



West Genesee Teachers' Association

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Monthly Meeting of the Cabinet

Tuesday May 13, 2014

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by John Mannion at 4:18 pm. Meeting was preceded by a presentation by Bill Spreter Local NYSUT VOTE/COPE Director. (4:06-4:18)

II. Roll Call

Cabinet Members Present:

<u>Executive Officers</u> John Mannion Mary Weaver Keith Newvine Sue Marshall	<u>East Hill</u> Janet McDonald	<u>Onondaga Road</u> Jeanine Stables	<u>Split Rock</u>
<u>Stonehedge</u> Terry Lindsey Allyson Winters Courtney Lyons	<u>CMS</u>	<u>WGMS</u> Matt Bolha Mary Beth Smith Carol Glor	<u>High School</u> Patti Sullivan Theresa Murray Chris Paoli Pat Haines Theresa Mosey

Historian: Ray Fuller

III. Secretary's Report (Keith Newvine):

- a. April Minutes were shared and approved as written.

IV. Treasurer's Report (Sue Marshall):

- a. Reported the status of our scholarship fund, discussion on how awards are distributed and the responsibility of the student.
- b. John Mannion requested a motion to reinstitute the scholarship originally awarded to Shannon Howes of \$1,000 for the 2013-2014 school year, pending submission of her transcript. Motion by K. Newvine, seconded by M. Weaver. Unanimous yes vote.

V. Membership Chair Report (Matt Bolha):

Nothing to report

VI. President's Report: John Mannion reported:

- a. Elections
 - i. Election date for buildings to be selected either June 2 or 3.
- b. Insurance Committee
 - i. Premiums expected to increase 5% for the 2014-2015 school year.
 - ii. Number of claims by subscribers have increased from the previous year.
- c. Nominations

- i. John recommended Jeanine Stables for the office of Secretary for the 2014-2015 school year, motion requested. Motion by Allyson Winters, seconded by Mary Beth Smith. No Discussion. Unanimous yes vote.
- d. VOTE/COPE
 - i. There will be a VOTE/COPE drive to encourage members to begin donating to this political action fund or to increase the amount of their donation.

VII. Vice-President's Report (Mary Weaver):

- a. Teaching Center/Directing Council
 - i. 18 vouchers were approved through the teaching center
 - ii. WG Teachers will present at Drumlins, Teaching to the Core.
 - iii. Directing Council and In Service Committee are looking into merging.
 - iv. Project Based Learning Committee starts meeting this summer

VIII. Vice President for Grievances Report (Keith Newvine)

- a. APPR Committee - Met to discuss the results of the LAT Survey. Split vote between keeping this year's procedure and developing skills based assessments that are common across the district. The committee will meet in the near future.
- b. Long Term Leaves- the district currently follows the procedures below:
 - +unpaid leave=no seniority gained.
 - +call in for a sick day or personal day and a snow day occurs = no sick or personal day deducted.
 - +extended, documented medical leave= a sick day is deducted. The district's position is that due to this leave the employee is unavailable to work.

The documentation the district provided shows that in almost every situation, this is the procedure that was followed.
- c. The Member Ship will be released soon.

IX. School Reports

- a. Onondaga Road

Concerns over a lack of substitutes especially those that provide services to identified students.
- b. Stonehedge
 - i. Concerns expressed over teacher choice for summer workshops. Staff is being told what the workshops will be.
 - ii. C.O.D.E. meeting with too large of a group which is ineffective.
 - iii. Will there be make-up dates for the Pearson summer training for the new Math Investigations Program?
 - iv. Clarification asked for regarding which days are ½ days for students near the end of the school year.
- c. East Hill
 - i. Lesson schedule rotation so that students don't miss a disproportionate amount of class time

- ii. Can students attend a different elementary school than the one they are assigned to if their parent works in a different elementary school in the district?
 - iii. Can sick and personal days used be put on pay stubs?
- d. Split Rock-none
- e. WGMS
 - i. Concerns expressed over how Project Based Learning Assessments will be created and chosen. Consistency across buildings is also a concern.
 - ii. Continuous changes including Interaction Time, LAT Assessments, Investigations, 6+1 Writing Traits, etc.
- f. CMS-none
- g. HS- Patti Sullivan reported that Brianna Smith will receive the WGTA Scholarship. She will attend Niagara University and major in Childhood Education 1-6 and Special Education.

X. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 5:38pm.