



West Genesee Teachers' Association

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Cabinet Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 11, 2015

Called to Order: 4:02

I. Roll Call:

<u>Executive Officers</u> John Mannion Mary Weaver Jeanine Stables	<u>East Hill</u> Heather Tome Janet McDonald	<u>Split Rock</u>	<u>WGMS</u> Matt Bolha Donna Geer MaryBeth Smith
	<u>Onondaga Road</u> Kathy Gauthier Kristen Hudson	<u>Stonehedge</u> Allyson Winters Terry Lindsey Courtney Lyons	
<u>CMS</u> Jamie Abdo Dale Keida	<u>High School</u> Chris Paoli Theresa Mosey Theresa Murray	Patrick Haines Patti Sullivan	<u>Guest</u>

II. Secretary's Report (Jeanine Stables)

- January minutes were shared, with discussion for comments or corrections.
- Motion to accept January 2015 minutes as reported: Courtney Lyons
- Seconded: Patti Sullivan
Motion approved

III. Treasurer's Report

(Presented by John Mannion)

- We are up to date on rent and paid NYSUT bill
- Budget will be adjusted to fund Theresa Mosey's trip to president's conference.
- New website in the works that is taking a lot of time and effort. John is requesting a \$500 stipend for Lynn for the additional time and work

IV. President's Report (John Mannion)

- Technology: We are currently updating website- to make it more user friendly and relevant
- We need a dedicated wireless line and secured internet access at WGTA office.
- Motion to approve expenditure of \$1500 to purchase three laptops to be used by executive officers for union business: Allyson Winters
Seconded: Kristen Hudson
Motion approved
- The #onething- thank you for suggestions and follow through with this.
- Education Forum in Lyncourt is tonight. John asked Dr. Brown to say a few words. He accepted. This forum was originally set up by OCTA. Legislators will be there.
- Testing Resolution- Dr. Brown has agreed to ask Bobbi Herron, BOE president to sign the no testing resolution.
- NYSAPE- Motion for WGTA to sign on to their resolution against testing: Kristen Hudson

Seconded- Keith Newvine

Discussion included when to involve our PTAs and what to tell them about our position regarding state testing issues

Motion unanimously approved, with no abstentions

- h.** Calendar rough draft. It is a challenge this year due in part to BOCES.
John will suggest possible options- possibly that we get rid of one Sept. day and split it into 2 half days.
- i.** Middle school and HS changes. John has met with admin.
The district administration wants to move DDP from HS to 8th, and health to 6th grade.
John is meeting with members impacted, including health, career and financial management- to address questions and concerns. Classes will be redesigned to be appropriate for middle-school aged kids
- j.** Following the By-Laws protocol:
Election: June 2nd- At April meeting we will need 6 people to be part of nominating committee. At May meeting, Nominating Committee meets- elects a chair. They recommend candidates to the board.
May 18th - candidate's names will be posted.- info on candidates is sent to all the members 15 days before election
May 21nd general membership meeting- candidates can address the membership.
- k.** John is Meeting with DeFrancisco's staff on Friday afternoon.

V. Vice-President's Report (Mary Weaver)

- a.** TC meeting cancelled in Feb.
- b.** SLC only had two agenda items- talked about health, technology and MS. Pointing out that it all has to go through committees. Next April 1, May 20th

VI. Building Leader Report

EH- Questions about teachers' children taking state tests.

What are admin doing in response to governor's attack? Why are they not speaking out, as other administrations are? It's time for everyone to speak up.

Do you get paid for snow day if you are out on leave? (A: No. You do not get those day back because you have already put yourself as unavailable to work the day before and after)

OR- Movement of teachers is a concern- requesting a transfer? Concerns over protocol for teachers being moved- should there be more specific language in contract.

WGMS - none (seniority list issue has been addressed)

HS - none

SR - none

STH- B and G- none

Members are headed to the Lyncourt forum.

Motion to Adjourn: Allyson Winters

Seconded: Patti Sullivan

Meeting Adjourned 5:15pm