheon