



West Genesee Teachers' Association

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Cabinet Meeting Agenda

March 8, 2017

I. Call to order: 4:02 pm

II. 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> Mary Beth Smith
	<u>Onondaga Road</u> Kathy Gauthier Kristen Hudson	<u>Stonehedge</u> Allyson Stalter Stephanie Skardinski Courtney Lyons Dawn Personte	
<u>CMS</u> Dale Keida Sharon Bush	<u>High School</u> Theresa Mosey	Pat Haines Craig Dowler Rob Manipole Chris Paoli	

III. Secretary's Report (Jeanine Stables)

- a. February minutes were reviewed for accuracy and discussion. Motion to accept the minutes as written, Theresa Mosey. Seconded, Dawn Personte. Minutes approved

IV. President's Report (John Mannion)

- a. Cabinet elections tentatively set for June 14th. Sometime in April, an email will go out to members and let them know people can run. We need a nomination committee to be held at the May meeting date. Anyone who wants to run must be presented at this meeting.
Nominating committee will need to be appointed in April
Board of ed. elections are quickly approaching. 3 positions are up for elections this year and at least one doesn't plan to run.
- b. Calendar- we did not get any of the changes we pushed for due to restrictions with number of days. Parent Conferences will take place on 12/14 and 15. Seemingly random 1/2days are due to BOCES calendar
- c. Learner's Edge- backstory. People took a lot of courses over a very short period of time. Dr. Brown and John met to discuss. Now we move forward. Choices- arbitration, but we do have concerns about the rigor of these courses. We may want to consider agreeing to the three course limit for course offered from Augustana. Course must be tied to members teaching or/and strategic planning. Other options available for courses including NYSUT. Also wondering if we can expand the course offerings for the teaching center.
- d. SLC- concerns about trying to limit the number for extras before state tests. He feels we try to do that, and that we can seek out principals.
- e. RA is in April will be before our next cabinet meeting. New NYSUT leaders are up for election.
- f. April 29 is Highway clean-up day

V. Treasurer's Report (Mary Gotham)

- a. Financial update- checking \$115,357 we never got the NYSUT bill for dues this month which is why it's so high.
- b. Really in good shape

VI. Vice Presidents' Report (by Mary Weaver)

- a. Committee of 100- Many worthwhile discussions and proposals, including how much money districts are owed by the state. APPR discussion show it doesn't connect to regents. We asked for restoration of teaching center funds. Lots of discussions about tax cap, alternative school funding for special education students, funding for public libraries and Medicare
- b. Remember to VOTE NO for the constitutional convention this fall
- c. Teaching Center- cancelled

VII. VP for Grievances (Mike Perkins)

- a. Science/SS update- changes to science- standards adopted by nys. Wgcsd is looking to educate us on these new standards. BOCES is moving away from their kits toward Smithsonian kits. Will be replaced gradually 1 kit at a time at each grade level
- b. SS framework has been out for two years and district is now focusing on that look for changes to this. .

VIII. Membership Chair (Matt Bolha)

- a. Review list for those who need to join

Building Level Reports

StB- formal observations- do they have to be announced? **YES** that's what the agreement says
We agreed to coordinated walk through for second observations so they should be letting you know a general time frame

StG none

OR none

SR none

EH none

WGMS IT- boot camp for students who are failing was suggested, turns out to be having to stay for IT to help every one of the kids to catch up. Concerned that teachers are being expected to do this. ---It is not a teaching period! Teachers are looking for guidance

CMS none

HS none

Motion to adjourn: Mike Perkins. Seconded, Dale Keida

Meeting adjourned at 5:25

