

Glenwood Landing School
SCA Meeting
October 16, 2007
8:30 a.m. Auditorium

-Bill Cameron called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

New North Shore Schools Health Curriculum

Aaron Kozlowski

-Mr. Kozlowski and Ms. Moritz are splitting the responsibilities of one full-time health educator. There are a variety of topics discussed in each grade. Some health classes in the past have been for grades 3-5. The current curriculum is a work in progress. The National Health Education Standards by grade were made available at the meeting. The latest trend is to teach skills to use in all kinds of situations. They have begun with topics of self image, self esteem, coping, and decision making. Puberty education only occurs in the 5th grade. Drug/alcohol use is discussed in 4th and 5th grades. All content is age appropriate. Three class blocks come out of gym time. He welcomes parents' questions and invites parents to get involved. Email Mr. K. (aaron_kozlowski@northshore.k12.ny.us) or Ms. Moritz (kellie_moritz@northshore.k12.ny.us) with questions. They will try to send home as much information as possible.

-A parent asked if the healthy snack policy was limited to GWL or if it was district-wide. Bill indicated it was a suggestion that came from the Shared Decision Committee and has started with GWL.

-A parent asked if the Second Step program is being weaved into the health program. Mr. K answered that it is being weaved into and overlapping. They communicate with the social workers in the school to reinforce the program.

-A parent asked if there were different curriculums for each grade. Mr. K indicated depending on the grade the discussion was more in-depth. Different skills are taught at each grade level.

-A parent asked if certain topics were mandated by the state were guidelines also provided for each grade. Mr. K indicated the handout sheet illustrates the curriculum by grade.

Principal's Report

Bridget Hicks

-Ms. Hicks thanked the members for wearing the visitor passes and reaffirmed her priority of safety for the children.

-Thanks to the SCA for sponsoring many events so far this year (BBQ, New Parent Tea, Class Parent Tea, etc).

-The Shared Decision Making Committee encourages parents to send in healthy snacks for the children. They are going to continue to focus on nutrition. Ms. Hicks is thinking of having a contest asking for recipes of healthy snacks.

-Back to School Night was a success.

-Kindergarten stay days started on October 9th.

-Enrichment program for grades 4 and 5 have started.

-The library has already sponsored an internet café, Kindergarten Night and a volunteer parent brunch.

-Early release of grades K-5 on October 22nd. The children will still be eating lunch in the school that day. She will send home a reminder email.

-The results of the traffic study are going to be discussed at the Board of Ed meeting. She urged parents to attend the meeting.

- At the October 25th Board of Ed meeting there is going to be a discussion regarding the playground surface (black tire pieces).
- A parent asked about the 5th grade bathroom issue. Ms. Hicks reported that the 5th grade boy's bathroom had been vandalized twice. She is speaking to the 5th grade classrooms today.
- A parent asked that if healthy snacks were being encouraged why was the cafeteria still offering "junk." Bill indicated the committee is working with Marge McCarrick. Ms. Hicks stated that they are also having problems with the cafeteria offering snacks with regard to allergies. Bill reported that Marge has been brought into the Shared Decision Making meeting as part of the process.
- A parent reported vandalism observed on the playground—curse words were written. Ms. Hicks indicated she has asked the district for an additional surveillance camera for the playground area. The custodians did catch some writing and missed some as well. She is hoping the additional cameras will deter the vandals.
- A parent indicated there was an article on playground surfaces on New 12 online (Focus section). Bill reported that as part of a district-wide survey the playground was tested by an outside engineer and found to be clean.

Co-President's Report

Bill Cameron and Andrea Marchese

- Bill indicated there is a SEPTA meeting this evening at 7:00 p.m.
- Bill thanked the BBQ Committee. The BBQ was a great success and the children had a lot of fun.
- The next Board of Ed meeting is October 25th—the playground will be one topic of discussion.
- Diabetes Walk on October 28th—contact Julia Salat for more information.
- The traffic study results are on the district website. Recommendations are listed by building. Copies are available at the Central Office.
- Minutes from Board of Ed meetings are posted on the district website.
- Arts Angels is promoting the high school musical performance on November 16th and 17th. The performance is West Side Story. They are planning another spotlight dinner. An email and flier will be coming home.
- There is a 5th grade meeting tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The yearbook will also be discussed.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Cameron for Trish Otis

- All balances as of 9/30/07:
- Main account bank statement balance: \$19,306.26
- After school bank and register balance: \$ 8,707.01
- Please email or call Trish if you have any questions.

Faculty Report

Madolin Archer

- Mrs. Archer conveyed Mrs. Van Hoff's appreciation for funding the lunchtime book discussions.
- Mrs. Van Hoff encourages everyone to access the library website.
- Mrs. Van Hoff is working on a Shakespeare project with the 5th graders starting on October 29th.

-Bill informed members present about a fundraising event for the Center for Parents and Children. They are hosting a Holiday Portrait Day. The flier is available at today's meeting. A parent indicated there were other events scheduled on the Center's website.

Discussion/Vote on Fundraising

Bill Cameron and Andrea Marchese

-Andrea indicated that some parents were confused by the fundraising survey and she was asked if the SCA was going to stop holding fashion shows in the future. She explained the survey was to get an idea of what the membership wanted as a fundraiser for this year only.

-Andrea reported the results of the survey:

Fashion Show	18 votes
Dinner Dance	40 votes
Shopping Event	36 votes

There were some other suggestions that came back with the surveys. Some were variations of other ideas. Considering all other ideas, these were still the top three.

-At this time there was a discussion of the three fundraisers listed above. Each option was discussed fairly. By a show of hands it was decided the fundraiser for this year will be the dinner dance.

-Bill Cameron thanked Terry Sheridan and Christina Connelly for volunteering to chair this committee.

-Bill announced that with the exception of the March, 2008 SCA meeting, all morning SCA meetings will start at 8:30 a.m.

-Out of the Shared Decision Making Committee came a suggestion to buy the software Dance Dance Revolution for Playstation2 or Xbox. Ideally we would like to have two consoles available for indoor recess. The SCA is asking the membership if anyone has a Playstation2 or Xbox console they are replacing and would like to donate their older, working version to this cause, please contact the board.

Membership Support and Vote

-Bill stated that Jill Abrams has started the walking/jogging club in grades 4 and 5 and will include grade 3 later in the year during recess. Instead of the SCA providing refreshments at the end of the year, she is asking the SCA for approximately \$320.00 to purchase plastic colored "feet" charms. As the children walk or jog a mile, they will get one foot as instant recognition.

-A motion was made to spend approximately \$320.00 from the after school account for the purchase of 4,000 plastic colored feet charms. The motion was seconded and approved by members present.

-Bill announced photo makeup day is November 7th. Please be sure to return the individual photo package. The class picture should not be returned.

-The SCA is still looking for a chair for the Halloween Parade. If interested, please contact the board.

Meeting Adjourned.
Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Falcone
Recording Secretary