

Minutes of the West Irondequoit Teachers' Association
Governing Council
November 14, 2017

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:37 by President Scott Steinberg.
- II. Wendy Boomer-Secretary
 - The minutes from the October 10, 2017 Governing Council meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Robert Sanchez and seconded by Randy Hutto. The minutes were approved by all.
- III. Todd Fleming-Treasurer
 - Todd presented the treasurer's report for the month of October 2017. A motion to accept the report was made by Beth Ford and seconded by Anna Conti. The motion was approved by all.
- IV. Steve Schockow-Executive Vice President
 - Steve presented the Board of Education Capsule Summary for October 19, 2017.
 - The next Board of Education Meeting will be November 16, 2017 at District Office.
- V. Kate Dobosz-Second Vice President
 - Kate announced that Building VPs should contact her if there are any new hires in your building.
- VI. Jeff Guercio-Grievance Chair
 - Scott announced that there are no grievances at this time.
- VII. Julie Wolf-VOTE/COPE Chair
 - Scott announced that there is no new VOTE/COPE information at this time.
- VIII. Maureen Bacchetta-PTSA Chair
 - Maureen announced that there is no new information at this time.
- IX. Jane Beamish-NYSTRS Chair
 - Scott announced that Jane Beamish attended the annual NYSTRS meeting in Saratoga on November 5-6. There is an online retirement form now, which requires no notarization. Upon the death of a member, NYSTRS should be notified immediately. Jane encourages all members to sign up for a MyNYSTRS account online.
- X. Scott Steinberg-President's Report
 - Scott distributed an updated Rep list.
 - Scott thanked all building reps, vps and members for their overwhelming support of the "no" vote on the Constitutional Convention proposition. Scott asked all building reps to follow up with their members by having a 1:1 conversation thanking them, and asking them if they are involved in any community/volunteer activities. WITA is collecting this information in order to highlight the additional community activities members are involved with.
 - Scott thanked Tammy Jaynes for her work as chairperson for The Making Strides Walk. WITA raised more than \$1500.00 for this important cause
 - Scott announced the appointment of Tammy Jaynes as our new Legislative/Political Action Chairperson. A motion to approve this appointment was made by Maureen Bacchetta and seconded by Lauren Reinert. The motion was approved by all. Tammy reported that 83% of voters voted no to the Constitutional Convention proposition. Tammy also explained that Labor Unions do many good things for the community, as well as their members, it is important that we remind the general public of this. Tammy reminded members of the importance of supporting union-made products. More information on union-made products will be forthcoming. Tammy announced that on the current tax bill at the federal level, churches would be able to endorse candidates, and yet still maintain their tax-exempt status.
 - Scott reminded members that SRP day is Tuesday, November 21, 2017. Materials to be distributed for SRP day will be in buildings by Friday, November 17, 2017. Please distribute materials according to the list you receive. Please distribute materials at the end of the day on November 20, or first thing on November 21, 2017.
 - Scott distributed a document for building reps, which includes information on Fair Representation, and the roles and responsibilities of building reps.

- Scott outlined some technology needs for the WITA office. Different computer and network options were discussed. The item was tabled until the December Governing Council Meeting.
- Scott announced that we received almost 200 negotiation survey responses. Scott appointed Kim Sherry to replace Maria McCulloch on the negotiations team. A motion to approve the appointment was made by Tammy Jaynes and seconded by Leana Palumbo. The motion was approved by all. The first meeting of the negotiations team will be on November 28, 2017.
- Scott explained that there would be a change to the January exam schedule at IHS and the June exam schedule at Dake. Due to state regulations regarding 180 school days, a new exam schedule will be implemented.
- Scott distributed and explained a “Clustering for the Purpose of Sending Delegates to the 2018 NEA Representative Assembly” motion. A motion to accept the Clustering Motion was made by Beth Ford and seconded by Robert Sanchez. The motion was approved by all.
- Scott announced that recent Health Insurance Rate sheets incorrectly listed the premium cost for the High Deductible Health Plan. There is no premium cost for this plan. The Rate sheets have been corrected.
- Scott reminded members that the Excellence in Education Banquet would be on May 15, 2018. Rogers is hosting.
- Scott announced that his lunch visit to Dake has been rescheduled for December 6, 2017. Scott distributed a January 2018 lunch visit schedule. Scott announced that feedback from members during his lunch visits has been primarily concerned with the rollout of the Rtl and Workshop Model programs. Scott reported that he shared these concerns with Mr. Crane at their meeting on October 30, 2017. Mr. Crane has asked principals to meet with building reps to check on the “pulse” of their building(s).
- Scott met with Mr. Crane on October 30, 2017. Their next meeting will be on November 27, 2017.
- Scott asked members to send wedding and birth announcements for the January issue of the Scoop to himself or Kim Sklenar.

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

XII. Dates and Announcements to Remember

- SRP Recognition Day is November 21, 2017
- WITA Negotiations Team Meeting at WITA Office is November 28, 2017 at 3:30
- WITA Logo Shirt Day for Scholarships is December 1, 2017
- WITA Executive Committee meeting at WITA Office is December 5, 2017 at 3:30
- WITA Governing Council meeting at IHS Faculty Cafeteria is December 12, 2017 at 3:30

XIII. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Maureen Bacchetta and seconded by Wendy Passero. The meeting adjourned at 4:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Boomer
WITA Secretary