

Minutes of the West Irondequoit Teachers' Association  
Governing Council  
September 22, 2015

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:36 by President Scott Steinberg. Scott welcomed all to our first Governing Council Meeting of the year. Council members introduced themselves.
  - Scott announced that he appointed Jeff Guercio to replace Patty O'Connor as Grievance Chairperson. A motion to accept this appointment was made by Leana Palumbo and seconded by Tammy Jaynes. It was approved by all.
- II. Wendy Boomer-Secretary
  - The minutes from the June 9, 2015 Governing Council meeting were reviewed.
  - A motion to accept the minutes was made by Beth Ford and seconded by Christine Riesenberger. The minutes were approved by all.
- III. Todd Fleming-Treasurer
  - Todd reviewed the treasurer's report for transactions through June 30, 2015, July 31, 2015, and August 31, 2015. Todd also reviewed the WITA trial balance through August 31, 2015 and the WITA Final Budget report for 2014-2015.
  - A motion to accept all reports as presented was made by Anne Holdaway and seconded by Leana Palumbo. It was approved by all.
  - Scott spoke briefly about the dues break-down for 2015-2016.
  - A motion to donate \$125.00 to the Noah Passero Softball Game was made by Christine Riesenberger and seconded by Maureen Bacchetta. It was approved by all.
  - Scott explained a request from the United Way to contribute to the "Classroom Kit" drive for School #9. A motion to donate \$100.00 to the cause was made by Beth Ford and seconded by Leana Palumbo. Discussion ensued, and a motion to call the question was made by Julie Wolf. The motion passed with one nay vote.
- IV. Steve Schockow-Executive Vice President
  - Steve reviewed the "Board of Education Meetings Capsule Summary" for the summer 2015 meetings and the September 17, 2015 meeting.
  - The next Board of Education Meeting will be October 15, 2015 at the District Office.
- V. Joe Pelliccia-Second Vice President
  - Joe reported that the new member breakfast on August 28, 2015 was well attended. More than 20 new hires were signed up.
  - Joe reported that he is in the process of updating membership lists as soon as he gets an updated hire list from the district.
  - Joe asked Governing Council members to let him know of any new hires in the buildings. New member folders will be distributed to Building VPs within the next two weeks.
  - Steve thanked Joe and noted the tremendous effort that Joe has expended to keep our membership up-to-date.
- 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 information, but noted that she will accept donations anytime.
- VIII. Maureen Bacchetta/Lisa Poinan-PTSA Co-Chairs
  - Maureen reported there is no update this month.
- IX. Jane Beamish-NYSTRS Chair
  - Scott announced that Jane Beamish will be attending the NYSTRS conference November 1-2, 2015. Scott noted that an email was sent from Jane regarding important retirement information. Please contact Jane if you have any questions.

X. Scott Steinberg-President's Report

- Scott reviewed WITA goals for the 2015-2016 school year. Scott noted the emphasis on increasing member unity and involvement. Scott reported that Nan Rogers will attend an upcoming Governing Council Meeting in order to teach/review what it means to be a building representative.
- Scott distributed various updates including a list of important dates, Representative list, lunch visit schedule, and a basic WITA information sheet.
- Scott requested master schedules and Building Representative Lists from all schools.
- 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 urged members to consider joining the PTSA.
- Scott announced that Lee Denim Day will be October 2, 2015. Sign-up sheets and stickers will be delivered to Building VPs soon.
- Scott announced that The Making Strides Walk on October 18, 2015 will be organized by Tammy Jaynes. Tammy will be emailing information to members.
- Scott announced that a Legislative/Political Action Chairperson is still needed. Scott reported on current legislative/political action in New York State. APPR changes and the tax cap are hot button topics.
- Scott reported that the Excellence in Education Banquet will be May 17, 2016. The High School is hosting the event this year.
- Scott reported that WITA received an accretion request from four individuals. We are waiting to hear from the District concerning this request.
- Scott announced that he, Wendy Boomer, and Julie Wolf attended the NYSUT Regional Conference in August. NYSUT's main message was "Every Member Counts".
- Scott reported that Steve Schockow attended a local conference on APPR over the summer.
- Scott announced that contract negotiations with the District are ongoing. The next negotiations meeting is October 6, 2015.
- Scott updated the membership concerning the new APPR process. Scott, Steve Schockow, and Wendy Boomer will meet with the district to begin the process.
- After discussion, a motion to spend \$228.00 to renew our Survey Monkey subscription was made by Nancy Reece and seconded by Mary Theresa Boerman. It was approved by all.
- Scott met with Mr. Crane on September 21, 2015. The next meeting with Mr. Crane will be October 26, 2015.

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

XII. Dates and Announcements to Remember

- Lee Denim Day is October 2
- WITA Logo shirt Day for Scholarships is October 2
- WITA Executive Board Meeting at WITA Office is October 6 at 3:30
- WITA Negotiations Team Meeting at WITA Office is October 13 at 3:30
- WITA Negotiations Team Meeting at District Office is October 15 at 3:30
- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at Frontier Field is October 18
- WITA Governing Council Meeting at IHS Faculty Cafeteria is October 20 at 3:30

XIII. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Maureen Monaghan and seconded by Leana Palumbo. The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Boomer  
WITA Secretary