

Minutes of the West Irondequoit Teachers' Association
Governing Council
November 13, 2018

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:34 by President Scott Steinberg.
- II. Wendy Boomer-Secretary
 - The minutes from the October 9, 2018 Governing Council meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Robert Sanchez and seconded by Beth Ford. The minutes were approved by all.
- III. Emily Swanson-Social Committee Co-Chair
 - Emily asked Governing Council Members to complete a survey concerning volunteer opportunities for WITA. Emily asked Governing Council Members to return the completed survey by the end of today's meeting.
- IV. Todd Fleming-Treasurer
 - Todd presented the October 2018 Treasurer's report. A motion to accept the report was made by Kate Dobosz and seconded by Howard Dutton. The motion was approved by all.
- V. Steve Schockow-Executive Vice President
 - Steve presented the Board of Education Capsule Summary from the October 18, 2018 Board of Education Meeting. The next Board of Education Meeting will be November 15, 2018 at District Office.
- VI. Kate Dobosz-Second Vice President
 - Kate asked Governing Council Members to split into groups and discuss the following items: review and edit the New Member Checklist, brainstorm reasons why membership in WITA is beneficial, and brainstorm information you wish you knew when you first became a member of WITA. Highlights from discussion groups were shared, and edits/suggestions were given to Kate.
- VII. Jeff Guercio-Grievance Chair
 - Scott announced that there are no grievances at this time.
- VIII. Julie Wolf-VOTE/COPE Chair
 - Julie announced that the Retiree VOTE/COPE letters have been sent.
- IX. Tammy Jaynes-Legislative/Political Action Chair
 - Scott thanked the members who participated in the NYSUT "Get out the Vote" phone banks.
- X. Jane Beamish-NYSTRS Chair
 - Jane attended the NYSTRS 2018 Delegates Meeting on November 3-4. Jane reported that the Benefit Profiles have been streamlined, and that we can have a retirement workshop tailored toward younger members. Jane also reminded members that it is important to update beneficiaries if your circumstances change (new baby, divorce, or wedding).
- XI. Maureen Bacchetta-PTSA Chair
 - Maureen announced that there is no new PTSA information at this time.
- XII. Scott Steinberg-President's Report
 - Scott announced that SRP Recognition Day is November 20, 2018. WITA is working with the PTSA to recognize the SRPs on that day. Treats for SRPs will be delivered to different locations around the district and recognition letters will be sent to each SRP. An email and stickers will go out to other staff as a show of support for the hard work of all our SRPs.
 - Scott announced that WITA has a tentative agreement with the district. A ratification meeting will take place after Thanksgiving.
 - Scott announced that the Joint Action Committee met on November 8, 2018. Scott announced that we will continue with our Action Committee initiatives regardless of whether or not WITA ratifies a new contract, to show support for IESA and WIMEO. Scott asked members to continue to wear WITA shirts on Fridays. Scott asked members willing to sign up to attend upcoming Board meetings to contact him. Scott announced that posters to display in cars are in the works.
 - Scott and other members attended the NYSUT Fall Conference. Julie Wolf attended a workshop on publicity which suggested publicizing the good works of your union **before** and after events.
 - Scott announced that there is no update on the total money raised for Making Strides at this time.

- Wendy Passero announced that we are looking to have the Excellence in Education Banquet at Glendoveer's on May 21, 2019.
- Scott asked that members please email him any Wedding or Birth announcements to be included in the next issue of The Scoop.
- Scott announced that his last fall lunch visit will be November 14 at Dake. The second round of lunch visits will happen later in the school year.
- Scott met with Mr. Crane on October 29, 2018. Their next meeting will be on November 26, 2018.

XIII. Building Issues: No building issues were discussed today, but one announcement was made.

XIV. Dates and Announcements to Remember

- SRP Recognition Day on November 20, 2018
- Joint Action Committee Meeting on November 27, 2018 at IHS Faculty Cafeteria at 3:30
- WITA Executive Committee Meeting on December 4, 2018 at WITA Office at 3:30
- WITA Logo Shirt Day for Scholarships on December 7, 2018
- WITA Governing Council Meeting on December 11, 2018 at IHS Faculty Cafeteria at 3:30

XV. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jason Rugg and seconded by Joan Seiffer. The motion was approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Boomer
WITA Secretary