

Glenwood Landing School
SCA Meeting
October 26, 2010
7:00 p.m. Auditorium

-Due to low turnout for this meeting, at 7 p.m. some phone calls were made to several parents inviting them to come to the meeting. This was done to help increase the number of attendees so that the meeting could take place. (For the record, in order to have an official meeting of the SCA take place, there must be a certain number of members present. This evening's meeting date and time are posted on the District Calendar, North Shore School's website and Glenwood Landing's October Calendar.)

-Laura Morea called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. She thanked everyone, including our last minute attendees, for coming. She then asked that the minutes state that the **total number of members in attendance, excluding 6 Executive Board members and 2 faculty members, was 13.** Note: **It is the duty of Class Parents, Grade Chairs and Committee Chairs to attend the monthly membership meetings. If these volunteers cannot attend, we ask that they find another parent (in their class or on their committee) to go in their place.**

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

Old Business:

-Class parents and grade chairs are in place for the 2010-2011 school year. The Board will try to have all volunteers for class parents and grade chairs for the next school year in place prior to the last day of school. In addition, Committee chairs and volunteers will also be in place before the end of this school year.

-Committee members are reminded to use the proper forms, which are downloadable from the SCA website, for reimbursement, check requests and check deposits. Committees are obliged to keep the SCA Board advised as to their progress and may not sign contracts without Executive Board approval.

-At this point, there was a question from a member about the monthly student calendars. Bridget said that this month, instead of sending home the calendars in backpacks, they were posted on the school website and also e-mailed home in an effort to save paper and money for the district. Several parents said that they did not receive the e-mails. Bridget asked if parents would prefer to have the calendars go home in the children's backpacks and the majority of those present said that they would. It was decided that the calendars would be sent home as usual in the backpacks.

-Picture re-take day is on November 12th. The SCA is aware that some parents were not happy with the photos this year and, as a result, will look into the matter.

-We have 278 member families to-date who have paid membership dues. Many thanks to those families. We were very fortunate that some members chose to make a donation above the \$8 membership fee.

-Thank you to Dawn Walton for organizing and running this year's BBQ. It was a great success. Jackie said that the SCA spent \$1,483, which was well under the \$2,500 budget. For next year, the class parents and grade chairs for the Kindergarten class will be in charge of the Kindergarten Parade.

-Spirit Wear is off to a great start. As of September 1st, this committee has raised \$1,883. Thank you to Gail Goss and Deana Roper.

-Thank you to Lynn Murtha and Jeanine Feurborn for organizing the K-1 Meet and Greet.

-Thank you to Deb and Kerry Breen for running the Fall Plant Sale. This sale earned \$373.25 profit. We are planning another sale for Mother's Day.

-Thank you to Joan Colby for running the Lord & Taylor Fundraiser. We earned \$260 in ticket sales and since we sold more than 50 tickets, we will receive a portion of Lord & Taylor's proceeds from that day. Last year, we received approximately \$400.

-Thank you to Jill Tyrkko for running the Coupon Book Fundraiser. Please send in any unsold books. We estimate that this fundraiser will earn \$1,500-\$1,600.

-At this point, Anna Sharkey, a Board of Education Trustee and Glenwood Landing School parent, spoke to members about the upcoming vote in the Nassau County legislature to approve the 2011 Budget Proposal which, if passed, will impact school taxes by imposing sewer and water service charges on all school districts. In addition, the 2011 budget proposal eliminates the "County Guarantee" which will place the burden of tax grievances on school districts instead of the county. She asked that parents reach out to the Legislators to voice their opinions about this shifting of responsibilities. She left copies of a letter from Diane Yatauro, Nassau County Legislature Minority Leader.

New Business:

-Plans for the Halloween Parade are underway. It is set to take place at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, October 29th on the lower field. In case of rain, the parade will take place in the auditorium.

-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.

-Thank you to Janet Wile for chairing C.R.E.W. and the After School Clubs and Activities Program.

-Our chair for the Fashion Show is Pam Elden. Dawn Walton stated that she has a date on hold for us at the Swan Club. She will get the information to Laura.

-Thank you to Jolene Segal and Allie Begley on the Decorating Committee. The Birthday Stars are up in the cafeteria and they are getting ready for Thanksgiving.

