

Glenwood Landing School
SCA Meeting
November 17, 2010
8:45 a.m. Auditorium

-Jackie Weber was not in attendance.

-Laura Morea called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m. She thanked the members for coming and noted that it was nice to see such a good turnout. She said that as many of the members are already aware, the SCA is currently experiencing a fundraising crisis and that there are many programs that may not happen this year if we cannot raise the necessary funds. She noted that in response to this lack of funding, several member families have already made generous donations to the SCA.

-Thank you to the Vizza Family for their generous donation to the SCA that will fund the "Strummin' and Drummin'" program for grades K,1 and 2.

-Thank you to another family for their anonymous donation that will fund the "Star Lab" program for the 3rd grade.

-Thank you to Jackie Weber for her wonderful idea to help generate additional SCA funds. Since the SCA is a not-for-profit organization, members can make donations to the SCA which can then be used to fund the various programs that the SCA sponsors. Members can also designate the program that they want their money to fund.

-Prior to approval of the minutes from the October membership meeting, a member asked the Board to clarify a bullet point under the New Business section of the minutes:

"-Thank you to Kelly Otis and Cheryl Brown for stepping up to be our Yearbook Committee co-chairs. A Board member stated that we are fortunate to have these two 4th Grade parents volunteer to do this. Traditionally, it is run by 5th Grade parents."

The member said that there were two 5th grade parent volunteers that originally agreed to chair the Yearbook, but that they later stepped down. Some parents felt that the Board should note that there are many 5th grade parents volunteering their time to help with the Yearbook, and other school events.

There was also a discussion about plans for the 5th Grade Dance and other events for this year. Due to time constraints at this general membership meeting, it was agreed that there would be a separate meeting held for 5th grade parents to discuss their concerns about the events for the 5th graders this year.

-Laura asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 2010 Membership meeting. The motion was made, seconded and approved by a majority of the members present.

Old Business:

- Thank you to Kelly Varkaris and Cheryl Brown for organizing the Halloween Parade. Thank you to Lisa Anselmo for taking pictures. Parents can view the photos at www.LisaAnselmoPhotography.com click on Local Events, our school's password is 20102011.
- Thank you to Liz Falcone for working on the Handbook. Liz reports that the book should be ready to go home in the backpacks soon.
- The Decorating Committee has been hard at work and their decorations look very nice.
- The Box Tops Committee reports that they have collected over 500 Box Tops to date.
- Gail Goss and Deana Roper are working on getting some new Spirit Wear items including a hat with the school logo and long sleeved t-shirts. A parent suggested that it might be nice to have umbrellas.
- Family Shopping Night was cancelled due to vendor cancellations. The Board is open to suggestions from the membership about the possibility of having this event in the spring.
- The Board wants to remind parents that we are in need of families to help fund the Enrichment Programs that we have traditionally had here at GWL. Due to budget constraints, these programs are in jeopardy of not happening without your help. We thank those families that have already stepped up and encourage everyone to try to help in any way that they can. Bridget said that she is currently working with another family that would like to donate for the Enrichment Programs and she will keep us posted.
- The membership is being asked to vote to authorize the SCA to pay for an author visit from Patricia Polacco. Bridget told the membership that Ms. Polacco's books are used in grades K-5 and her visit would be a real gift for the students. She said that she understood that the cost of this author is more than what the SCA usually pays for a CREW author and that both she and the Board are pursuing fundraising options to help offset the cost. Laura asked for a motion to increase the CREW budget from \$1,500 to \$3,500. The motion was made, seconded and approved by a majority of members present. A parent suggested that since the author visit is such a highlight, we include her photo in the yearbook. Laura said that we would have to check the author's contract first, but that she thought it was a good idea and that the Board would look into it.
- Thank you to Maria Hoyle, Caryn Quinn and Christine Brown for helping out during the picture re-takes. Leti said that there were 72 re-takes and that the Board is looking into other photography companies.
- Please log in and become a member on the SCA website. Committees can send their updates to Leti for posting.

New Business:

-Thank you to Pam Elden and Ginny Wagner, our Fashion Show Co-chairs. Pam reported to the membership that they had visited three different venues including Glen Cove Mansion, Brookville Country Club, and the Swan Club. The Brookville Country Club, they felt was by far, the best. She gave the Board a copy of the proposal from Old Brookville and said that she had been in contact with Dawn Walton who ran the Night Out last year. The dates that the committee is considering for the Fashion Show are March 23 and March 30. Leti and Pam will meet to discuss journal adds and sponsorships.

-There will be a fundraiser to benefit the Enrichment Programs at GWL at Friendly's Restaurant in Hicksville on November 30th from 5p.m.- 8 p.m. When customers present their GWL flyer to the server, GWL will receive 15% of the total sale. Thank you to Deana Roper for organizing this.

