

Minutes of the West Irondequoit Teachers' Association

Governing Council

November 8, 2016

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:36 by President Scott Steinberg.
- II. Wendy Boomer-Secretary
 - The minutes from the October 11, 2016 Governing Council meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Tammy Jaynes and seconded by Anna Conti. The minutes were approved by all.
- III. Todd Fleming-Treasurer
 - Todd presented the treasurer's report for the month of October, 2016. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Leana Palumbo and seconded by Wendy Passero. The report was approved by all.
- IV. Steve Schockow-Executive Vice President
 - Steve presented the Board of Education Capsule Summary from October 20, 2016.
 - The next Board of Education Meeting will be November 17, 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.
- VI. Jeff Guercio-Grievance Chair
 - Scott announced that a class action grievance has been filed on behalf of WITA.
- VII. Julie Wolf-VOTE/COPE Chair
 - Julie announced that there is no new VOTE/COPE information at this time.
- VIII. Maureen Bacchetta-PTSA Chair
 - Scott announced that there is no PTSA update at this time.
- IX. Jane Beamish-NYSTRS Chair
 - Jane noted that information from the recent NYSTRS conference will be sent to members via email. Benefit Profiles will be arriving this month.
- X. Scott Steinberg-President's Report
 - Scott reported that results from the recent survey concerning social events and fundraising efforts are in. The Executive Committee will give a summary of the findings at the December Governing Council meeting.
 - Scott reported that \$610.00 was raised on the recent American Cancer Society Denim Day event.
 - Tammy Jaynes announced that a total of \$453.00 was raised for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. Three people attended the walk. The Governing Council discussed different ways to increase involvement in this event.
 - Scott spoke about the importance of having one-on-one conversations with members in order to increase member involvement in different WITA events.
 - Scott announced that SRP day is on November 15, 2016. Building VPs or Communications Reps will receive materials to distribute.
 - Scott announced that there will be a NYSTRS Pre-Retirement Workshop on November 29, 2016.
 - Scott reported that SED Certification Registration and Professional Development Requirement information was emailed to members as well as included in the October issue of The Scoop. Please contact Scott if you have questions.
 - 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 announced that the district is forming a Technology Use subcommittee. Contact Scott if you are interested in joining this committee.
 - Scott announced that we still need a Legislative/Political Action Chair. Please contact Scott if you are interested. Scott encouraged all members to vote today.
 - Kate Dobosz and Gina Grisdale announced that the Excellence in Education Banquet on May 16, 2016 will be held at Glendoveers.
 - Scott met with Jeff Crane on October 31, 2016. They discussed library, substitute, and TA vacancy issues. Their next meeting will be on November 28, 2016.

- Scott requested that wedding and birth announcements for The Scoop be sent to Kim Sklenar at the WITA Office.

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

XII. Dates and Announcements to Remember

- SRP Recognition Day is November 15, 2016
- NYSTRS Pre-Retirement Workshop at Dake All Purpose Room is November 29, 2016 at 3:30
- WITA Logo Shirt day is December 2, 2016
- WITA Executive Committee Meeting at WITA Office is December 6, 2016 at 3:30
- WITA Governing Council Meeting at IHS Faculty Cafeteria is December 13, 2016 at 3:30

XIII. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ellen Tuohey and seconded by Mary Theresa Boerman. The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Boomer
WITA Secretary