

Glenwood Landing School
SCA Meeting
January 15, 2008
8:30 a.m. Auditorium

-Bill Cameron called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

-Bill called for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2007 SCA meeting. Caryn Quinn read the following statement and asked that the 11/13/07 minutes be amended to include:

“The balance of \$1500 is designated to the maintenance and upkeep of the inscribed bluestones and bricks, and the beautification of the surrounding beds of just the John V. Fallon Memorial Reading Terrace also known as the Library Terrace. The \$1500 was raised through GWL families, faculty, staff and classes, generously purchasing a brick or bluestone for the Reading Terrace. The brick/s and bluestone/s are inscribed as they requested. On June 10, 2002 the Reading Terrace was dedicated to John V. Fallon. The following is a quote from a link from the GWL library website: ‘The event was attended by several hundred members of the community as well as the Fallon Family. The day was magnificent, befitting the tribute to a great educator.’

-Liz Falcone informed Caryn that the statement just read could not amend the 11/13/07 minutes as this was not stated at the meeting. The statement could be included in the current meeting minutes in reference to the Beautification Committee comment noted in the 11/13/07 minutes.

-At this time, Bill called for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2007 SCA meeting. A motion was made, seconded and approved by members present.

Principal’s Report

Bridget Hicks

-The winter concert was a success.

-Thank you to the SCA Board for performing in the Sing Along.

-Thank you to the Decorating Committee for the great job they are doing.

-Thank you to Gayle Puskuldjian and members of the Holiday Shop Committee for their work.

-Thank you to Laura Morea for a successful Family Night.

-As a result of the Shared Decision Making Committee, there was a display of the healthy snack contest entrants. The winner will be announced at the end of the day today.

-Thank you to Lisa Whalen, Kelly Lennon and Robyn Cartagine for the preparations underway for the Talent Show.

-The ELA’s took place from 1/7-1/10. ELA makeups are being given this full week.

-At the last SCA meeting there was a request regarding an update of the 2nd Step program. Andrew Weisman, the Assistant Principal, is going to work with Joel Behar and Elaine Goldman to provide an evening of training, hopefully once per year.

-At the last meeting, there was a mention of the FIL program. There is a presentation scheduled at the next Board of Ed meeting regarding this program.

-Madolin Archer is retiring from Glenwood Landing. Mrs. Jacobs will be the Faculty Representative at future SCA meetings.

-There was a meeting of the Safety Committee-thank you to Laura Morea and Anne Knehr for attending the meeting.

- The Kindergarten Circle routine is going well.
- Reports cards are going home on January 23rd.
- Feedback on the new Connect-Ed system has been positive.
- Talent Shows to be held 2/1 and 2/8/08.

-A parent asked about the Ray Lesch Fund established in 2006. She commented that there was a lot of fundraising in the district and it didn't appear that much had been done with the money. Bridget reported that the last of the money had been spent to purchase a new bronze sculpture which was due to be delivered very shortly. She indicated Debra and AnneMarie would know the status. Bill added it took a while to receive the specs needed for the concrete footing to hold the sculpture. The sculpture will be placed in the Butterfly Garden. A parent asked if there will be a dedication ceremony and Bill replied affirmatively.

-A parent commented that even with three or four early dismissal days she noticed teachers were still out a lot due to testing and meetings. Bridget replied that the early dismissal alleviated meetings at the district-wide level. Bridget conveyed she felt this was a real improvement over last year.

-A parent asked how the new hand washing procedure was progressing. Bridget said that she heard from the monitors it was going well.

Co-President's Report

Bill Cameron and Andrea Marchese

-There is a Board of Ed meeting taking place this Thursday, January 17th. There will be a presentation of the preliminary budget.

-There is a joint meeting of the three elementary schools scheduled for January 24th regarding the state of the curriculum for grades K-5. This meeting is being held at Glenwood Landing.

-From the Physical Education Department: There will be a "Women in Sports" Night for 5th grade girls and their mothers. Activities will include volleyball, line dancing, and games. There will also be pizza and drinks served. 5th grade parents should respond by Friday, 2/1/08.