-The SCA After School Activities and Clubs program is being chaired by Janet Wile. Janet reported that she is hoping to have a session begin right after the New Year.

-Our yearbook chairs, Kelly Otis and Cheryl Brown report that plans are underway and that the first committee meeting took place last week.

-Laura mentioned that we are looking for a volunteer to run another fundraiser through the company, Prestige. She said that this would be a wrapping paper fundraiser. She said that the SCA cannot only rely on the Fashion Show for money.

-The Nutrition Committee is looking for input regarding the School Lunch Program. This committee is helping to decide what goes on the menu and is responsible for the healthier food being served. Comments can be e mailed to Leti or Karen Greene.

Faculty Report:

Darlene Skaee

-Kindergarteners are learning about families. They are studying the nuclear family and extended families. They are also getting ready for their Thanksgiving Celebration. They interviewed Mrs. Finder and the nurse.

-2nd graders visited Old Bethpage Village. They learned about communities from long ago.

-3rd grade classes had a visit from the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary. They learned about birds of prey and food chains.

-4th graders are working on a Biography Unit and they are studying real life role models.

-5th graders performed Macbeth in the Library. The performance was enhanced by an art exhibition which helped to set the tone for this play. Parents can view a slideshow of the performance on the school website. 5th graders also enjoyed a field trip to the Apple Store in Manhasset where they learned how to make I-movies.

-Thank you to the SCA and the membership in advance from the entire faculty for approving the cost of the author visit.

- Teachers are interested in purchasing Spirit Wear. Laura said that she would send an e mail to Mrs. Skaee which she could then forward to the teachers to use as an order form.
- The nurse has asked that we remind parents to label their children's clothing. The lost and found is filling up! Bridget said that these items will be placed in the hallway on tables for parents to look through during parent/teacher conference day.
- Children not dressed appropriately for the cooler weather will have to remain indoors during recess. Parents who feel their children can wear shorts no matter the weather, must send a note to the nurse.

Principal's Report:

Bridget Finder

- Thank you to all of the members who came to today's meeting.
- Thank you to the Vizza Family for their generous support of the Enrichment Program.
- Thank you to Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Varkaris for the Halloween Parade.
- Thank you to Mrs. Anselmo for the photos.
- Thank you to Mrs. Segal and Mrs. Begley for the Decorating Committee.
- Thank you to Janet Wile for CREW and to parents for approving the author. The SCA will receive 20% of her total book sales from her visit. Her contract does not prohibit photography so we will be able to use her picture in the yearbook. The author visit will take place on March 14th with three separate presentations for K and 1st grade, 2nd and 3rd, 4th and 5th. Parents are welcome to attend.
- Thank you to Pam Elden and Ginny Wagner for running the Fashion Show.
- Thank you to Janet Wile for the After School Clubs and Activities.
- Students in grades 3-5 will receive ID cards and passwords for the Castle Learning Program. This will allow parents to create an online study session for their child. A letter will be sent home shortly with directions the week of the 29th.
- The Shared Decision Making Committee will be sending out a survey regarding arrival and dismissal procedures. We ask that parents participate in the survey and feel free to make specific comments.
- The Winter Concert is on December 15th at 7:30 p.m.
- The Sing-a-long is scheduled for December 23rd at 1:30 p.m. all parents are welcome.
- 5th Grade Dance Committee meeting on November 29th.

Treasurer's Report:**Jackie Weber**

Bank Balance as of 9/30/10	\$6,988.13
Deposits Misc.	\$5,734.50
 Total Deposits	 \$5,734.50
Debits BBQ	\$2,900.00
School Supplies	\$859.55
Helping Hand	\$200.00
Cash for Spirit Sale	\$50.00
 Total Debits	 \$4,009.55
 Bank Balance as of 10/31/10	 \$11,321.14
 Quicken Balance as of 11/5/10	 \$9,546.95

* includes the following un-cleared items:

Spirit Wear	\$1,103.75
Carnegie Hall	\$2,583.00
BBQ	\$215.00
Fun Day	\$9.29
Hospitality	\$55.65

Total Debits	\$3,966.69
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Deposits	
Spirit Wear (sold at parade)	\$747.00
Fall Fundraiser Coupon Book	\$1,037.5
Faculty Dues	\$408.00

Total Credits	\$2,192.50
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-At this point, there was a presentation from Steve Grabher from the Athletic Booster Club regarding an upcoming vote to give the Board of Education permission to take money from the Capital Reserve in order to pay for repairs to the High School track and field.

Meeting adjourned, 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alissa Fichtl

