

Minutes of the West Irondequoit Teachers' Association  
Governing Council  
October 11, 2016

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:34 by President Scott Steinberg.
- II. Wendy Boomer-Secretary
  - The minutes from the September 13, 2016 Governing Council meeting were reviewed. Steve Schockow noted a date error in item 1, section X. The second set of dates should read 2015-2016.
  - A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Leana Palumbo and seconded by Robert Sanchez. The minutes were approved by all.
- III. Todd Fleming-Treasurer
  - Todd presented the treasurer's report for the month of September, 2016. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Anna Conti and seconded by Leana Palumbo. The report was approved by all.
  - Todd presented the WITA Final Budget Report for 2015-2016. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Tami Graham and seconded by Maureen Bacchetta. The report was approved by all.
  - A motion to transfer \$5,000 from the WITA checking account into our Money Market account was made by Leana Palumbo and seconded by Maureen Monaghan. It was approved by all.
  - A motion to donate \$125 to Golisano Children's Hospital in memory of Noah Passero was made by Maureen Monaghan and seconded by Tami Graham. It was approved by all.
  - A motion to spend up to \$300 on a new shredder was made by Steve Schockow and seconded by Maureen Bacchetta. It was approved by all.
- IV. Steve Schockow-Executive Vice President
  - Steve presented the Board of Education Capsule Summary from September 22, 2016.
  - The next Board of Education Meeting will be October 20, 2016 at District Office.
- V. Kate Dobosz-Second Vice President
  - Scott reported that Joe Pelliccia has resigned from the district. Joe was an asset to the WITA and to the West Irondequoit School District; he will be missed. Scott appointed Kate Dobosz as our new Second Vice President. Mark Crawford made a motion to accept that appointment and was seconded by Robert Sanchez. The motion was approved by all.
- 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-PTSA Chair
  - Maureen announced that PTSA membership is down and encouraged all WITA members to join.
- IX. Jane Beamish-NYSTRS Chair
  - Scott announced that Jane will be attending the NYSTRS conference on November 6-7, 2016.
- X. Scott Steinberg-President's Report
  - Scott reported that the WITA BBQ was attended by 46 people. The BBQ lost almost \$400. Scott will use Survey Monkey to solicit ideas from members on how best to encourage people to attend WITA events.
  - Scott asked that any additional donations from the American Cancer Society Denim Day be sent to him as soon as possible.
  - Scott reminded members that The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk is Sunday, October 16. Tammy Jaynes is coordinating this event. Scott asked Building Reps to encourage members to participate.
  - Scott requested master schedules from BW, LW, and SL. Scott needs a Building Representative list from IHS.
  - Scott announced that there will be a Pre-Retirement Workshop on November 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:00 in the Dake All Purpose Room. Sign-up information will be coming soon.
  - Scott announced that Beneversal Card information from James Brennan was emailed to all members.
  - Scott announced that he will be sending SED certification registration and PD requirement information to all members by the end of October. This information will also be included in the October issue of The Scoop. All

members should pay close attention to these communications in order to maintain permanent, professional, or Level III Teaching Assistant Certification.

- Scott announced that we still need a Legislative/Political Action Chair. Please contact Scott if you are interested. NYSUT/AFT/MCFT candidate endorsements will be sent to members via home email before the November elections. Pledge to Vote forms will be delivered to (most) members by Building Reps. The “Pledge to Vote” forms encourage members to vote, not who to vote for. Please return completed forms to Scott.
- Scott reminded members that individual goals do not have to be tied to specific indicators on the New York State Teaching Standards and Elements rubric. Goal setting and reflection are separate from the APPR score members receive at the end of the school year.
- Scott clarified that the unannounced observation will most likely be conducted by the Primary Supervisor, but in some instances may be conducted by the Outside Observer.
- Scott clarified that there are no formal K-4 Parent Conference Forms. No such forms should be submitted at the end of the school year.
- Scott asked VPs to talk to Principals in order to secure time at the beginning of Faculty Meetings for WITA announcements, if “Break-out” sessions will be occurring.
- Gina Grisdale announced that the Excellence in Education Banquet on May 16, 2016 will be held at Glendoveers.
- Scott met with Jeff Crane on September 26, 2016. Some of their discussion concerned the lack of Library Media Specialists. Their next meeting will be on October 31, 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

- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at Frontier Field is October 16, 2016
- WITA Executive Committee meeting at WITA Office is November 1, 2016 at 3:30
- WITA Logo Shirt Day for Scholarships is November 4, 2016
- WITA Governing Council Meeting at IHS Faculty Cafeteria is November 8, 2016 at 3:30
- SRP Recognition Day is November 15, 2016
- NYSTRS Pre-Retirement Workshop at Dake All Purpose Room is November 29, 2016 at 3:30

XIII. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Maureen Bacchetta and seconded by Todd Fleming. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Boomer  
WITA Secretary