

Minutes of the West Irondequoit Teachers' Association
Governing Council
September 13, 2016

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:36 by President Scott Steinberg. Scott thanked all for attending, and circulated several thank you notes received since the May Governing Council Meeting. Scott also circulated Rochester Labor Film Series information, and members introduced themselves. Scott explained the format of the WITA folder and reviewed the items in the folder.
- II. Wendy Boomer-Secretary
 - The minutes from the May 10, 2016 Governing Council meeting were reviewed.
 - A motion to accept the minutes was made by Kate Dobosz and seconded by Todd Fleming. The minutes were approved by all.
- III. Todd Fleming-Treasurer
 - Todd presented the treasurer's reports for the months of May, June, July, and August (2016).
 - Todd presented the WITA trial balance for transactions from August 31, 2015 through August 31, 2016.
 - Scott Steinberg made a friendly amendment to change the date on top of the June report from June 31, 2016 to June 30, 2016.
 - A motion to accept the Treasurer's reports as amended was made by Beth Ford and seconded by Tammy Jaynes. They were approved by all.
- IV. Steve Schockow-Executive Vice President
 - Steve presented the Board of Education Capsule Summaries from May 12, June 16, July 12, and August 18 (2016).
 - The next Board of Education Meeting will be September 22, 2016 at Dake.
- V. Joe Pelliccia-Second Vice President
 - Joe reported that we have 51 new hires so far this school year. Many of these hires joined WITA at the New Member Breakfast on August 31, 2016. The breakfast was held at I-Square this year, and was well attended. Joe noted that he will be sending new hire folders to Building VPs to facilitate joining WITA.
- 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 there is no new PTSA information at this time.
- IX. Jane Beamish-NYSTRS Chair
 - Jane announced that she will be attending the NYSTRS conference on November 6-7, 2016. Jane asked that members refer to emails from Scott Steinberg which include additional retirement information.
- X. Scott Steinberg-President's Report
 - Scott announced that the WITA goals for 2016-2017 will remain the same as 2016-2017. These goals were approved by the Executive Committee.
 - Scott announced that the WITA BBQ is back and will be held on September 30, 2016 at the Kusak Lodge at Camp Eastman.
 - Scott requested building master schedules and representative lists from all Building VPs. In addition, Scott asked that Reps let him know of any members who did not receive a copy of the new contract.
 - Scott asked members to send wedding and birth announcements to the WITA office. The first issue of *The Scoop* will be published at the end of October.
 - Scott announced that NYSUT calendars are available. Please contact Scott if you would like a copy.
 - Scott encouraged members to join the West Irondequoit PTSA.
 - Tami Graham made a motion to change our scholarship payment schedule to a one-time payment of the entire scholarship. Wendy Passero seconded the motion. The motion was approved by all.

- Scott explained the Beneversal Cards which were mailed to members this summer (2016). Scott noted that receipts should be kept as usual, even when the card is used, as they may be requested by Benefit Resources. Use of the cards is not mandatory.
- Scott reviewed SED certification registration and professional development requirements. Members should keep track of their professional development hours.
- Scott announced that the American Cancer Society Denim Day (no longer “Lee” Denim Day), will be held on October 7, 2016. Please sign up in your building if interested in participating.
- Tammy Jaynes announced that the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk will be held on October 16, 2016. Tammy is coordinating this event. Look for sign-up information in faculty rooms.
- Scott announced that we still need a legislative/political action chairperson. This position does have a stipend. Please contact Scott if you are interested. Scott announced that the Bronson primary is today (September 13, 2016).
- Scott attended the Endorsement Conference this summer. Scott, Melanie Chase, and Tracey Mendicino attended the Regional Summer conference. Todd Fleming attended the Leadership Conference this summer. The main message concerned supporting members in a collegial atmosphere (“gym membership”, not a “vending machine”).
- Scott announced that the Excellence in Education Banquet will be held on May 16, 2017, and will be hosted by the Neighborhood Schools.
- Scott discussed the new APPR roll-out; initial information was shared at back-to-school faculty meetings.
- Scott reminded members that they are not required to submit full lesson plans prior to observations. They should provide the objective of the lesson, how the lesson fits within the unit/standard context, and how learning will be assessed.
- Scott will meet with Jeff Crane on September 26, 2016.

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

XII. Dates and Announcements to Remember

- WITA BBQ at Kusak Lodge at Camp Eastman is September 30, 2016 at 4:30.
- WITA Executive Committee meeting at WITA Office is October 4, 2016 at 3:30
- American Cancer Society Denim day is October 7, 2016
- WITA Logo shirt Day for Scholarships is October 7, 2016
- WITA Governing Council Meeting at Faculty Cafeteria is October 11, 2016 at 3:30
- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at Frontier Field is October 16, 2016

XIII. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Maureen Monaghan and seconded by Maureen Bacchetta. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Boomer
WITA Secretary