



West Genesee Teachers' Association

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Cabinet Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2017

Meeting Called to Order: 4:02pm

I. Roll Call:

<u>Executive Officers</u> John Mannion Jeanine Stables Mike Perkins Mary Gotham Mary Weaver	<u>East Hill</u> Heather Thome Janet McDonald	<u>Split Rock</u> Melanie Callahan	<u>WGMS</u> Matt Bolha Mary Beth Smith
	<u>Onondaga Road</u> Kathy Gauthier Kristen Hudson	<u>Stonehedge</u> Allyson Stalter Dawn Personte Courtney Lyons	
<u>CMS</u> Dale Keida	<u>High School</u> Pat Haines Craig Dowler Theresa Mosey Rob Manipole		

II. Secretary's Report (Jeanine Stables)

- a. December minutes will be reviewed: additions to roll call made as reported.
- b. Motion to approve December Minutes- Dale Keida. Seconded- Allyson Stalter

III. President's Report (John Mannion)

- a. Secretary of Education Betsy Devos- they have delayed her hearing in the Senate, which may be a good sign. She is really looking for her and her friends to make a profit off schools. She is probably the worst person he could have named, in respect to what's good for kid. In that spirit:
- b. Day of Action- Wear you WGTA shirt- take a picture with you staff and send pics to John Mannion
- c. Cabinet concerns- will be meeting again with Dr Brown. Important for us to pay attention to why there is a push for computerized testing- with eventual leading to computerized grading, without teacher input or teaching. Parents and board have not been notified of computerized state tests for third grade
- d. Report Cards- January 30th training. Will be asking for volunteers to test it out.
- e. DO was receptive to idea of modernizing Bid sheets
- f. Committee of 100 is a political day where you go in and lobby legislators on issues. March 6th and 7th. If anyone would want to go, NYSUT pays.
- g. EDC- we now have a full slate of committee members. We need a committee rep for Teaching Center Rep from HS
- h. Staffing issue will be problematic at MS and HS, especially. We should be hearing about this soon, if anyone gets bad news, contact WGTA. To get the incentive, people will need to file notice of retirement with the district by March 23. You can declare earlier, but once its board approved its tough if you want to change your mind.
- i. Sabbatical half year is full pay, full year is ¾ pay
- j. By-law language changes to be discussed- ST HS WGM need to be flexible with number from each building. Motion made to add members to the By-Laws committee: Mike Perkins, seconded by Dawn Personte.
Motion passes. These members are added to committee- Kristen Hudson, Allyson Stalter, Melanie Callahan

- k. Middle schools proposing 1 hour math and 1hour ELA, and it seems to be a supported idea
- l. Thank you for collecting item for donations again
- m. If you are getting grad classes preapproved- it is all on my learning plan, no form any more.

IV. Treasurer's Report (Mary Gotham)

- a. Financial update- we continue to be in great shape
- b. \$75,422 after paying all the stipends. Received and paid dues.
- c. Check to Mary Clancy for donation fundraiser.
- d. \$22,639 is scholarship fund balance-
- e. We should have an external audit. We will be looking for someone to audit our books at the end of this fiscal year.

V. Vice Presidents' Report (by Mary Weaver)

- a. SLC- next Wednesday Jan18- apologize for items missed on last agenda
- b. Teaching Center Directing Council- \$7,600 left over from not having PD. He wants to create 10, two hour PD offerings, and ask staff to provide ideas. Seems like a good, creative idea. Different format for Drumlin's event. More info to follow
- c. Paul F will be coming end of February/beginning of march to talk about TRS

VI. VP for Grievances (Mike Perkins)

- a. Update on current grievance- presented to the board. Not agreed. Moving now to select arbitrators.
- b. Report cards- Jan 30th training for full day to go over and understand process we are still needing teachers to articulate the concerns of teachers to the report cards. 4th and 5th ckla have different writers than the rest of CKLA so it makes it challenging. Family letter prepared to send home to families to explain change in report card.

VII. Membership Chair (Matt Bolha)

- c. Update- did send out letters, and got one or two mistakes cleared up.

Building Level Reports

STG- nothing

STB- nothing

OR- nothing

EH- nothing

SR- nothing

WGMS- one issue- pre-cursor to naughty list questions about new assessments.

CMS- new calendar for next year- will we have another day at beginning of the year? One PD day is not enough at beginning of the year. We will try and present draft when we have it.

HS- midterm schedule was made with lack of input from teacher. Teachers would appreciate more input

Motion to adjourn- Allyson Stalter, Seconded: Pat Haines

Meeting adjourned: 4:59pm