

- I. The meeting (via Zoom) was called to order at 3:35 by President Scott Steinberg.
- II. Wendy Boomer-Secretary
  - The minutes from the September 22, 2020 Governing Council meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mary Theresa Boerman and seconded by Anna Conti. The minutes were approved by all.
- III. Steve Schockow-Treasurer
  - Steve presented the Treasurer's report for September 2020. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Leanna Palumbo and seconded by Beth Ford. The report was approved by all.
  - A motion to take the treasurer's reports for May-August 2020 and the Final WITA Budget Report for 2019-2020 off the table was made by Howard Dutton and seconded by Leana Palumbo. The motion carried.
  - A motion to approve the Treasurer's reports from May, June, July, and August 2020 was made by Deb Williams and seconded by Julie Wolf. The motion carried.
  - A motion to approve the Final Budget Report 2019-2020 was made by Lauren Reinert and seconded by Maureen Bacchetta. The motion carried.
- IV. Steve Schockow-Executive Vice President
  - Steve reported that there is no new Board of Education Report at this time.
  - The next Board of Education Meeting will be on October 15, 2020.
- V. Kate Dobosz-Second Vice President
  - Kate announced that we are currently in the process of updating our membership lists. Kate reported that we have four new hires left to sign up.
- VI. Howard Dutton-Grievance Chair
  - Howard reported that there are no current grievances.
- VII. Julie Wolf-VOTE/COPE Chair
  - Julie announced that there is no update at this time.
- VIII. Tammy Jaynes-Legislative/Political Action Chair
  - Tammy announced that we will be setting up a phone bank for October 27, 2020 in support of Samra Brouk. More information will be coming soon.
- IX. Scott Steinberg-NYSTRS Chair
  - Scott announced that there is no update at this time.
- X. Maureen Bacchetta-PTSA Chair
  - Maureen asked members to support the PTSA by purchasing a calendar.
- XI. Scott Steinberg-President's Report
  - Scott reminded members about the WITA Sexual Harassment Policy and Training Sign-Off. Please send your signature sheet to the WITA Office at IHS.
  - Scott announced that Master Schedules are needed from Dake and Seneca, and a Building Rep List is needed from Dake.
  - Scott reminded Reps that all faculty meeting announcements will be sent via home email. Scott asked VPs and Communication Reps to check that members are receiving communications via personal email as all Union communications will be via personal email.
  - Scott announced that NYSUT calendars are still available. Contact Scott if you are interested.
  - Scott asked members to consider supporting the PTSA by purchasing a calendar and/or membership.
  - Scott announced that tenure gifts will be delivered to members due to the Tenure Event cancellation.
  - Scott reported that the DOH revised the COVID-19 guidelines. Students who are sick do not need a COVID-19 test if their symptoms are "not new or unusual" and they have a Doctor's note confirming.
  - Scott announced that there are no teachers teaching remotely from the TLC, so there is no need for WITA representation there. Scott will work with members approved for work at home, so they stay connected to WITA.
  - Scott reported that the Reopening MOA is ready to be signed. The MOA allows for at least 3.5 hours of unencumbered planning time in blocks no less than 60 minutes on Wednesdays.
  - Scott reported that he (along with Steve Schockow and Kate Dobosz), will be meeting with Karyn Ryan, Chrissy Miga, and Michelle Cramer to discuss the observation process for Teachers teaching remote learning.
  - Scott reported that the coaching MOA is ready to be signed. Due to the shortened fall sporting schedule, all coaches except Varsity Head Coaches, will receive 80% of their coaching salary.
  - Scott reported that the Negotiations team has a meeting planned with the district on October 22, 2020.

- Kate reported that the Social Committee has begun Treat Drop-Offs to different buildings on Wednesdays.
- Tammy Jaynes announced that the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Event will be held on October 18, 2020. Our team is scheduled for a 11:30 a.m. start time at Market Place Mall. Please consider donating if you are not able to attend.
- Scott announced that the Excellence in Education Banquet will be held at Glendoveers on May 18, 2021. Dake is hosting.
- Scott asked that members continue to send wedding and birth announcements to him ([WITAPresident@gmail.com](mailto:WITAPresident@gmail.com)), to be included in the next issue of the Scoop.
- Scott met with Dr. Johnson on October 1, 2020. They discussed COVID communication issues. They meet next on November 5, 2020.
- Scott advised members with work-load issues to meet with administrators to share concerns about increased work demands and to brainstorm ways to solve these issues together. Increased demands on Special Education and Physical Education Teachers were discussed.
- Scott announced that WITA will be sending out a NYSUT Survey to members regarding the Reopening of Schools. Please complete the survey as it will be helpful in our work with the district on behalf of members.

XII. Building Issues: The flooding at Colebrook School and the subsequent reopening schedule was discussed.

XIII. Dates and Announcements to Remember

- October 18, 2020- Making Strides Event at Market Place Mall at 11:30 a.m.
- November 3, 2020-WITA Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom at 3:30
- November 6, 2020-WITA Logo Shirt Day in support of Student Scholarships
- November 10, 2020- WITA Governing Council Meeting via Zoom at 3:30
- November 17, 2020- SRP Recognition Day

XIV. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Betsy Walther and seconded by Beth Ford. The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Boomer  
WITA Secretary