

Glenwood Landing School
SCA Meeting
November 18, 2008
8:30 a.m. Auditorium

-Leti Barbetta and Linda Gianattasio were not in attendance.

-Andrea Marchese called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

Principal's Report:

Noreen Strassenreiter

- Thank you to Deana Roper for chairing the Halloween Parade. Overall, it was a success.
- Thank you to Maria Hoyle and Tina Bloom for organizing the Simon Evening of Giving.
- Thank you to Courtney and Jackie Fitzpatrick for running the After School Program.
- The Safety Committee asks that parents please remember to keep their dogs off of school property as they are not allowed.
- The NYS Social Studies tests went well.
- The ELA's for grades 3-5 will be held in January.
- There will be parent/teacher conferences on
- School will be closed November 26 - November 28 for Thanksgiving.
- Bridget is well.

Co-President's Report:

Andrea Marchese

- Andrea thanked Caryn Quinn for donating the novelty items that were sold during the Fall Plant Sale.
 - If a committee wants to send out an e mail flier, please send it via e mail to Andrea or Leti at least 3-4 days but preferably a week before you want it to go out. Do not drop it off in the office.
 - The Recreation Committee (formerly Box Tops) would like to reward the class that collects the most box tops. Please contact Cathy Patrichuk with any creative suggestions for rewards that do not include food.
- At this point, a parent asked why the Committee can't give the winning class a pizza party. Noreen said that this year, the school is trying to come up with alternatives to food as rewards for the children. One parent suggested allowing the winning class to play Capture the Flag during teaching time. Another parent suggested a scavenger hunt.
- Mrs. Van Hoff has asked the board to pay \$246 for supplies for the Library Book Club. The \$246 covers the cost of books book club members get to keep.
- Andrea told the membership that the board approved this expense, but that the

membership must vote on it. A motion was made to approve this expenditure. The motion was seconded and approved.

-Liz Falcone has reported to the board that the Fall Catalogue Sale raised \$3000-\$3500. Thanks to everyone who sold the products.

-Deana Roper reported that she is currently waiting for a new order of Spirit Wear. She will place any new orders until the Spring. Mrs. Jacobs said that she would display the Spirit Wear in the gym. She also asked parents to please label the Spirit Wear so that students can identify their things. Deana said that she will be adding nylon pullovers to the Spring order.

-The Fashion Show Committee reports that fliers asking for gift basket donations will go out before Thanksgiving. The next meeting will be held either before the holiday break or in early January.

-The Holiday Shop will not be held on Friday as was originally intended because the cafeteria ovens were reserved on that day and there is too much confusion with the After School Program running at that time. A parent asked whether Sea Cliff and Glen Head only have their Holiday Shop on one day. Andrea responded that Glen Head runs theirs on Friday and Saturday and Sea Cliff only runs on Saturday. A parent said that one day is okay for schools that do a lot of other fund raising. The parent was worried that we might not make enough money in just one day. Andrea said that we discussed this issue at the first SCA meeting, and that at that time, Bridget gave her reasons for having the Holiday Shop on a Saturday.

Treasurer's Report

Trish Otis

-The audit committee will meet with Linda and Trish tomorrow at Trish's house.

-On November 9th, the After School Account and the Main Account were combined. There is an allocation and separate category for the After School money which totals \$8,332.05. A parent said that that from an administrative point of view, if the After School money is not physically separate from the main account, it will be combined with other monies and get lost. Andrea said that the Quicken program that Trish uses does not allow the treasurer to take money from the After School monies.

-As of today, the combined total balance is \$14,204.80. Recent debits include \$850 for the accountant. We still have not paid Jostens. Trish is planning to pay this bill at the end of December. A parent asked for the balances for recreation and the library terrace. Trish will e mail this parent with the information.

Faculty Report:

Lois Jacobs

-Mrs. Jacobs reported that Mrs. Cheung would like to thank the SCA for the Carnegie Hall trip.

-Mrs. Van Hoff would like to thank Lisa Lapinsky and Angela Weydig for planting around the library terrace. And she would also like to thank the SCA for the funding for the Library Book Club.

-Thank you to Amy Albrecht and the Back-to-School BBQ committee for all their hard work putting together such a fun event that was enjoyed by everyone.
-Thank you to Julia Venturino for leading the Kindergarten Parade.

-10 a.m. Trish left the meeting at this time.

-At this time, a parent asked why children are told not to put on their seat belts while they are on the bus during a class trip. Noreen said that it is a liability issue and teachers are not allowed to tell children wear their seatbelts. Noreen said that parents should remind their children to use their seatbelts. She also said that she will look into this issue and report back to the membership.

-Adrienne Daley said that she will be taking holiday portraits at the Holiday Shop. She is donating the \$25 sitting fee to the SCA. The photos will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis. No pets, please.

-Caryn Quinn reported on the status of the Cultural Arts Committee. She is currently trying to negotiate a lower price for the National Circus Project and said that if the SCA will agree to use the National Circus Project every year, they will lower their price significantly. She said that they would increase their fees each year. Andrea said that we would have to know what the increase would be before the SCA could sign an agreement.

-The committee is also trying to bring Night Sky Educational--"Our Living Planet" to GWL. It is a 22' wide, 19'high inflatable balloon. We would need 2 consecutive days in the gym in order to run this program. Mrs. Jacobs said that we would have to clear this with the sports teams that use our gym after school for practice.

-Please contact Caryn Quinn with suggestions for the Cultural Arts Committee.

-Rita Podaris said that yearbook fliers will go home in the backpacks at the end of the week. The books are \$22 if they are ordered before December 17, 2008. After the 17th, the cost will be \$25 each. Everyone is included in the yearbook.

-The After School Program is looking for an attendance monitor. The pay for this job is \$15/hour. Please contact Courtney or Jackie Fitzpatrick for more information.

-10:40 a.m. meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Alissa Fichtl