

Glenwood Landing School
SCA Meeting
October 21, 2009
8:45 a.m. Auditorium

-Laura Morea called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. She called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2009 Membership Meeting. The motion was made, seconded and the minutes were approved by a majority of members present.

Old Business:

Laura Morea

-Thank you to Dawn Walton for running the GWL Family BBQ. It was well attended and a huge success. Jackie Weber stated that the BBQ total expenses came to \$3,344.90. The total food income was \$1,598.00, which means that the actual cost of the event was \$1,746.90. Our cost this year was well below that of previous years.

-The Kindergarten and First Grade Meet and Greet was run by Suzanne Gaeta. We had a great turnout for this event.

-Picture Day was successful. Most parents were happy with their children's photos. Picture Make-up Day is November 6th. Next year, we will have a Picture Day Committee.

-Our Committee Chairperson Meeting which was held last month, was well attended. For the 2010 -11 school year, we will sign up new committee members and chairs in April and May of 2010 and hopefully have the list complete by the end of June.

-We still need one more chairperson for the Holiday Shop.

-Jackie stated that Citizen's Awareness is also a committee in need of volunteers. Volunteers on this committee work with the Coordinating Council before the budget vote to help get the vote out.

-The Hospitality Committee has been renamed the Welcoming Committee. This committee will help with the Kindergarten Orientation toward the end of the year and the Meet & Greet at the beginning of the year.

-The Beautification Committee has been divided into three separate committees. These include the Courtyard Committee, the Kinder Garden Committee and the Library Terrace Committee. The Library Terrace Committee has volunteers, but we are still in need of a chair for this.

-Thank you to Joan Colby for running the Lord & Taylor fundraiser. Jackie read from an email submitted by Joan:

"...In total, the SCA sold 52 tickets at \$5.00 each and raised \$260.00 from this fundraising event. No expenses were incurred."

"Since the SCA sold more than 50 tickets, we may also be receiving additional money from tickets that L&T sold at the door. The money is to be divided equally among all the participating organizations.."

"Special thanks to the Committee members who helped to sell the tickets:
Mandee Zapken, Kelly Lennon, Cindy Neugebauer and Rita Wang."

A parent asked whether this event would be repeated before the holidays. Laura said that she would e mail Joan to find out.

-Orders for the Plant Sale will be taken through today. The large baskets will go fast, so it is best to place an order. Spirit Wear will be sold at the Plant Sale. A volunteer is needed to help with this. Contact Deana Roeper if you can help.

Guest Speaker:

Sharon Schmiemann, School Nurse

-The Nutrition Committee will be presenting an allergy policy to the Board of Education tomorrow night. Sharon stated that one member of this committee is a Nutritionist who would like to speak to the membership. Leti said that she should contact one of the Executive Board members.

-Physical examinations are required for children in grades K, 2, and 4. As of this time, the Nurse's Office only has 37 physicals outstanding. If your child has not had his or her physical, a letter was sent to you last week.

-The Nurse's Office is in need of pants, underpants and socks in small sizes.

-The School District's policy on hand sanitizers is that there are to be no alcohol-based sanitizers in the schools. They are flammable, an irritant to the eyes and mouth, and can cause excema and contact dermatitis. Washing hands with soap and water is the best deterrent to germs. Children are encouraged to wash their hands after recess and gym and before lunch.

-We have had 5 cases of lice since September, two cases of which were found in the fourth grade. There has been no flu reported, however, we have had a few cases of strep. Currently, we have approximately 6-12 children out per day.

-A parent asked whether or not a note is sent home if there is a case of strep found in their child's class. Sharon responded that notes go home if there are two cases found in one classroom.

-At this point, Joan Mazzu talked about the Coordinating Council's last meeting. She stated that the District's Pride/Youth Development Survey was one of the items that was discussed. She said that survey included information about alcohol and drug use among the students in the district. While the numbers for drug use were low, the report found a high incidence of alcohol use. There was a discussion about developing an action plan as well as a community coalition.

-Coordinating Council is also working on making better social and emotional transitions from 5th grade to 6th grade and from 8th grade to 9th.

Co-President's Report:

Laura Morea & Leti Barbetta

- Plans for the Halloween Parade are in place. Deana Roeper and Christine Brown are working on this event.
- Dawn Walton is chairing the Fall Fundraiser. She is currently looking into options for this and we hope to have a decision soon.
- The Shop-Til-You-Drop fundraiser on November 5th from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. is on track. There will be children's clothing, antique jewelry, handbags and much more. There will be light hors d'oeuvres and bottled water. There will be a small fee charged for tickets which will then be entered into a Chinese Auction.

Faculty Report:

Lois Jacobs

- The children will be going outside for gym classes until the beginning of December. Please send in labeled sweatshirts for your children to wear during gym.
- Bridget said that she has received thank you notes from the children and Donna Welch thanking the SCA for the shed.

Treasurer's Report:

Jackie Weber

Bank Statement Balance: \$22,563.16

Register Quicken Balance: \$21,934.34

Debits Outstanding:

Checks over 6 months	\$ 297.65
Joe's Deli (BBQ)	\$ 450.00
Beverages (BBQ)	\$ 152.50
Shed	\$ 1085.00
Water bottles	\$ 499.56
H.W. Folders	\$ 218.66
Agendas	\$ 819.50
Miscellaneous (BBQ)	\$ 92.84
Hospitality	\$ 30.54
Total Debits Outstanding:	\$3,646.25

Deposits Pending:

SCA Dues	\$ 32.00
Faculty Dues	\$ 400.00
Insuff. Funds Reimbursement	\$ 120.00
Total Deposits Pending:	\$ 552.00

Principal's Report:

Bridget Finder

- Thank you to all of our parents for attending these meetings.
- Thank you to Dawn Walton for a great BBQ.
- Thank you to Suzanne Gaeta for chairing the K and 1 Meet and Greet.
- There will be a total of three report cards sent out this year instead of four. We will also have two sets of Parent/Teacher Conferences on December 1st and December 9th.
- Every Day Math is underway in kindergarten and fourth grade. The workshops that were held for parents were well attended.
- The Shared Decision Committee is in the process of writing an anti-bullying policy.
- Last night, we had our first Library Diversity Meeting for second graders in Mrs. Christie's and Ms. Wolin's classes. There was a read aloud and an activity based on R.E.D. The next Library Diversity Meeting is on November 12th from 7p.m. - 8p.m.
- Thank you to the SCA for establishing a Welfare Fund for families in need receiving free and reduced lunch. This fund will help pay for field trips and things that the whole class does that a child's family can't afford. Jackie stated that this is not a new line item in the budget--it is under Gifts. Next year, it will be categorized and coded appropriately.
- Bridget would like to form a new Recreation Committee. This committee would supply donations of legos and games for use during indoor recess. At this point, Joan Mazzu offered to help organize this committee. Bridget thanked her and asked that she write an e-mail that could be used to solicit donations.
- The fourth and fifth grades just enjoyed a visit from Tipi Ted. This very worthwhile program has traditionally been funded through the enrichment budget. This year however, due to budget constraints, there is the possibility that the money for this program will be cut from the budget. If this happens, we would like to ask the SCA to consider funding it. Leti asked Bridget what the program costs. She said that it was about \$1,100.00.
- December 1-3 is the 5th Grade Book Fair. Julia Venturino is the chairperson for this event. It will run during Parent/Teacher Conference Day and children will be allowed to go to the Library during conference time.

Meeting adjourned 10:05 a.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Alissa Fichtl

