

Glenwood Landing School
SCA Meeting
March 24, 2010
8:45 a.m. Auditorium

-Laura Morea called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m. She thanked everyone for coming and introduced Dr. Melnick, North Shore Schools Superintendent. Dr. Melnick spoke briefly and answered questions regarding the School Budget.

-Laura asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 2010 and February 2010 membership meetings. The motion was made, seconded and approved by a majority of the members present.

Old Business:

-Thank you to Dawn Walton, the chair of the SCA Dinner/ Dance for organizing a very successful event.

The GWL Handbook has been printed and distributed to all families free of cost. We used the Swan Club to underwrite this item because they gave us such a great deal for our Dinner/Dance. Thank you to Liz Falcone, who has volunteered to do this again for us next year.

-Thank you to Tina Kontorouhas for making the Talent Show a fun night for everyone. Tina thanked Lisa Whalen for her help and support in rehearsals and running the event. Tina has volunteered to run the Talent Show again next year. Thank you to the 5th Grade Committee who provided concessions at the Talent Show and to Adrienne Daley for taking photographs.

-Thank you to Corri Wolf for running the Science Fair. Bridget said that we did not have a huge turnout for this event and that we are going to consider holding the Science Fair next year on a week night.

-Bridget thanked Laura and the rest of the Executive Board for running Family Fun Night this year. Laura thanked Mrs. Finder and Mrs. Jacobs for helping us find faculty volunteers. Our 50/50 raffle winner was Mr. Weisman, who generously donated his winnings to the SCA.

-The C.R.E.W. Closing Ceremony will be held this Thursday in the Auditorium and parents are invited to watch the performances. Thank you to Joan Meaney for organizing and running this event.

New Business:

-Thank you to Suzanne Gaeta and Nicki Tedesco, who are the new Co-chairs of the Citizen's Awareness Committee.

-Cathy O'Brien and Terry Sheridan, Co-chairs of the 5th Grade Dance Committee, reported that the fundraising for this event is finished. The Co-chairs said that the very successful 5th Grade Book Fair, various sales that were held, and a contribution from the SCA, account for all of the money that has been raised for this event. The Chairs both stated that while traditionally the SCA has contributed up to \$2,000 for this event, the Committee will work very hard to keep this amount as low as possible. The price of tickets for the dance is \$20. Each child's ticket comes with a DVD at no additional cost. The Chairs also stated that there will be four paid chaperones provided by the District so that parents do not have to attend if they can't or don't wish to do so. They do, however, anticipate that most children will be accompanied by one parent.

-The Glenwood Gallery 4th Grade Art Show will take place on April 16th from 7-8 p.m. This event will help support the 4th grade trip to Carnegie Hall. The co-chairs for this event are Dawn Walton and Heather DiBenedetto. The students will each have three pieces of art on display. The price of admission is \$10 per family. The 4th grade parents will donate drinks and appetizers. Dawn said that Heather will be sending out an e-mail this week to ask for volunteers. Dawn will follow up with the class parents.

-The SCA Board is making an effort to introduce themselves to incoming Kindergarten parents during the Kindergarten screening and also at the upcoming Kindergarten Orientations.

-The Nominating Committee chair, Lisa Vizza reported that the committee is still in need of about 8 volunteers. We are looking for candidates to fill the position of Co-President, Vice President and Recording Secretary.

-The Accounting Review Committee is going to meet with Jackie to review 10 random transactions. They are also going to review the SCA's by-laws.

-The Book Fair will be held during the week of April 12th. Julia Venturino and Paula Genet will run this event. The theme this year will be "Book Fair Diner", and Starbucks is going to donate coffee for Family Night. This book fair is not a fundraiser; a 20% discount is passed along to families.

-The Nutrition Committee reports that there will be a film at the Sea Cliff School this evening called "Two Angry Moms". The film is about two mothers in Westchester County trying to improve their school's lunch program. Interested parents are encouraged to come and see the movie and be a part of this committee which is supported by Dr. Melnick.

-The next date for the Lord and Taylor fundraiser is May 6th. We need to sell 50 tickets in order to qualify to receive a percentage back from Lord and Taylor. Tickets will be sold through May 5th.

-Thank you to Cathy Patrichuk who collected over 4,000 box tops earning \$400 for our school!!

Treasurer's Report:**Jackie Weber**

-Thank you to all of the committees for getting estimates and low prices for everything. Almost every committee has come in under or at budget this year. As always, for anything that is in excess of \$500, the Board requires that you obtain three estimates before we can approve the expense.

Bank Balance as of 1/31/10	\$40,142.36
Deposits	
Dinner Dance	\$2,909.00
Dues	\$8.00
<u>Insufficient funds repayments</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total Deposits	\$3,036.00
Debits	
Miss Chocolate(holiday shop)	\$2070.35
Coordinating Council	\$59.40
Lincoln Center Visit	\$2168.00
Clubs & Activities	\$2017.01
SCA Supplies	\$68.10
Dinner Dance	\$743.97
Hospitality	\$70.96
Book Fair	\$5806.58
Helping Hands	\$100.00
<u>Refund Ins. Funds overpay</u>	<u>\$28.65</u>
Total Debits	\$13,133.02
Bank Balance as of 2/28/10	\$30,045.34
Quicken Balance as of 2/28/10	\$30,041.34
* includes the following un-cleared items:	
Clubs & Activities	\$500.00
<u>Dinner Dance</u>	<u>\$6272.80</u>
Total Debits	\$6,772.80
Dinner Dance	\$6,664.00
<u>Clubs & Activities</u>	<u>\$105.00</u>
Total Credits	\$6,769.00
Photo Commission	\$1860
Dinner Dance	\$4,550

Principal's Report:

Bridget Finder

-Thank you to:

- Dawn Walton, for the Dinner/Dance; the faculty had a great time.
- Tina Kontorouhas for the Talent Show.
- Corri Wolf for the Science Fair.
- Joan Meaney for C.R.E.W.
- The SCA for Family Fun Night
- Suzanne Gaeta and Nicki Tedesco for volunteering to chair the Citizen's Awareness Committee.

-School is closed on April 5th for Superintendent's Conference Day.

-There were several "Chat with the Superintendent" discussions held around the district. One of the things that parents commented about was what they felt was a lack of communication between parents and teachers. As a result, some of the teachers have created a discussion sheet with questions about things that are happening in the classroom. Parents can use these questions to start a dialogue with their child about what they are learning in school. Other teachers have set up websites that you can visit to learn more about your child's classroom.

-Bridget reported to the membership that the school could not meet the terms of Ruby Bridges' contract and therefore, the visit will not take place. She thanked the membership for their support and understanding.

Meeting adjourned, 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alissa Fichtl