



# West Genesee Teachers' Association

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## Monthly Meeting of the Cabinet Wednesday, December 11, 2013

### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by John Mannion at 4:03 p.m.

### II. Roll Call

Cabinet Members Present:

<b><u>Executive Officers</u></b> John Mannion Mary Weaver Keith Newvine Sue Marshall	<b><u>East Hill</u></b> Janet McDonald Heather Thome	<b><u>Onondaga Road</u></b> Jeanine Stables	<b><u>Split Rock</u></b> Wende Ogden
<b><u>Stonehedge</u></b> Terry Lindsey Allyson Winters	<b><u>CMS</u></b> Kristyn Sperduti	<b><u>WGMS</u></b> Matt Bolha Carol Glor	<b><u>High School</u></b> Mark Grier Patrick Haines Chris Paoli Patti Sullivan

Ray Fuller:Historian Guest: Ellen Miller:Assistant Editor, Newsletter

### III. Minutes: John Mannion reported:

- a. Minutes from the November WGTA Meeting were sent via email and also distributed, accepted as written.

### IV. Treasurer's Report: Sue Marshall reported:

- a. Current WGTA budget ending on November 30<sup>th</sup> was discussed and was accepted.
- b. Stipends distributed.

### V. Membership Chair Report, Matt Bolha

- a. Membership lists are continuously being cross referenced for accuracy.
- b. Cabinet members were asked to please report back any information regarding members on or off the list.

### VI. President's Report, John Mannion

- a. No show policy has been negotiated and agreed upon, presented at EDC 12/9/13
- b. Electronic device policy is being agreed upon by the committee, a pilot program may begin in January
- c. Extensive discussion regarding Math Institute and the piloting of Investigations vs. teachers using the modules. Questions regarding the lack of rigor in Investigations. There has been no decision made on accepting or purchasing Investigations as the district's math program. No final timeline has been set to make a decision, however, principals have been directed to budget for a potential purchase of the program. If Investigations is adopted, extensive training will be necessary.
- d. Online HS-the WGTA has filed a grievance against the district in purchasing passwords and enrolling students before sending it through the proper channels including EDC. WGTA officers will meet with the district to negotiate the future of any online programs our courses.
- e. Wear Blue was a success.
- f. Anyone interested there is a legislative breakfast at Nysut Regional Office, this Saturday at 9am.

### VII. Vice President's Report-Mary Weaver

- a. SLC addressed the following b-k.
- b. A multitude of concerns at the elementary level.
- c. IS services starting earlier in 2014-2015
- d. Changes in the electronics policy at the HS.
- e. Also, access to schools on weekends will be on a limited basis.

- f. Due to the pay freeze, we are still not back to providing all the extra curricular and fine arts opportunities we used to.
- g. Township 5 pilot funds will help with balancing the tax cap. Cap sheets may become more user friendly with sections already completed.
- h. RTI K-4 vs 1-8 models were discussed.
- i. Time provided to score LAT assessments will be explored.
- j. Supervision of students during MSIT at WGMS and supervision in the am at CMS were discussed.
- k. Watch professional development videos is not required, including during planning time
- l. Teacher Center update- Most collegial circle applications and action research projects were approved. Additional funds are available and may be used to for Math Boot Camp offered through BOCES or additional collegial circle approval
- m. Special Ed Committee continues to meet, issues discussed regarding what goes to SLC or PLC if in is a Special Ed. concern.
- n. Please sign up for Board of Ed Meetings.

**VIII. Vice President Grievances Report- Keith Newvine**

- a. Reworked and distributed a pamphlet provided by Theresa Mosey regarding a union representative and members roles and responses when a disciplinary issue arises.
- b. Purpose and process of grievance was stated. Future actions were discussed and will be discussed among executive officers.
- c. Teachers should be cooperative when an administrator requires them to do something, if you believe it is not appropriate, ask for it in writing.
- d. A proposed flowchart was drafted to assure that any major curricular changes go through the proper channels.

**IX. Elementary Report**

- a. ECC discussions regarding new report cards and staff input.
- b. If a snow day occurs on a sick day or personal day that day is not used and returned to your allotted days.
- c. Special area teachers could not meet with students at ST due to a school wide lab event, notification was given that day.
- d. Maintaining the number of sections in a grade level to lower class size. How can these decisions be made now, there must be time for flexibility.
- e. LAT testing issues related to security and Study Island questions may not reflect what is in the curriculum maps. The grade level chairs selected questions rather than wrote the questions.
- f. More clarification is needed regarding Learner's Edge

**X. Middle Schools Report**

- a. Concern regarding, budgets, 5 weekers, etc. all due at the same time.
- b. Teachers should not be give "homework" at faculty meetings.

**XI. High School Report**

- a. Can scheduling be pushed back to later in the year to provide teachers with better evidence to make recommendations for the following year.
- b. lack of consistency on standard 1 scoring.

**XII. Adjournment 5:45pm**