

Glenwood Landing School
SCA Meeting
September 18, 2007
9:30 a.m. Cafeteria

-Bill Cameron called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

-Bill called for a motion to approve the minutes of the 5/15 SCA meeting. The motion was made, seconded and approved by members present.

Principal's Report **Bridget Hicks**

-Ms. Hicks thanked all in attendance for coming to the meeting and the SCA for supplying the refreshments.

-The first two weeks of school have been very successful. There has been a school assembly and a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony.

-September 24th is Photo Day. There are parent volunteers available to help assist the children that day. Pictures are taken from the waist up.

-The teachers have the literacy block up and running.

-Ms. Hicks is trying to learn the names of all the children.

-Back to School Night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19th at 7:30 p.m.

-Ms. Hicks' goal is to be available for all parents. Please email Ms. Hicks directly at bridget_hicks@northshore.k12.ny.us or phone the office. If you email her, please indicate a phone number where you can be reached at the bottom of the email.

-There will be contact information collected at Back to School Night. It is important to check the form for accuracy. This information will be loaded into a new system called Connect ED. This system will enable Ms. Hicks to make one phone call and the message is sent to the contact information (home phone, cell phone, email, etc.). The high school and middle school have tried the system and the parents are pleased. It will also enable Dr. Melnick to send out district wide messages (such as snow closings).

-There will be a quarterly principal newsletter sent out. The timing of the newsletters will be right before report cards are distributed (fall, winter, spring and end of year).

-Please check your child's backpack daily for communication.

-Safety is an important issue. Please enter the school using only the front door, sign in and get a visitor pass. If you are in the school without a visitor pass, you may be stopped by a teacher or the principal. The goal is to keep the building secure. If you see a door is open, please let a teacher know.

-There are two new district-wide committees being formed for which we are looking for parent volunteers: Code of Conduct/Attendance Policy (they meet for four Thursday's) and another committee to help the district create a document regarding the philosophy of state testing.

Co-President's Report **Bill Cameron and Andrea Marchese**

-The district was provided a traffic proposal at the last Board of Education meeting. Copies are available at Central Office. Some proposed changes involve changes to the Kindergarten circle.

-Dr. Melnick reported at the Board of Ed meeting that construction on the new bus depot is three months ahead of schedule.

- The BBQ is scheduled for Friday, September 28th from 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- We need a representative for the district-wide Nutrition Committee. At this time, Robyn Cartagine volunteered to represent GWL.
- The Orange Vest program continues. Laura Morea is asking for parents to volunteer 15-20 minutes in the afternoon. Please contact her if you can help.
- There is a new policy the SCA is trying to clarify concerning email distribution of SCA fliers/information. At Back to School Night there will be new form to fill out for the SCA asking for contact information. This information will be used to form an SCA database to communicate SCA information/events.
- Anyone who would like to opt out of the class list or school directory, please sign the Opt Out form and hand in to the class parent at Back to School Night.
- Amy Albrecht is running in a marathon to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. If anyone wants to help support that children's charity, please contact her. It may also be a charity we want to look at as a donation for Family Fun Night.
- A parent commented that the traffic seemed heavier than usual in the kindergarten circle and there were back-ups on Cody Avenue. Ms. Hicks responded that the transportation proposal has an extensive plan to help alleviate the problems in kindergarten circle. The engineers went to all five schools and found that most problems occur when adults do not follow the rules that are already set in place. Another parent suggested sending home a one-page flier regarding the kindergarten circle regulations and communicating that the school doors do not open until 8:15 a.m. Ms. Hicks stated that the teachers' day contractually starts at 8:15 a.m. All paperwork regarding the start of the school day refers to the 8:15 start time. Children should not be wandering the halls unsupervised, which is why the start time is being enforced. This is a safety issue which remains a top priority.

Treasurer's Report

Trish Otis

- Bank statement account balances as of 8/31:

Main account	\$24,688.39
After school account	\$ 8,707.01
- Working on importing information into Quicken.

Faculty Report

Madolin Archer

- It is cost prohibitive to have the Ray Lesch quilt framed. Bill added that as long as the quilt is not in a classroom space it can be hung without a frame. The quilt is too large to be framed with plexiglass. They are looking for a place to hang it as is or possibly fireproof the fabric.
- The ROAR quilt has been framed and will be hung.

Financial Plan

Bill Cameron

- Bill went over the proposed financial plan for the 2007-2008 school year in detail. He noted the basic budget amount is \$28,355 and explained how he arrived at the numbers for the plan. There were some questions regarding specific expenses and budgeted line items that were answered.
- Bill called for a motion to adopt the 2007-2008 SCA financial plan. A motion was made, seconded and approved by members present.
- A new wish list item appeared on the financial plan and was not included in the basic budget amount of \$28,355. This item is the 4th grade Carnegie Hall Link-up at a cost of \$2,926.00. A parent asked for further explanation of the trip. Bill reported

this is an educational trip that the SCA has paid for in the previous two years. The amount includes transportation and it is a full-day experience.

-A motion was made to spend approximately \$2,926.00 for the 4th grade Carnegie Hall Link-up. The motion was seconded and approved by members present.

Fundraising Goals and Activities

Bill Cameron

-Typically Glenwood Landing holds a fashion show in alternating years. The spring of 2008 would be the next regularly scheduled fashion show. There was a discussion regarding fundraising efforts to cover the financial plan and the format of those fundraisers. Instead of a fashion show, one idea was to hold a Valentine's Day Dinner Dance that would be held before the other schools have their fashion shows. Another idea was a one night shopping event where local vendors, direct sales companies and crafters get involved. One parent commented that a key component should be to involve the children, as we did with the note card fundraiser.

-Bill asked anyone with ideas regarding fundraisers to please email them to the board and a list will be created for discussion at the next SCA meeting. Linda Giannattasio, Vice President, asked that if you have new ideas, to please consider being a chair or volunteer for that fundraiser. As with any fundraiser, if there isn't a chair, the fundraiser cannot run.

-A parent commented there was not enough playground equipment for the older children and that the slide was broken. Ms. Hicks stated they were aware of the broken slide and the part had been ordered.

Meeting Adjourned.
Respectfully Submitted,

Liz Falcone
Recording Secretary