

Glenwood Landing School
SCA Meeting
April 21, 2009
8:30 a.m. Auditorium

- Andrea called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.
- Trish Otis was not in attendance.

Guest Speaker:

Sharon Schmiemann, Nurse

- Our new school nurse, Sharon Schmiemann, introduced herself to the membership. She has been working in the district since 2000. She began as a per diem employee and then in 2005, she began to work part time. Since October, Ms. Schmiemann has been working full time at Glenwood Landing as the school nurse.

-Ms. Schmiemann said that if a child does not participate in gym for medical reasons, he or she will not be permitted to go outside during recess.

-Students in 2nd and 4th grades are required to have a physical. If a student in 1st or 3rd grade has a physical in the spring before the next school year, that physical will be accepted. Parents should note that physicians need to record the patient's BMI (Body Mass Index) on the medical form.

Co-Presidents' Report:

Leti Barbeta & Andrea Marchese

-At this point, Andrea reminded everyone that the Spring Picnic for grades K-2 will be held Friday, April 24th, from 6-8p.m. The idea is to introduce parents in these grades to each other and to encourage school spirit. Bring your own food and balls. The picnic will be held on the Library Terrace and the playground. Leti said that parents should think of this event as an organized playdate.

-Dawn Papiro reminded everyone that they can still attend the Fashion Show. We will take walk-ins the night of the event. Grade chairs have been making phone calls to get more people to come. As of today, we have 200 people attending. There is a preview list for all of the items at the show. We are going to e mail this list to parents before the Fashion Show. Remember to bring pre-printed labels with your name so that you don't spend a lot of time writing your name on your raffle tickets. Andrea said that on behalf of the board, she wanted to thank everyone who has been working for months on this event.

-There will be a Budget Coffee on April 22nd at the Family Day Care Center. Leti said that last month at our meeting, Dr. Melnick spoke about the fact that historically, only 1 family member votes in a household. We need everyone to vote. Buttons are available by the SCA mailbox and absentee ballots are by the front door. You can register to vote before May 1st. Kelly Lennon and Anna Sharkey will have a table outside school at dismissal time. Anyone who has questions about the budget should feel free to stop by and talk to Kelly or Anna. They will do this twice a week at the end of the day beginning today.

-A parent said that only 2,000 people came out to vote last year. Statistics show that people who vote no go out to vote consistently. If you want the budget to pass you have to vote. The booths are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

-The 4th Grade Art Show will be held on Friday, May 1, 2009 from 6-8 p.m. The show highlight work by our fourth graders, but anyone can attend. The proceeds will go toward the 4th grade trip to Carnegie Hall. Anna Sharkey, recommended that we let Shelly Newman know about this so she can come and take photos and put them on the website and the newspaper.

-We still need volunteers to help with the Book Fair. The chair for this event cannot make it due to illness.

Treasurer's Report:

Andrea Marchese for Trish Otis

-The Treasurer's Report is not available this month. Anyone who has questions can contact Trish.

2009-2010 SCA Executive Board Nominees:

Joan Mazzu for Joan Colby

-Joan Mazzu read the following statement:

“The SCA Nominating Committee met on Monday, April 6th and reviewed the bylaws of the GWL SCA as amended on April 13, 2007. As required by the bylaws, the committee consisted of eleven members. Based on the unanimous decision by the Nominating Committee, we hereby present the following slate of candidates for the SCA Executive Board:

Letizia Barbetta, current Co President, to serve one additional year

Laura Morea, Co President, to serve a two year term

Jill Tyrkko, Vice President, to serve a one year term

Alissa Fichtl, current Recording Secretary, to serve one additional year

Maggie Inelli, Corresponding Secretary, to serve a two year term

Jackie Weber, Treasurer, to serve a two year term

In accordance with the bylaws, no additional nominations are permitted. The Corresponding Secretary shall post the list of nominees immediately following this meeting and thereafter, a written ballot shall be distributed to the general membership.

Officers shall be installed at the May meeting and newly installed officers shall work with their respective outgoing counterparts for the remainder of the school year in order to facilitate the transfer of responsibilities of each office. The newly installed officers shall fully assume their responsibilities on July 1st. “

--Joan Colby Nominating Committee Chair

- Principal's Report:

Bridget Finder

- Thank you to Jackie Weber, Kristina Lacy and Alexandra Zarb for the hard work they did on C.R.E.W. As you know, Lynn Leslie who left last year, was responsible for many of the performances during the C.R.E.W. opening and closing ceremonies. This year, the committee got together and created a new event that was run by the children.
- Thank you to the SCA for funding C.R.E.W. and the guest author.
- Thank you to the SCA and Caryn Quinn for bringing us the Circus. We will work to schedule this event on the calendar for next year. The last day for the Circus is on Friday. We will have a show where our 5th graders will get to perform. All parents are invited, but our space is limited.
- May 4th at 1:45 p.m. is Kindergarten Orientation. There will be early dismissal that day. We only have three kindergarten sections for next year. If you know anyone who has a child that has not yet registered for kindergarten, please let us know.
- We are currently forming the classes for next year. Teachers do not know what their positions for next year will be until June. Parents are reminded that they cannot request a specific teacher for their child but, that we always honor any negative experiences that may have occurred.
- Thank you to Anna Sharkey for helping with the kindergarten screening. Andrea said that next year, we will have a welcoming committee dedicated to incoming families.
- Thank you to the new nominees.
- Mrs. Jacobs said that she wanted parents to know that the placement process includes the specials teachers. Everyone takes the process seriously.
- At this time, the membership moved from the auditorium to the enrichment classroom for a presentation by Audra Marcantonio.

Guest Speaker:

Audra Marcantonio

- There is one enrichment teacher for the building. The REACH program has been renamed. It is now called Schoolwide Enrichment Services. Audra pushes into all of the classrooms K- 5. She is in each class 1 time in a 6 day cycle. She also works with children that are identified as gifted at the end of 3rd grade.
- In grades 3, 4, 5 she is in the classroom for 50 minutes once every six days for 2/3 of the year. For grades K, 1, 2 she is in the classroom for 45 minutes once every six days for 1/3 of the year.
- Some of the things that this program provides are clubs, including a mock trial club and a lego robotics club. There are video conferences, guest speakers and hands-on activities and lessons including smartboard lessons.
- At this point, several parents commented that they were not aware of the work Audra was doing in their children's classroom. They said that their children had never mentioned anything about these lessons. The parents wanted to know how they could find out what lessons were being taught. One parent asked if any of this information is posted on the GWL Website. Audra said that she would be

putting out a newsletter several times next year so that parents can see what is happening in their child's classroom.

-Bridget said that she could give updates regarding the Enrichment Program at SCA meetings.

-A parent asked when the clubs meet. Audra said that clubs meet at different times. Some meet during lunch, some before school and others after school.

-By the end of next year, every classroom teacher in the building will have been trained in differentiation.

-10:15 a.m. meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Alissa Fichtl