

Minutes of the West Irondequoit Teachers' Association
Governing Council
March 12, 2019

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:34 by President Scott Steinberg.
- II. Wendy Boomer-Secretary
 - The minutes from the January 15, 2019 Governing Council meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Emily Swanson and seconded by Tammy Jaynes. The minutes were approved by all.
- III. Todd Fleming-Treasurer
 - Todd presented the January and February 2019 Treasurer's reports. A motion to accept the reports as presented was made by Leana Palumbo and seconded by Howard Dutton. The motion was approved by all.
 - Todd made a motion to donate \$100.00 to The Dodge for Josh event. The motion was seconded by Kate Dobosz. The motion was approved by all.
 - Todd made a motion to spend \$50.00 on a gift card for the Sklenar family. The motion was seconded by Julie Wolf. The motion was approved by all.
- IV. Steve Schockow-Executive Vice President
 - Steve presented the Board of Education Capsule Summaries from the January 17, 2019 and the February 14, 2019 Board of Education Meetings. The next Board of Education Meeting will be March 21, 2019 at District Office.
- V. Kate Dobosz-Second Vice President
 - Kate announced that the February 12, 2019 New Member Event was cancelled due to weather, but that those new members will be invited to next year's event. Kate announced that there are still some new hires we are in the process of signing up.
- VI. Jeff Guercio-Grievance Chair
 - Scott announced that there are no grievances at this time.
- VII. Julie Wolf-VOTE/COPE Chair
 - Julie announced VOTE/COPE campaign information will be distributed at the April 9, 2019 Governing Council Meeting.
- VIII. Tammy Jaynes-Legislative/Political Action Chair
 - Tammy reported on the Committee of 100 Conference that she attended March 4-5, 2019.
- IX. Jane Beamish-NYSTRS Chair
 - Scott reminded members that the "Younger" NYSTRS Members Retirement Workshop will be held on March 13, 2019 in the Dake All Purpose Room.
- X. Maureen Bacchetta-PTSA Chair
 - Maureen announced that there is no new PTSA information at this time.
- XI. Scott Steinberg-President's Report
 - Scott announced that the United Way Campaign is underway and thanked Building and Communication Reps for distributing and collecting materials.
 - Scott gave a contract implementation update. All retro pay is complete except for coaching. K-4 staff eligible to receive the Report Card Stipend should follow the information from Sandra Klem on how to claim the stipend. The TA mentoring subcommittee is in progress, and contract books are currently being edited.
 - Scott gave a Joint Action Committee Meeting Update. Scott asked for members to attend the March 21 and April 11 Board of Education Meetings. Scott announced that the Board Candidate endorsement process will begin after the next Joint Action Committee Meeting on March 20, 2019 in the IHS Faculty Cafeteria. Information on how you can help with phone banks to get the vote out will be coming soon.
 - Scott announced that WITA elections will take place on April 24-25, 2019 in buildings. Scott thanked Election Chair Colleen Vay for her efforts organizing the elections.
 - Scott announced that the "drop" window during which Union members can elect to cancel their membership will take place from August 1-31, 2019. To prepare for the drop window, we will be asking Building Reps to have 1:1 conversations with members in May and June about what they can expect from Anti-Union groups

prior to the drop window. Talking points will be distributed to Building Reps to assist them with these 1:1 conversations.

- Scott, Julie Wolf, and Tammy Jaynes attended the ED 5/6 meeting on March 6, 2019. Randi Weingarten was the Keynote speaker. Randi spoke about the value of the National Union.
- Scott attended the NYSUT Take a Look at Teaching Summit with Dr. Terranova on March 7, 2019. Dialogue centered on how to bring more people and more diverse people into the teaching profession, especially in high demand positions.
- Scott attended the NYSUT Constitution and Bylaws Training Workshop on March 9, 2019. The workshop was about items that may need to be added to local Constitutions and Bylaws because of the Janus case. Tammy Jaynes made a motion to form a Constitution and Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee to review the WITA Constitution and Bylaws document in light of the Janus Case. The motion was seconded by Maureen Bacchetta. The motion was approved by all. If you are interested in being part of a WITA Ad Hoc committee charged with reviewing the WITA Constitution and Bylaws, please email Scott.
- Scott announced that the Local Presidents Conference and Representative Assembly will be held May 3-4, 2019 in Albany.
- Kate Dobosz announced that the Cupid's Cup Run on February 10, 2019 was fun, and the Social Committee will look to take part again next year. Look for information coming soon on the next Happy Hour Social Committee Event.
- Wendy Passero announced that the Excellence in Education Banquet invitation has been distributed to all members. Emily Copp-Allard asked members to consider donating a raffle item to support student scholarships. Scott reminded members that Award nominations are due by March 29, 2019. Kelly McNulty announced that the banquet will be Oscar themed.
- Scott announced that the Lunch Visit re-schedules will conclude this week.
- Scott announced that the NYSUT Regional Leadership Conference is August 20-21, 2019 at the Statler Hotel in Ithaca. More information on registration will be coming soon.
- Scott met with Dr. Hunter on February 25, 2019. Scott met with Dr. Johnson on March 8, 2019. Their next meeting will be March 18, 2019.
- Scott announced that Dr. Johnson will present budget information at the April 9, 2019 Governing Council meeting.
- Scott asked that members please email him or Kim Sklenar any Wedding or Birth announcements to be included in the next issue of The Scoop.

XII. Building Issues: No building issues were discussed today.

XIII. Dates and Announcements to Remember

- NYSTRS "Younger" Members presentation on March 13, 2019 at Dake APR at 3:30
- 25/35 Year Staff Recognition on March 14, 2019 at IHS Campus Center at 3:30
- Joint Action Committee Meeting on March 20, 2019 at IHS Faculty Cafeteria at 3:30
- Board of Education Meeting on March 21, 2019 at District Office at 7:00
- WITA Executive Committee Meeting on April 2, 2019 at WITA Office at 3:30
- WITA Logo Shirt Day for Scholarships on April 5, 2019
- WITA Governing Council Meeting on April 9, 2019 at IHS Campus Center at 3:30
- Board of Education Meeting on April 11, 2019 at District Office at 7:00
- WITA Elections in Buildings April 24-25
- WITA Scholarship Committee meeting on April 30 at WITA Office at 3:30

XIV. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Beth Ford and seconded by Mark Pringle. The motion was approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Boomer
WITA Secretary