

Minutes of the West Irondequoit Teachers' Association
Governing Council
December 13, 2016

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:36 by President Scott Steinberg.
- II. Wendy Boomer-Secretary
 - The minutes from the November 8, 2016 Governing Council meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Leana Palumbo and seconded by Julie Wolf. The minutes were approved by all.
- III. Todd Fleming-Treasurer
 - Todd presented the treasurer's report for the month of November, 2016. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Robert Sanchez and seconded by Gina Grisdale. The report was approved by all.
 - A motion to make a one-time donation of \$250.00 to the IHS Arts Fest was made by Todd and seconded by Maureen Bacchetta. The motion was approved by all.
- IV. Steve Schockow-Executive Vice President
 - Steve presented the Board of Education Capsule Summary from November 17, 2016.
 - The next Board of Education Meeting will be December 15, 2016 at District Office.
- V. Kate Dobosz-Second Vice President
 - Kate asked members to let her know of new hires or changes in staffing at the building level. Kate announced that the New Member Event will be held on February 14, 2017 during the regularly scheduled Governing Council meeting.
- VI. Jeff Guercio-Grievance Chair
 - Scott announced that we currently have one class action grievance.
- VII. Julie Wolf-VOTE/COPE Chair
 - Julie announced that there is no new VOTE/COPE information at this time.
- VIII. Maureen Bacchetta-PTSA Chair
 - Maureen announced that there is no PTSA update at this time. Scott thanked the PTSA for their help on SRP day.
- IX. Jane Beamish-NYSTRS Chair
 - Scott announced that members should contact Jane if they have any questions on prior service credit. All members should have received their Benefit Profiles.
- X. Scott Steinberg-President's Report
 - Scott thanked all those involved in SRP day.
 - Scott announced that the NYSUT Rochester Regional Negotiations Conference will be January 28, 2017 at the Rochester Hyatt Regency.
 - Scott asked that any members interested in volunteering for the Technology Use Subcommittee please contact him as soon as possible.
 - Scott clarified the instructions contained in the Infinite Campus 7-12 Expectations Form from Karen Finter. Ultimately, teachers may use their discretion around how they implement these expectations.
 - Scott clarified information around maternity leave. It is recommended that members contact Scott prior to maternity leave.
 - Scott announced that the law states that every newly hired, initially certified teacher should receive a mentor. Probationary teachers hired after the start of the school year who are initially certified will receive a mentor. The mentor will receive a pro-rated stipend.
 - Scott reviewed the feedback from the recent survey concerning WITA social events. After much discussion, it was decided that WITA would host another social event in October 2017.
 - Scott announced that the recent TRS workshop was well attended and well received. Retirement information and Constitutional Convention information was disseminated at this meeting.
 - Scott announced that due to the success of the TRS workshop, an ERS workshop is being planned.
 - Scott announced that we still need a Legislative/Political Action Chair. Please contact Scott if you are interested.

- Kate Dobosz and Gina Grisdale announced that the Excellence in Education Banquet on May 16, 2016 will be held at Glendoveers. Kate and Gina announced that they have a meeting planned for January 2017.
- Scott met with Jeff Crane on November 28, 2016. Their discussion centered around Substitutes. Their next meeting will be on December 19, 2016.
- Scott requested that wedding and birth announcements for The Scoop be sent to Kim Sklenar at the WITA Office. Please let Scott or Wendy Boomer know about deaths or long-term illnesses affecting members, as well.

XI. Building Issues: Several building issues were discussed today.

XII. Dates and Announcements to Remember

- WITA Executive Committee Meeting at WITA Office is January 3, 2017 at 3:30
- WITA Logo Shirt day is January 6, 2017
- WITA Governing Council Meeting at IHS Faculty Cafeteria is January 10, 2017 at 3:30
- NYSUT Rochester Regional Negotiations Conference is January 28, 2017 at the Rochester Hyatt Regency

XIII. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Leana Palumbo and seconded by Kate Dobosz. The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Boomer
WITA Secretary