



# West Genesee Teachers' Association

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## Cabinet Meeting Minutes February 8, 2017

- I. Call to Order- 4:01pm
- 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	<u>Stonehedge</u> Allyson Stalter Stephanie Skardinski Courtney Lyons	
<u>CMS</u> Dale Keida	<u>High School</u> Pat Haines Craig Dowler Theresa Mosey Rob Manipole Chris Paoli		

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

- a. January minutes were reviewed for accuracy. Changes to roll call to add Craig Dowler, remove Stephanie Skardinski
- b. Motion to accept January minutes with roll call changes- Allyson Stalter Seconded, Pat Haines. Minutes accepted as revised.

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

- a. Graduate Credit Hours- if you are taking any online classes they must be pre-approved. Only some colleges through Learners edge are accredited, and show classes as graduates credits (600Level and above), but you still must be pre-approved. Please keep in mind the number of classes you try to take, as taking multiple courses each semester would be seen as overloaded.
- b. By-Laws Revision proposal- The idea is to have more flexibility in the number of reps and leaders from each building, based on number of people in building and number of executive officers in each building. This change needs to be presented to general membership- at May meeting. Language for proposed change is in the works and by-law committee meeting will present it at the April meeting. Working on ideas on how to ensure we have a quorum at the May meeting, so we can vote on the proposed changes.
- c. Possible give back days- March 17<sup>th</sup>, Memorial day- 26<sup>th</sup> then the Tuesday after 30<sup>th</sup>
- d. WGTA Reform Resolution- We would like to consider adopting a resolution to address our concerns in advocating for the students in our district and in pub ed. in general. Addressing issues such as computer based testing,
- e. RA- there are now two slates of candidates- one from Unity Caucus and one from Stronger Together Caucus- which represent most unions outside of NYC.

- f. Middle school ELA/Math changes- we are signing an MOA for one year pilot in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. That will shift the ELA and Math to one hour each. Concerns about teaching over contract hours, planning, etc do still exist.
- g. Elections will be held JUNE 14

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

- a. Current balance- \$ 81,608
- b. Payroll and dues have been paid out
- c. Scholarship- two semesters instead of one paid to student
- d. Donated \$50 to Bill and Maggie Mercer for district wide collection.

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

- a. SLC- is March 1<sup>st</sup> Agenda will come out next week
- b. Teaching Center- DC canceled
- c. March 2<sup>nd</sup> 4- 5:45 in LGI to speak on retirement
- d. 17<sup>th</sup>- Medicare 101 meeting being offered by the district. CTLE house for this are available

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

- a. Arbitration set to start in June through Cornell arbitrators.

**VIII. Building Level Reports**

**STG** none

**STB** none

**East Hill-** no heads up was given for unannounced walk though, which was what we had agreed upon. Subs- called on Monday night- Was told they don't think there will be a sub—even though you feel guilty, you have a right to use your sick time.

**SR** question about- isn't it possible to limit the number of happenings that are outside of curriculum when we are preparing students for state tests. Too many interruptions are a disservice to the kids and interfere with teaching and preparing for state testing

**OR** none

**CMS-** none

**WGMS-** Teachers being asked to cover other testing center during planning time.- they should be getting reimbursed *if* being asked to- but confirm with principal.

**Motion to Adjourn** by Mike Perkins, seconded by Courtney Lyons.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 5:10pm