



West Genesee Teachers' Association

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Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2014

Roll Call:

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

Meeting Called to Order by John Mannion at 4:05 pm.

I. Secretary's Report (Jeanine Stables)

- September minutes were presented for discussion.
- Motion to approve minutes: Janet McDonald
- Seconded: Dale Keida

II. Treasurer's Report

- Still have not received audit report. 990 will be filed by Nov 15th
- Treasurer's report accepted as printed

III. President's Report (John Mannion)

- EDC- plan at CMS to address gap between special ed and regular ed population. Things are moving forward.
 - Math middle school "pilot"- seemed to be pushed onto teachers, but it is going fairly smoothly

Questions about people may not be getting paid for extra time- contact John if need to
- Learner's Edge- Keith had been going back and forth with Mr. Kesel. Keith contacted all 5 universities that offer credits through Learner's Edge, and forwarded it to administration. Administration is concerned that classes should be grad credit- should be a class leading to a degree.
- Online HS- district purchased 25 passwords, under provision in state regs. We want to make sure WG teachers are teaching WG students in so far as possible. WGTA has communicated this to administration and NYSUT rep.- We concerned about losing teaching positions to BOCES. Discussion about the intensity of credit deficiency and whether these students are benefiting from thisquestions about passing rate of online courses
New math class offered for seniors that went through EDC- was good opportunity to see this work-

- New Sick Bank- Kelli Slate at CMS- motion: Mary Weaver. Seconded Mary Beth Smith-- Approved
- Dance program update- Dr. Brown is saying next year it will be .6 time. John wrote a letter to board stating our position on letting the program survive on its own (let the numbers dictate the course). Members want to know if introductory dance will be offered.
- The membership will be coming out soon- Kelly putting it together.
- Solicitors in the buildings- Omni group has been in several buildings- feel like maybe this should not be ok? Who is approving this?
- Between now and Dec. confirm personal email-
- Fundraisers- please coordinate between buildings

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

- SLC- full agenda
 - Discussion about planning time in elementary- not really acknowledged by admin. We will continue to push the issue. Someone brought up the idea of TA monitoring recess, but there are clear problems with this as OR and EH eat lunch in classrooms.
 - Members are offended by the superintendent's comments – seen as devaluing his teachers
 - TC- December meeting will review collegial circle and action research proposals
Mid-year evaluation for B. Kesel- trying to get SU professors to more regularly sit on committee.

V. Building Leader Report

- **STG** Nothing
- **EH-** Questions about how are kids identified for IS.- are all buildings different? shouldn't the protocol be the same – teachers need to have their input taken into consideration. DIT- concerns about trouble scheduling timely meetings. Why aren't IS workshops afterschool like others- math, and no subs for when they take place during the day.
- **SR** nothing- general malaise- morale is low.
Concerns about protocols for what to do with behavior problems- we will pull out contract to look for guidance
- **OR** ECC agenda- from sept - minutes did not reflect what happened at October workshop day. Members feeling like they needed that time to work cooperatively with new program. Also- questions about time scheduling for workshop day did not seem fair- some teachers were leaving earlier than others.
- **WGMS** Morale is low. Kids are getting rougher and rougher, and so is dealing with the parents. Principal is doing what he can to respond to general feeling of staff need.
- **CMS** Formal observations- not supposed to happen- but are: ---if a HE or E teacher needs a formal eval.- consult with building rep. When does seniority list come out? Morale is low.
- **HS** nothing

Meeting adjourned 5:45pm