

Minutes of the West Irondequoit Teachers' Association  
Governing Council  
September 22, 2020

- I. The meeting (via Zoom) was called to order at 3:35 by President Scott Steinberg. Scott announced the appointment of Howard Dutton as Grievance Chairperson. Patrick Duffy made a motion to accept the appointment as presented. Steve Schockow seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- II. Wendy Boomer-Secretary
  - The minutes from the May 14, 2020 Governing Council meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Betsy Walther and seconded by Howard Dutton. The minutes were approved by all.
  - The minutes from the August 17, 2020 Governing Council meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Betsy Walther and seconded by Tammy Jaynes. The minutes were approved by all.
- III. Steve Schockow-Treasurer
  - Steve presented the Trial Balance through August 31, 2020 and the Final WITA Budget Report for 2019-2020.
  - A motion to table the treasurer's reports for May-August 2020 was made by Deb Williams and seconded by Kim Gardner. The motion carried.
  - Steve presented the WITA Dues Breakdown for 2020-2021.
- IV. Steve Schockow-Executive Vice President
  - Steve presented the Board of Education Capsule Summaries from June 18, 2020, July 1, 2020, August 13, 2020, and September 17, 2020.
  - The next Board of Education Meeting will be on October 15, 2020.
- V. Kate Dobosz-Second Vice President
  - Kate announced that the New Member Breakfast held in August was successful.
  - Kate asked Building VPs and Communication Reps to make personal contact with new hires to help them sign up for WITA. All new members receive a free T-shirt.
  - Please let Kate know of new hires in your building.
  - Kate asked VPs and Communication Reps to edit the Member List that she will be sending.
  - Scott reminded VPs and Communication Reps to refer to the "Union Membership Categories" information to encourage new hires 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 some new members made contributions to VOTE/COPE at the New Member Breakfast. Julie announced there is no other VOTE/COPE update at this time.
- VIII. Tammy Jaynes-Legislative/Political Action Chair
  - Tammy announced that the Labor Council was busy this summer. There were Black Lives Matter and Labor Council Rallies and support of Post Office workers at the picket lines.
  - The Labor Council issued a statement in the wake of the Daniel Prude's death. In response, the Labor Council created the Rochester Labor Council Racial Justice Council.
  - Tammy thanked members for helping with phone banks this past spring. We were successful in helping to pass the school budget as well as having WITA endorsed Board candidates elected. Phone bank information will be coming soon in support of November elections.
  - Tammy announced that there is a Union Strong App. Text NYSAFLCIO to 471-77 if you are interested.
- IX. Scott Steinberg-NYSTRS Chair
  - Scott announced (due to regulations), that he will be filling the NYSTRS delegate position for 2020-2021. We are looking for a member interested in the position as there will be a delegate election in spring 2021. Contact Scott if you are interested.
- X. Maureen Bacchetta-PTSA Chair
  - Maureen announced that the PTSA does not have calendars ready at this time due to reprinting. More information on calendars and membership will be coming soon.
- XI. Scott Steinberg-President's Report
  - Scott thanked all for attending today's meeting.
  - Scott reviewed WITA Goals for 2020-2021 and announced that all meetings will be via Zoom until further notice.
  - Scott reviewed Important Dates, WITA Representative List, the WITA Constitution, and the WITA Sexual Harassment Policy and Training Sign-Off. Please send your signature sheet to the WITA Office at IHS.
  - Scott announced that all lunch visits are cancelled for now.

- Scott reported that WITA Office hours will be held on Tuesdays and Thursday by appointment only.
  - Scott reported 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 asked for Master Schedules and Building Representative breakdowns from all buildings.
  - Scott announced that NYSUT calendars are available upon request. Contact Scott if you would like a calendar.
  - Scott announced that the Labor Film Series is cancelled.
  - Scott announced that the New Para and Nurse and TA Tenure Reception has been cancelled for now.
  - Scott suggested a stipend adjustment for Steve Schockow as he is taking over Treasurer duties while Todd Fleming holds an administrative position. Maureen Bacchetta made a motion to prorate \$666.00 of Todd's Treasurer Stipend to Steve Schockow. The motion was seconded by Jeff Markarian. The motion carried.
  - Scott announced that he is waiting to hear from the district on how many teachers of remote learning may be working at the TLC.
  - Scott reported that he (along with other WITA members) attended the NYSUT Regional Summer Conference held virtually. Much of the information concerned COVID-19 protocols and legal updates.
  - Tammy Jaynes announced that the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Event will be held on October 18, 2020. More information will be coming soon.
  - Scott announced that the Excellence in Education Banquet will be held 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 September 11, 2020. They discussed re-opening issues. They meet next on October 1, 2020.
  - Scott announced that we have approached the district about resuming Negotiations.
  - Kate announced that the Social Committee will boost morale by scheduling "treat" drop-offs to individual buildings.
- XII. Building Issues: Several Building Issues were discussed today including: COVID-19 protocols and contact tracing, Special Area Teacher assignments and subbing, Students switching from Remote Learning to In-Person and vice versa, TA subbing, Doctor's notes when sick, "Deep-Cleans" in the classroom, Wednesday as Remote Learning day, and Out of Title Work.
- XIII. Dates and Announcements to Remember
- October 2, 2020- WITA Logo Shirt Day in support of Student Scholarships
  - October 6, 2020- WITA Executive Committee Meeting at 3:30 via Zoom
  - October 13, 2020- WITA Governing Council Meeting at 3:30 via Zoom
  - October 18, 2020- Making Strides Event
- XIV. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jason Rugg and seconded by Maureen Bacchetta. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Boomer  
WITA Secretary