

Minutes of the West Irondequoit Teachers' Association  
Governing Council  
January 12, 2016

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:39 by President Scott Steinberg.
- II. Wendy Boomer-Secretary
  - The minutes from the December 8, 2015 Governing Council meeting were reviewed.
  - A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Tammy Jaynes and seconded by Jason Rugg. The minutes were approved by all.
- III. Todd Fleming-Treasurer
  - Todd reviewed the treasurer's report for transactions through December 31, 2015.
  - A motion to accept the December report as presented was made by Leana Palumbo and seconded by Charlotte Craig. It was approved by all.
  - Todd presented the annual Audit/Tax Filing Report for the period of September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015. The audit was done by Gary P. Sloan. It was noted that the date on the reports should read "2014" instead of "2104".
  - A motion to approve the Audit Report as corrected was made by Maureen Bacchetta and seconded by Wendy Passero. It was approved by all.
- IV. Steve Schockow-Executive Vice President
  - Steve presented the Board of Education Capsule Summary from December 17, 2015. The next Board of Education Meeting will be January 21, 2016 at Dake.
- V. Joe Pelliccia-Second Vice President
  - Joe reported that we have signed up 55 new members this school year.
  - Joe announced that the New Member Event will be held during the February 9, 2016 Governing Council Meeting. Invitations for the event will be coming soon. Joe asked that Building Reps hand deliver invitations to new members to encourage them to attend this informative event. In addition, Joe asked that all Governing Council Members R.S.V.P if they plan to attend the meeting. Hillary Payne will purchase all of the gift cards that will be used as prizes, for the event.
- VI. Jeff Guercio-Grievance Chair
  - Scott announced that there are no current grievances.
- VII. Julie Wolf-VOTE/COPE Chair
  - Scott announced that there is no new VOTE/COPE information at this time.
- VIII. Maureen Bacchetta/Lisa Poinan-PTSA Co-Chairs
  - Maureen announced that there is no new PTSA information 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 reported that retroactive salary and retroactive summer pay should be included in the January 15, 2016 paycheck. Retroactive coaching and advisor pay will most likely be included in the January 29, 2016 paycheck.
  - Scott announced that copies of the new contract will most likely be distributed in September. If you have any questions regarding the new contract please contact Scott.
  - Scott clarified that the new family sick days follow the same rules as member sick days. Contact Scott if you have any questions.
  - Scott distributed copies of his spring 2016 Building Lunch Visit Schedule.
  - Scott announced that the Constitution Revision Committee will meet on January 26, 2016.
  - Scott announced a new APPR update. The regents approved emergency regulations to remove grades 3-8 math and ELA state test results from the calculations used to rate teachers' overall effectiveness. No word yet on how this change will be dealt with.
  - Scott announced that Stephanie Shattuck, our new webmaster, is hard at work updating the WITA website. The new website will be unveiled soon.

- Scott shared a reminder from NYSUT about proper personal social media use. Things you post online can be used against you.
- Scott reminded members about the district's Red Flag Reporting System. The system is anonymous, and can be used to report bullying or unethical behavior that you are not comfortable reporting to your administrator.
- Scott announced that the Foresters Financial Retirement Planning seminar will be held on January 14, 2016.
- Scott announced that the NYSUT Regional Negotiations Conference will be held on January 30, 2016 at the Rochester Hyatt.
- Scott announced that, in the absence of a Legislative/Political Action Chair, he will be attending the Committee of 100 meeting March 7-8.
- Scott reported that nomination information for the Excellence in Education Banquet awards will be sent to members by the end of January. Look for nomination forms to be included in the next issue of *The Scoop*.
- Scott met with Mr. Crane on December 21, 2016. They will meet next on January 25, 2016.
- Scott asked that members send any wedding or birth announcements to him, to be included in the next issue of *The Scoop*.

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

XII. Dates and Announcements to Remember

- Foresters Financial Retirement Planning Seminar at Dake is January 14, 2016 at 4:00
- APPR Subcommittee at District Office is January 21, 2016 at 3:30
- Constitution Revision Committee at WITA Office is January 26, 2016 at 3:30
- NYSUT Regional Negotiations Conference at the Rochester Hyatt is January 30, 2016
- WITA Executive Committee at WITA Office is February 2, 2016
- APPR Subcommittee at WITA Office is February 4, 2016
- WITA Logo Shirt Day is February 5, 2016
- New Member Event and Governing Council at IHS Campus Center is February 9, 2016

XIII. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Maureen Monaghan and seconded by Maureen Bacchetta. The meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Boomer  
WITA Secretary