



# West Genesee Teachers' Association

PO Box 417  
Camillus, NY 13031

## Cabinet Meeting Minutes December 14, 2016

Call to Order: 4:02 pm

### 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 Wende Ogden	<u>WGMS</u> Matt Bolha MaryBeth Smith
	<u>Onondaga Road</u> Kathy Gauthier Kristen Hudson	<u>Stonehedge</u> Allyson Stalter Dawn Personte Courtney Lyons	
<u>CMS</u> Dale Keida Sharon Bush	<u>High School</u> Pat Haines Rob Manipole Craig Dowler Theresa Mosey		

### II. Secretary's Report (Jeanine Stables)

- a. November minutes reviewed- changes to roll call to add Sharon Bush, Craig Dowler, Molly Devaney and remove Theresa Mosey
- b. Motion to approve amended minutes by Theresa Mosey, Seconded by Allyson Stalter

### III. President's Report (John Mannion)

- a. Donations- many items were collected, great support from staff and students. We would like to continue this in some form for next year, possibly tied to the fall fling.
- b. Legislative Breakfast was last Saturday. John ended up leading a session. In attendance included: John DeFrancisco, Al Stirpe, Gary Finch and Pam Hunter. A lot of good things came out this meeting. Many acknowledged that Cuomo will only say and do what will directly effect/reflect on him with disregard to teachers/students. They were blaming themselves for allowing it, in the name of passing budgets, but they are not clear on the severe impact their positions have on students. Concerns over Trump/DeVos.- Statewide day of action in regards to this bad turn of events. We are going to have to stand and fight this, to protect our students. In regards to the possibility of opening the state constitution, IF yes on Constitution- De Francisco thinks not a lot will change. But it is hard to believe them.
- c. Computer-Based testing- We have been aggressively fighting against this issue of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade testing. If we propose a low SLO target, and it is not approved, see John. Serious concerns that they say we have the technology but we in fact don't. We will continue to advocate against computer based testing. Will parents be notified? Also passed this issue up to NYSAPE to make them aware.
- d. Snow day/Parent Conference- We did advocate for replacement days. Admin did not agree, but acknowledged we need a plan in case it happens again.

**IV. Treasurer's Report (Mary Gotham)**

- a. Financial update- November \$76, 154 current account balance
- b. Phone and utilities higher this month as we paid fee for mailbox
- c. Some reimbursements for NYSUT convention- more to come
- d. Stipends were handed out tonight

**V. Vice Presidents' Report (by Mary Weaver)**

- a. SLC- already discussed minutes, and issues with parent conferences. Call 211 if emergent family needs. Dr Brown is concerned about negative tax cap, so he will not commit to adding social worker staff. Sub service was discussed.
- b. Teaching Center- Mary did not attend.. 8 collegial circle were approved for \$19,000. Three action research and 1 workshop.

**VI. VP for Grievances (Mike Perkins)**

- a. Grievance has reached the arbitration stage. Paperwork has been filed.

**VII. Membership Chair (Matt Bolha)**

- a. Matt will be mailing out letters and forms for people who are still listed as fee.

**VIII. Building Level Reports**

**HS-** nothing

**WGMS-** Teachers are worried about 30, 60, 90 assessments

**CMS-** two fights in the halls involving students. Now that there are cameras- principal came to teachers when on video it appeared they were not monitoring hall. Teachers have questions.

**EH-** In Friday memo, it indicates they should keep going with curriculum even if kids not understanding if- teachers are very concerned with this- not good teaching.

Collective responsibility???- concerns about procedures and how services IS are provided.

**OR-** \*\*we need an EDC rep\*\* Report card committee- will there really be giving training for report cards?

**SR-** inequity in staffing

**STB** Budget dates for teachers- why do we keep doing it this way. Couldn't we use a district wide spreadsheet? PLC minutes- notes being left off PLC- being told they will not put things in the minutes.

What is protocol for cleaning up urine and vomit in class? Waiting for up to 45 minutes for someone to come clean it up.

**STG** seeking help for mental health support for students

Questions about seniority lists- are they being updated?

Motion to adjourn- Theresa Mosey, Seconded by- Dawn Personte

**Meeting adjourned-** 5:35pm