

PDTA Representative Assembly Meeting

April 24, 2017

Present: T. Anderson, C. Bader, S. Bielec, G. Bischooping, M. Brown, B. Burrows, D. Cerbone, K. Chesko, J. DiBrange, 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: Discuss the changes to the budget proposal
2. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Representative Assembly – March 2017: approved
 - b. Executive Committee – April 2017: approved
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Old Business
 - a. NYSUT officers:
5. New Business
 - a. Vice President for Admin approval: Stephanie Worchel has been named to fill in for Vice President Admin. Nomination was approved by RA.
 - b. Ebeling Fundraiser at SHS with a silent auction. Information will be sent to building representatives by Lynne Drake. Buildings will put together a themed basket to be auctioned off at the event.
 - c. Recommendation on web hosting platform: Brian Reagan will be taking over the website in June. He recommends that we change platforms for the site to Wix at a cost for \$10 per month (increase of \$20 per year). It has been proposed that we try this platform for one year and re-assess at the end of the year. RA as approved this change.
 - d. Kicks for kids: Student activity fair set up to raise money for scholarships to help support students who want to attend Camp Corey. It has been requested that PDTA donate money to help with startup costs. Last year PDTA donated \$200 to help support a camper. A motion to donate \$330 to the cause (\$10 per student), which was approved by the RA.
6. Committee Reports – Committee chairs please share any updates.

Professional Growth: Study grant applications were due before break. 4 applications were sent, and the committee is currently reviewing those applications.

Political action: In district committee of 100 will be May 18th and 19th. There is a possibility that members may use a PDTA release day.

Extracurricular: Please fill out the extracurricular evaluation as detailed as possible.

Safety and wellness:

- 1.) There are new fire codes that will take effect next fall: Artwork at teaching materials should not cover more than 50% of wall space. This includes bulletin boards. RA discussed that the building representatives should talk to principal about how they will communicate this to staff before teachers begin to decorate room.

2.) There are new guidelines for fieldtrips being created focusing on bus emergencies.

Substitute committee:

- 1.) There are concerns about the treatment of substitutes. We cannot negotiate anything about their workday, but we are working with administration to ensure that they are treated fairly.
- 2.) The district would like to report that they are trying to fill substitute vacancies. We will also have the opportunity to provide names on a form for people to fill vacancies.
- 3.) It has been recommended that we hire building subs for the elementary level.

Special Events: The retirement party will be on May 25th. RSVP is on-line and checks need to be sent to Karen in the PDTA office

Public Relations:

- 1.) PDTA apparel: There is still the opportunity to order this year, but it will be this year's style. Contact Kelly Jordan if you would like to order.
- 2.) Chicken BBQ sales are still going on. Contact your PR representative to purchase a meal.

7. Special Reports

President:

- Budget: PDTA does not have any say in the development of the budget. DPT gives recommendation for the budget, but the decision is ultimately up to the Superintendent and the BOE. PDTA has representation on DPT, and has also been giving feedback to the Superintendent on behalf of its membership.
- BOE Candidates, interviews, endorsement: This will happen this week by Kim, Dwayne and Denise. PDTA will interview 5 of the 6 candidates (they will not be interviewing Kim McCluskey) and they will be communicating the endorsements next week.
- GOTV Plan
 - May 1-4th phone banking in different locations. Contact Kim Chesko if you are interested in phone banking.
 - Week of May 7th—postcards: we will only go to the doors of the people who said yes during the phone bank.
 - May 16th—handing out fliers at the BBQ (able to do that if we are 100 feet away)
- Seniority items – Met with HR and resolved all issues. Resolves will be communicated by the end of the week.
- Posting practices document coming out at beginning of May. Kim will be sending this out in the next couple of days.
- PDTA office received a letter congratulating us on our Vote Cope funds.
- Officer transition: Dwayne will be working with Kim for the rest of the year, but Kim will finish the year as PDTA president. If there are any concerns, please send all concerns to both Dwayne and Kim.

Vice President-Negotiations

- APPR group has been meeting but there are not a lot of state regulation changes.

Resolution Specialist

- Communication through HR should go through the association, especially when dealing with staffing,

Retirees \$4220 was donated by PDRTA for Vote Cope. Average donation was \$31.73