-Regarding the catalog sale: the top seller was Travis Goss who won an iPod. The two bicycle winners were Jessica Gioia and William Ciniski.

-The Talent Show Committee is asking for additional volunteers to chaperone in classrooms. If your child is in the show, you will still be able to see them perform. Contact Lisa Whalen, Kelly Lennon or Robyn Cartagine if you are able to help.

-The district kick-off meeting of Relay for Life will be held next week (1/22 or 1/23).

-The Gold Coast Library is now open on Sunday's. Many programs are being offered.

-The Dinner Dance plans are in full swing. Invitations will be going home today. If anyone is interested in sponsoring part of a teacher's ticket, please contact Terry Sheridan or Christina Connelly. In past years with the fashion show the SCA has been able to subsidize the teachers' tickets. This year the SCA cannot afford the expense.

-The Cultural Arts Committee recently provided the Strummin' and Drummin' presentation for the children. It was a great success. The circus contract has been signed and will be held the week of April 14th. A parent questioned if this item should have been put to a ballot vote due to the amount, as per the bylaws. At this time there was a discussion of the procedure for a budgeted item in excess of \$5,000. In conclusion of this discussion, Bill reported that the budget containing this item was distributed with the agenda in September and voted on at the September meeting.

-A parent asked for clarification regarding the subsidization of the teacher tickets for the dinner dance. Were the donations for teachers participating in the show or any teacher attending? Bill responded that the ten teachers performing in the show and the 3 judges' tickets were being compensated. It is an option if you want to help subsidize the attending teachers' tickets. It could be individual donations or organized by class. Ticket prices for the dinner dance are \$80 each.

-Cultural Arts Committee (continued): There is a "Bash the Trash" musical program scheduled around Earth Day, (May 9th) coordinated by Kevin McDonough. Kevin is lobbying for two shows so the children will get the most out of the program.

-There will be pre-order forms coming home soon pertaining to the purchase of flowers and mugs for the talent show performers.

-The SCA needs four more volunteers for the Nominating Committee. If you are not the chair of a committee and are interested, please contact the Board.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Cameron for Trish Otis

Main Account: \$26,579.64

After School Account: \$ 8,349.50

-Any questions, please contact Trish Otis.

Member Support and Vote

-Out of the Shared Decision Making Committee came the idea for the Healthy Snack Recipe Contest. The SCA has been asked to provide \$250 in gift certificates to Dick's for the winners of the contest. The money will come from the after school account.

-Bill asked for a motion to spend \$250 from the after school account to purchase gift certificates from Dick's for the winners of the Healthy Snack Recipe Contest. The motion was made, seconded and approved by members present.

-A parent announced that the next district Nutrition Committee meeting is to be held on February 14th at 10:00 a.m. in the High School Alumni Room.

Faculty Representative

Madolin Archer

-There were many good feelings about Family Night. Thank you to all who made the event possible.

-Mrs. Archer commented about her impending retirement and thanked the community for so many wonderful years.

-Bill thanked Mrs. Archer for her time and service to our school and the district.

Mid-Year Review

Bill Cameron

-At this time Bill presented a mid-year review of the SCA Financial Plan for 2007-2008. There was a discussion and breakdown of line items.

-A parent asked when the wireless microphones were going to be purchased. Bill reported that we are trying to buy microphones compatible with the racks in the auditorium and the system in the cafeteria.

-A parent asked if the Ray Lesch quilt framing had been completed. Bill responded that it had not been done and may have to be dropped due to the difficulty in obtaining the size plexiglass needed for the quilt. The quilt may have to be fire treated to hang as is if the plexiglass can't be obtained.

-Terry Sheridan reported that the invitations for the Dinner Dance were going out today. There is limited seating--only 300 people can attend.

-Bill reported that in addition to the pre-orders for the talent show, there will also be stickers available for sale with the words "Proud Sponsor of GWL School."

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Falcone
Recording Secretary