

Minutes of the West Irondequoit Teachers' Association

Governing Council

November 10, 2015 revised

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:31 by President Scott Steinberg.
- II. Wendy Boomer-Secretary
 - The minutes from the October 20, 2015 Governing Council meeting were reviewed.
 - A motion to accept the minutes was made by Steve Schockow and seconded by Leana Palumbo. The minutes were approved by all.
- III. Todd Fleming-Treasurer
 - Todd explained a revision to the treasurer's report for transactions through September 30, 2015. Money from line item 228 (misc.) should have been reported in line item 202 (exec/gov council).
 - Todd reviewed the treasurer's report for transactions through October 31, 2015.
 - A motion to accept the amended report from September and the October report as presented was made by Nancy Reece and seconded by Charlotte Craig. It was approved by all.
- IV. Steve Schockow-Executive Vice President
 - Steve announced the next Board of Education Meeting will be November 19, 2015 at the District Office. WITA Officers will attend this meeting.
- V. Joe Pelliccia-Second Vice President
 - Joe reported that we have 6 new WITA members.
 - Joe asked Governing Council members to let him know of any new hires in their buildings.
- 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 report this month, as the next PTSA meeting is tonight, October 20, 2015.
- IX. Jane Beamish-NYSTRS Chair
 - Scott read notes from Jane who attended the NYSTRS conference. Jane reminded members to read their benefit forms carefully. These forms come from NYSTRS and are delivered in the mail. Jane also reminded members about prior service credit. Go to NYSTRS.org for more information. Jane explained that our pension is protected by the New York State Constitution. The next Constitutional Convention vote is in 2017. If people vote to hold a Constitutional Convention, then our pensions may no longer be guaranteed. It is important to vote **NO** regarding a Constitutional Convention in 2017.
- X. Scott Steinberg-President's Report
 - Scott distributed an updated 2015-2016 Representative list.
 - Scott reported that he has been hearing about full day kindergarten and substitute issues at his lunch visits. Scott will share these concerns with Mr. Crane at their next meeting on November 30, 2015.
 - Scott thanked Tammy Jaynes for her work organizing The Making Strides Walk on October 18, 2015. Joe reported that \$985.00 was raised.
 - Scott reminded members that SRP Recognition day will be on November 17, 2015. Materials to put into mailboxes will be delivered on November 16, 2015.
 - Scott updated members on Negotiations. The Negotiations Team is at Impasse. A mediator has been assigned by the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB).
 - Scott reported that APPR sub-committee met on November 4, 2015. The first waiver was approved by the state. The next meeting is November 17, 2015.
 - Scott reported that the Action Committee met on November 9, 2015. The team discussed possible logos for buttons and posters. We will continue with "T-Shirt Friday" drawings. The WITA Officers will attend the Board of Education Meeting on November 19, 2015 in support of the Negotiations Team.

- Scott announced that we have filed with PERB on behalf of the Accretion request from four people in three titles in the district.
- Scott announced that we still need a Legislative/Political Action Chairperson. Please see Scott if you are interested.
- Scott announced that we need a new Webmaster. This position comes with a \$250.00 stipend.
- Scott reported that the Excellence in Education Banquet will be May 17, 2016. The banquet will be held at Glendoveers.
- Scott met with Mr. Crane on October 26, 2015. They will meet next on November 30, 2015.
- Scott reminded members to contact the WITA office if you would like a NYSUT calendar.
- Scott asked that members send any wedding or birth announcements to him, to be included in the next issue of The Scoop.
- Scott introduced Nan Rogers, our NYSUT Labor Relations Specialist. Nan presented Building Rep training.

XI. Building Issues: Issues regarding “making up” Faculty Meetings when sick or absent for legitimate reasons and the lack of breaks for Kindergarten Teachers were discussed.

XII. Dates and Announcements to Remember

- SBP Coordinating Council Meeting at WITA Office is November 12, 2015 at 8:00
- SRP Recognition Day is November 17, 2015
- APPR Sub-Committee Meeting at WITA Office is November 17, 2015 at 3:30
- WITA Logo Shirt Day for Scholarships is November 20, 2015
- WITA Executive Committee Meeting at WITA Office is December 1, 2015 at 3:30
- WITA Logo Shirt Day for Scholarships is December 4, 2015
- WITA Governing Council Meeting at IHS Faculty Cafeteria is December 8, 2015 at 3:30
- WITA Logo Shirt Day for Scholarships is December 11, 2015
- APPR Sub-Committee Meeting at District Office is December 15, 2015 at 3:30

XIII. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Maureen Bacchetta and seconded by Maureen Monaghan. The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Boomer
WITA Secretary