

Minutes of the West Irondequoit Teachers' Association

Governing Council

April 12, 2016

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:39 by President Scott Steinberg. Scott passed around a thank you note from the Rojas Family for our donation.
- II. Wendy Boomer-Secretary
  - The minutes from the March 8, 2016 Governing Council meeting were reviewed.
  - A motion to accept the minutes was made by Nancy Reece and seconded by Tammy Jaynes. The minutes were approved by all.
- III. Todd Fleming-Treasurer
  - Todd reviewed the WITA trial balance for transactions from August 31, 2015 through March 31, 2016.
  - Todd reviewed the treasurer's report for transactions through March 31, 2016.
  - A motion to accept the March report as presented was made by Leana Palumbo and seconded by Robert Sanchez. It was approved by all.
  - A motion to donate \$200 to the Senior Safe Party, and \$200 to the Junior Safe Party was made by Todd Fleming and seconded by Julie Wolf. It was approved by all.
- IV. Steve Schockow-Executive Vice President
  - Steve presented the Board of Education Capsule Summary from March 17, 2016.
  - The next Board of Education Meeting will be April 14, 2016 at District Office.
- V. Joe Pelliccia-Second Vice President
  - Joe reported that there are currently 6 new hires to sign up for membership in WITA. Joe also noted that there are still some previous new hires to be signed up as well.
- VI. Jeff Guercio-Grievance Chair
  - Scott announced that there are no current grievances.
- VII. Julie Wolf-VOTE/COPE Chair
  - Julie reported that the VOTE/COPE campaign will run from the beginning of May through the beginning of June. More information will be coming soon. Julie encouraged building representatives to make face-to-face contact with members to encourage donations. Scott reminded members about the Constitutional Convention Referendum in 2017. This referendum may threaten teacher benefits and pensions. It is important to remember these threats and raise funds to combat them.
- VIII. Maureen Bacchetta-PTSA Chair
  - Scott announced that there is no PTSA update at this time.
- IX. Jane Beamish-NYSTRS Chair
  - Scott announced that there is no new NYSTRS information at this time.
- X. Scott Steinberg-President's Report
  - Scott announced that the next APPR Subcommittee meeting will be April 19, 2016.
  - Scott announced that the Negotiations team will meet on April 21, 2016 to review the first draft of the new contract. Edits will be sent to the District.
  - Scott announced that WITA will send postcards to district NYSUT members, in support of the upcoming budget vote. Scott will also send a statement in support of the budget to the Post. WITA will not be purchasing lawn signs for this budget vote.
  - Scott reported that Board of Education candidates will be interviewed by WITA on May 2, 2016.
  - Scott reported on legislative/political action. Scott noted that there was a slight increase in the budget for education.
  - Scott announced that the current political climate was a topic of discussion at the recent NYSUT Representative Assembly.
  - Scott noted that the WITA Election nominations deadline is April 15, 2016. WITA Elections and the Constitutional Revision Referendum will be voted on in buildings April 27-28, 2016. In addition, a food drive

for the Irondequoit Food cupboard will take place during Elections from April 27-28, 2016. Scott thanked Elections Chairperson Colleen Vay for her efforts.

- Julie Wolf reminded members to send Spring Dinner ticket money to Todd Fleming at the high school. Please contact Julie Wolf or Jamie Armstrong if you wish to donate items for the raffle (which benefits IHS scholarships). Julie announced that paper invitations will be in mailboxes by April 15, 2016.
- Scott announced that Nancy Rank will be the recipient of the Sandra Baxter Award for Outstanding Service to the WITA. The following WITA members will receive the Beverly F. Engel Excellence in Education Award: Maureen Bacchetta, Jane Beamish, Kimberly Bohnel, Nancy Bottiglier, Denee Green, Erika Guetti, Amanda Janas-Tramonto, Maria McCulloch, Jori McKenna, Robert Sanchez, Ellen Tuohey, and Sarah Zakalik.
- Scott met with Mr. Crane on March 21, 2016. They will meet next on April 25, 2016.
- Scott asked members to send any wedding or birth announcements to him, to be included in the next issue of *The Scoop*.

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

XII. Dates and Announcements to Remember

- APPR Subcommittee meeting at District Office is April 19 at 3:30
- APPR Subcommittee meeting at WITA Office is April 26 at 3:30
- WITA Executive Committee meeting at WITA Office is May 3 at 3:30
- APPR Subcommittee Release Day at District Office is May 5, 2016
- WITA Logo Shirt Day is May 6, 2016
- WITA Governing Council meeting at IHS Faculty Cafeteria is May 10 at 3:30
- Tenure Recognition at Board of Education meeting at Dake is May 12 at 7:00
- Budget Vote is May 17, 2016
- Excellence in Education Banquet at Glendoveers is May 17, 2016

XIII. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Anne Holdaway and seconded by Wendy Passero. The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Boomer  
WITA Secretary