# Executive Committee Meeting Monday March 1, 2021 Minutes



### **Updates:**

Extracurricular stipends for activities with a delayed start due to COVID-19:
 PDTA continues to discuss compensation for Extra Curricular activities with the district. The association is committed to finding a fair agreement that represents the workload of the extra curricular activities that have recently started.

## **New Business:**

- Reopening Fully
  - There appear to be conflicting messaging on who is authorized to make the decision regarding when to reopen fully. This is partially due to the media and other individuals taking segments of comments made by public officials and within official documents out of context to support a position or narrative. Technically, it is the District will make the decision but the decision must/should comply with, and function within, the framework of the existing guidelines, ongoing mandates and expert guidance provided.
  - PDTA, NYSUT and PCSD remain committed to advocating for member access to vaccinations as a prerequisite for fully reopening and/or modifying the existing protocols.
  - Update on continued PCSD and PDTA advocacy efforts.
    These efforts continue to be focused around reopening efforts, and vaccinations.

### COVID-19 Vaccinations

- Quarantine for travel:
  - At this time, quarantine/testing requirements following contact and travel are not affected by vaccination. PDTA and others are advocating for this to be reviewed and addressed.
- Vaccine availability:
  PDTA and PCSD continue to advocate for increased vaccination availability and access.

Vaccine reporting:

NYSUT is still working to assess if it is appropriate for an employer to ask if a member has been vaccinated for reporting purposes. At this time, we do not have concerns around the morning screening inquiries because they are voluntary. These will be used only to guide access to local opportunities for vaccination. PDTA continues to support member's ability to choose whether they give vaccine information to their employer.

### Vaccination related absences:

- Member should communicate need for an uncharged absence to obtain the vaccination to your immediate supervisor/principal. Please try to limit to partial day as possible. Use absence code: 264 PIT NO DEDUCT - HEALTH SCREENING.
- If <u>following</u> the vaccination you experience symptoms that require an absence, follow the guidance of your medical provider and supervisor:
  - If applicable, enter the absence into the substitute system as "253 PIT – QUARANTINE". You may be asked to provide evidence of vaccination as documentation of request for uncharged absence.
  - Follow the typical COVID-19 morning screening process and check "YES" to having related symptoms. If symptoms resolve in less than 48 hours, you may return to work, marking "NO" to any related questions in the Screening. If not, follow typical protocols.
- Responsive Draft Budget Guidelines were presented to the BOE 2/23/21.
- Seniority and Re-Setting of Pre-TLM staffing
  All members who moved due to the TLMs will be returned to their original post from August of 2020. These members will not have to post into that position.
- Meeting with NYSUT President, Andy Pallotta:
  Dwayne and other local NYSUT leaders are meeting with Andy Pallotta (NYSUT President) this week. We are confident mandated standardized testing and reopening will be among the topics discussed.

PDTA Elections for 2021-22:

The following officer positions are up for re-election:

President All Committee Chairs

Executive VP RA Delegates 3, 5, 6

All SRP Reps NYSTRS Delegates

Below is the timeline for nomination of the above positions. Please check for more details in your email.

- March 8<sup>th:</sup> The election memo for Officers and District Level Positions will be sent out.
- April 5<sup>th:</sup> Officers and District Level Positions petitions due to PDTA office.
- April 12<sup>th</sup>: The election memo for Building/Unit Level Positions will be provided to Building Reps for distribution.
- April 20<sup>th</sup>: Officer and District Level Elections will be held, if needed.
- April 23<sup>rd</sup>: Building/Unit Level Positions petitions will be due in our office
- May 11<sup>th</sup>: Building Level Elections will be held, if needed.
- May 21<sup>st</sup>: Building Elections Results and Committee Member Form due to the PDTA office.
- School Calendar Draft 2021-2022

PDTA and the District are in discussions around the calendar for next school year.

- 2021 BOE Endorsement Process
  - Two Board Members have indicated that they do not wish to seek re-election.
    Executive Committee discussed our BOE endorsement policy should candidates seek an endorsement from PDTA.
  - PDTA does not endorse in local elections. PDTA has not endorsed in local elections in the past.

Motion to amend the above line

- Motion approved
- PDTA is granted four (4) seats on the Student Services Interview Committee.
- Resolution Specialist Position:

Cindy Merrifield will take over the responsibilities of Resolution Specialist for the fall of 2021.

- Core Standards Leaders
  - Posting of those positions delayed due to COVID-19 closure last spring.
    These postings will be for a 2 year term

- Posting of the Elementary : Math (.05) , Science (0.5) and Social Studies
  (0.5)
- Representing PDTA on District Committees:
  Dwayne will organize a meeting with the elementary building representatives, as well as the teacher EAC representatives to discuss the responsibilities of being a PDTA representative on a committee.
- Additions/Good of the order
  Special Events Chairperson asked input on holding the Benefits Fair at one of our schools next year. Special events committee will look into other options as well.

# 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

Respectfully Submitted,

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