

Minutes of the West Irondequoit Teachers' Association
Governing Council
November 12, 2019

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:36 by President Scott Steinberg.
- II. Wendy Boomer-Secretary
 - The minutes from the October 8, 2019 Governing Council meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Maureen Monaghan and seconded by Deb Williams. The minutes were approved by all.
- III. Todd Fleming-Treasurer
 - Todd presented the October 2019 Treasurer's report. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Beth Ford and seconded by Tammy Jaynes. The motion was approved by all.
- IV. Steve Schockow-Executive Vice President
 - Steve presented the Board of Education Capsule Summary from the October 17, 2019 Board of Education Meeting. The next Board of Education Meeting will be November 21, 2019 at District Office.
- V. Kate Dobosz-Second Vice President
 - Kate announced that we only have 2 more new hires to sign up. Please let Kate know of any membership changes or new hires in your building.
- VI. Jeff Guercio-Grievance Chair
 - Scott announced that there are currently no grievances.
- VII. Julie Wolf-VOTE/COPE Chair
 - Scott announced that there is no update at this time.
- VIII. Tammy Jaynes-Legislative/Political Action Chair
 - Tammy thanked members for their support of NYSUT endorsed candidates in recent elections.
- IX. Jane Beamish-NYSTRS Chair
 - Scott relayed NYSTRS updates from Jane. NYSTRS benefit profiles will be coming in the next few weeks. Jane will be sending an email to members to inquire if there is interest in having a NYSTRS presentation this year. In addition, the district is late with the retiree incentive letters. Scott will advocate for an extension to the deadline (December 1st), considering these circumstances.
- X. Maureen Bacchetta-PTSA Chair
 - Maureen announced that there is no update at this time.
- XI. Scott Steinberg-President's Report
 - Scott announced that the NYSUT Leadership Institute Nomination is Tammy Jaynes. A motion to approve this nomination was made by Maureen Bacchetta and seconded by Emily Swanson. The nomination was unanimously approved.
 - Scott reminded members that SRP day in November 19, 2019. Information regarding this event will be sent to Building VPs and Communication Reps by November 18, 2019. Please send any SRP photos from the day to Emily Swanson or Kate Dobosz to post on WITA social media.
 - Scott distributed and reviewed the updated Building Rep Responsibilities handout. We will plan to have Building Rep training in the spring or next fall.
 - Scott announced that WITA will be getting a new copier with a renewed 5-year lease. This does not change any of the budget parameters already in place.
 - Scott announced that eight members attended the recent NYSUT Regional Fall conference. Attendees participated in workshops concerning budget, negotiations, and healthcare.
 - Scott announced that the New Para and Nurse and TA tenure Recognition Celebration was well received. WITA plans to continue the event next year.
 - Scott announced that a few Governing Council members still need to sign off on the WITA Sexual Harassment Policy.
 - Tammy Jaynes announced that a preliminary total of \$521.00 was raised during the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. Scott thanked Tammy for organizing the event.
 - Scott announced that the Negotiations Team has met three times. The team has four more meetings planned before meeting with the District at the end of January.

- Scott announced that his fall lunch visits will conclude this week. The next round of visits will commence in January 2020.
- Scott announced that the Excellence in Education Banquet will be held on May 19, 2020. Dake is hosting this event. The event will take place at Glendoveers.
- Scott asked that members please email him or Kim Sklenar any Wedding or Birth announcements to be included in the next issue of The Scoop.
- Scott met with Dr. Johnson on October 21, 2019. The meeting focused on K-3 concerns. They will meet next on November 25, 2019.

XII. Building Issues: Securing Substitutes was discussed.

XIII. Dates and Announcements to Remember

- SRP Recognition Day on November 19, 2019
- WITA Negotiations Team Meeting on November 21, 2019 at IHS PCR at 3:30
- WITA Executive Meeting on December 3, 2019 at WITA Office at 3:30
- WITA Logo Shirt Day on December 6, 2019
- WITA Governing Council Meeting on December 10, 2019 at IHS Faculty Cafeteria at 3:30
- WITA Negotiations Team Meeting on December 17, 2019 at IHS PCR at 3:30

XIV. A motion to adjourn was made by Howard Dutton and seconded by Josh Desilet. The motion was approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Boomer
WITA Secretary