

WEST GENESEE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION



MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WGTA CABINET Wednesday, September 16, 2009

MINUTES of the monthly meeting of the WGTA Cabinet held on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, at McNamara's, Camillus, N.Y. 13031.

I. The meeting was *called to order* by John Christian at 3:42 P.M.

II. Cabinet Members Present:

Executive Officers:

John Christian
Sue Giannini
Andrea Moore
Danielle Tuttle
Bonnie Young

Camillus Middle School:

Dave Crawford
Andrea Scerbo
Lisa Tamiso

Onondaga Road:

Ginny Madden
Allyson Winters

Split Rock:

Melanie Callahan
Janet Campbell

Stonehedge:

Terry Lindsey
Marc McPeak
Christine Rust

West Genesee

Middle School:
Mary Weaver
Jennifer Dee
Matt Bolha

West Genesee

High School:
Pat Andino
Theresa Mosey
Margie Thiele
Craig Dowler
Mary Gotham
Julie Lodge
Patti Sullivan

Past President:

Mike Cost

Guests: Ray Fuller (acting as secretary for this meeting)

III. Secretary's Report — Ray Fuller reported:

- A. The minutes of the August 11, 2009, WGTA meeting were accepted as corrected. Patti Sullivan has volunteered to be the acting secretary during Michelle's absence.

IV. Treasurer's Report — Bonnie Young reported:

- A. Present balance (as of August 31) is \$27,008.68.

V. President's Report — John Christian reported:

- A. Bus dismissal times will improve soon - be patient - the town and the District are working on changing the timing of the traffic lights at the High School in order to facilitate a more efficient dismissal.
- B. Problems with Promethean boards are being addressed - again, be patient - The District is working on getting some District personnel certified to work on the boards so that warranty won't be voided. No further installations will take place until present problems are taken care of.
- C. The New York State Fair booth went well.

- D. Membership chair is now Matt Boltha who continues to be mentored by Kathy Smith-Lance. Building leaders should let him know when they know of someone in their building who is going on unpaid leave or when a long term sub (regular sub) is hired in their building. Don't assume that Matt will already know!
- E. All building leaders and representatives are asked to review the 2009-2010 WGTA officers list and update any committees, addresses, email addresses, etc. and get them to John ASAP.
- F. Epipen update - training is voluntary, you are covered by District if there is a related lawsuit.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Negotiations – No report.

B. Grievances - No report.

C. Member Relations – Margie Thiele reported:

1. Fall Fling will be at McNamara's on October 8.

D. Teaching Center - Sue Giannini reported

1. Next spring the Teaching Center will offer an online course by Rob Leo on using Blackboard.
2. By next year everything will be online, although proposals will still need to be completed and turned in on paper due to the need for an actual signature.
3. Check out the Center to see all the new materials.

E. Social Committee - See Member Relations

F. OCTA - John Christian reports:

1. Meets tomorrow; looking for county perspective on negotiations.

G. Superintendent's Liaison - No report.

H. Legislation/ Political Action -

1. Chris Rust has agreed to represent the WGTA on the Committee of 100.

I. Membership – See the President's report.

J. EDC - No report.

K. Scholarship Committee – Patti Sullivan reported:

1. Doing great - may discuss increasing scholarships this year.

VII. Building Leader Reports

1. Items discussed included the problems with losing blackboards and white boards due to Promethean boards, use of ADAPEP counselors for IEP students, written discipline referrals needing to be completed BEFORE sending students out (EVERY BUILDING LEADER WAS REQUESTED TO BRING BUILDING REFERRAL FORMS TO NEXT MEETING), Major parking problems at Onondaga Road, problems with concerts at Stonehedge - no subs for classes when the music teacher isn't available due to concert.

VIII. New Business

1. Meg Darweesh approved for Shared Decision Committee at Onondaga Road.
2. Colleen Satalin approved for Shared Decision Committee at Stonehedge.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 P.M.

Submitted by:
Ray Fuller for
Michelle Lepak, WGTA Secretary