

Minutes of the West Irondequoit Teachers' Association
Governing Council
October 20, 2015

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:40 by President Scott Steinberg.
- II. Wendy Boomer-Secretary
 - The minutes from the September 22, 2015 Governing Council meeting were reviewed.
 - A motion to accept the minutes was made by Anne Holdaway and seconded by Maureen Monaghan. The minutes were approved by all.
- III. Todd Fleming-Treasurer
 - Todd reviewed the treasurer's report for transactions through September 30, 2015.
 - A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Beth Ford and seconded by Leana Palumbo. It was approved by all.
- IV. Steve Schockow-Executive Vice President
 - Steve reviewed the capsule summary for the October 15, 2015 Board of Education meeting.
 - The next Board of Education Meeting will be November 19, 2015 at the District Office.
- V. Joe Pelliccia-Second Vice President
 - Joe reported that we have 15 new hires to sign-up as 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
 - Julie announced that there is no new VOTE/COPE update at this time.
- VIII. Maureen Bacchetta/Lisa Poinan-PTSA Co-Chairs
 - Maureen reported that PTSA membership and the number of parents volunteering for school events is down this year. Ways to help with PTSA membership were discussed.
- IX. Jane Beamish-NYSTRS Chair
 - Jane reminded members that NYSTRS holds retirement seminars for members. Jane urged members to visit the NYSTRS website for more information. In addition, Jane reported that members facing surgery or serious health issues should look into filing a "Protection Only" retirement form.
- X. Scott Steinberg-President's Report
 - Scott distributed an updated 2015-2016 Representative list.
 - Scott reported that he has made lunch visits to four schools. The next visit will be to Dake on October 21, 2015.
 - Scott asked members to send birth and wedding announcements to be included in the next edition of the *SCOOP*.
 - Scott reminded members to contact the WITA office if you would like to request a NYSUT calendar.
 - Scott thanked members for their participation in Lee Denim Day. The association raised \$815, which was an increase from last year.
 - Scott thanked Tammy Jaynes for her work organizing The Making Strides Walk on October 18, 2015. Please send any additional donations to Tammy.
 - Scott announced that SRP day will be November 17, 2015. Once again we are collaborating with the Administrative Association, PTSA, and Mr. Crane to recognize our SRPs.
 - Scott announced that Nan Rogers will be attending our November 10, 2015 Governing Council meeting to provide Building Representative training.
 - Scott updated members on Negotiations. The negotiations team has filed for Impasse. The team will be meeting with the District for an informal meeting on October 29, 2015. This is an informal meeting because we are at Impasse.

- Scott reported that the District has submitted a waiver on our behalf for an extension of the APPR plan deadline. The next APPR Sub-Committee meeting will be held on October 28, 2015 and will focus on developing a plan based on the new APPR law.
- Scott explained that an Action Committee has been formed in support of our Negotiations Team. Due to our Impasse with the district the Action Team has organized some activities that members can participate in to put pressure on the district to settle our contract.
 - Wendy reported that beginning Friday, October 23, 2015 members who wear their WITA t-shirts can enter a drawing for prizes. Winners will be announced on the WITA Facebook page, and prizes will be delivered to winners. This will occur every Friday.
 - Steve explained the calendar for attendance at monthly Board of Education meetings. On November 19, 2015 all WITA Officers will attend. The WITA Executive Board will attend the December 17, 2015 meeting. All WITA Governing Council members will attend the January 21, 2016 meeting, and All WITA members will be asked to attend the February 25, 2016 Board of Education meeting.
 - Scott announced that the Action Team will meet again on November 9, 2015.
- Scott announced that we have filed with PERB on behalf of the Accretion request from four people in the district.
- Scott announced that a member has come forward as a possible Legislative/Political Action Chairperson. Scott reported that endorsements for local elections will be forthcoming from NYSUT, via home email.
- Scott reported that the Excellence in Education Banquet will be May 17, 2016. Julie announced that the High School is looking at Glendoveers again, as a venue for the dinner.
- Scott will meet with Mr. Crane on October 26, 2015.

XI. Building Issues: Issues regarding salaries were discussed today.

XII. Dates and Announcements to Remember

- WITA Logo Shirt Day for Scholarships is October 23, 2015
- APPR Sub-Committee Meeting at WITA Office is October 28 at 3:30
- Informal Negotiations Meeting at IHS Principal's Conference Room is October 29, 2015 at 3:30
- WITA Logo Shirt Day for Scholarships is October 30, 2015
- WITA Executive Board Meeting at WITA Office is November 3 at 3:30
- APPR Sub-Committee Meeting at District Office is November 4, 2015 at 3:30
- WITA Logo Shirt Day for Scholarships is November 6, 2015
- SBP Coordinating Council at WITA Office is November 9, 2015 at 2:30
- WITA Action Team Meeting at WITA Office is November 9, 2015 at 3:30
- WITA Governing Council Meeting at IHS Faculty Cafeteria is November 10 at 3:30
- WITA Logo Shirt Day for Scholarships is November 13, 2015
- SRP Recognition Day is November 17, 2015
- APPR Sub-Committee Meeting at District Office is November 17, 2015 at 3:30
- WITA Logo Shirt Day for Scholarships is November 20, 2015

XIII. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Maureen Bacchetta and seconded by Leana Palumbo. The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Boomer
WITA Secretary