- Thank you to Lisa Anselmo for taking photos at the BBQ. She has posted them on the SCA Bulletin Board by the front entrance. Lisa is also going to take photos at the Halloween Parade. All photos from the Halloween Parade will be available for viewing and can be printed free of charge at www.LisaAnselmoPhotography.com click on Local Events, our school's password is 20102011.
- The Box Tops Committee would like to remind everyone to keep collecting Box Tops.
- The Spirit Wear Chairs, Deana Roper and Gail Goss reported that they are looking into new apparel for the Winter and Spring. They are also planning to sell some of the overstocked items to make room for the new things. November 5th will be a Spirit Day.
- The Family Holiday Shop will take place on Wednesday, November 3rd. Jeanne Riccardo is working on this and reports that she has several vendors lined up. Children are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult.
- Deana Roper presented an new easy fundraiser for the Board to consider. She generously offered to get the details and organize it if the Board approves. It is a GWL Night at the Friendlys Restaurant in Hicksville. Between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. families can eat at Friendlys and the SCA will receive 15% of all of the sales. We could also host a 50/50 raffle during that time. Deana will look into dates in December and report back to the Board.

Faculty Report:

Darlene Skaee

- Kindergarteners are busy learning about the life cycle of pumpkins. They are also using the new "Smart Tables" in each classroom. The Smart Table is an interactive table that works much like the Smart Boards that we have in all of the classrooms. Teachers can set up learning games for the children in grades K-2.
- The 1st grade is learning about communities and they are busy conducting interviews.
- 2nd graders are busy learning about mixtures and states of matter.
- 3rd grade classes are studying webs and food chains. BOCES came to each classroom to set up discovery tanks filled with sea stars, fish and other sea creatures.
- 4th graders are studying Native Americans and enjoyed a visit from Tipi Ted.
- 5th graders celebrated Constitution Day and performed a play about the Constitution.
- Children are learning about internet safety in Library and the Computer Lab.
- Thank you to the SCA for purchasing Activity Works for the children to use during indoor recess.
- The teachers enjoyed receiving the Coupon Books from the Coupon Book fundraiser. The company that sells the books provides one for each teacher for free.
- The teachers said that Picture Day was the smoothest run ever!
- At this point, Ms. Skaee read a letter from Tony Caracci and Audra Marcantonio, our enrichment teachers. Ms. Skaee read the letter, which is included in these minutes. The letter stated that many of the programs that were part of the enrichment program in the past, are in jeopardy of not taking place if we cannot raise the necessary funds. The teachers are asking parents and the SCA to help them with raising these funds. Laura said that parents in attendance should tell other parents about this issue and encourage them to come up with ideas for fundraising for these worthwhile programs. Jackie said that while this is a Fashion Show year, we cannot project how much we will raise and therefore, the SCA cannot agree to increase the Budget for these programs without knowing what revenue we will have.
- Deana Roper said she would like to consider using the Friendlys fundraiser for the Enrichment Program.
- Jackie reminded members that the SCA can take donations in any amount to help raise funds. The SCA will provide anyone who makes a donation with a receipt for tax purposes.

-Leti said that our nurse, Sharon Schmiemann, has asked the Board to remind parents that the Lost and Found already has 3 full boxes of clothing. Please check to see if your child is missing something. Also, please be sure to put your child's name or at least initials on clothing labels. This will help us to be able to return the items to their owners.

Treasurer's Report: Jackie Weber

Bank Balance as of 8/31/10	\$6,287.21	
Deposits Misc.	\$4,710.47	
Total Deposits	\$4,710.47	
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 9/30/10	\$6,988.13	
Quicken Balance as of 10/13/10	\$7,405.38	
* includes the following un-cleared items:		
Plant Sale	\$964.25	
BBQ Tips	\$150.00	
Talent Show	\$86.46	
Fun Day	\$9.29	
Helping Hands	\$32.75	
Spirit	\$130.00	
Total Debits	\$1,372.75	

Principal's Report:

Bridget Finder

- Our internet safety staff would like to make a presentation to the SCA at the next meeting.
- Upcoming meetings with Dr. Melnick regarding test scores will take place on October 27th for the 3rd grade parents and November 4th for 4th and 5th grade parents.
- We have a comprehensive plan for GWL regarding test scores, which includes an online program with Castle Learning and an academic intervention provider for math. This person will push in to the classrooms to provide services for children who scored a 1, 2 or are considered to be a "wobbly 3."
- Thank you to the SCA for the Helping Hands fund for families in need. This fund helped with the School Supply Boxes and the families were very appreciative. It also helps with paying for field trips and grocery store gift cards during the holidays.
- Thank you to Dawn Walton for the BBQ. There was a great turnout and the 4:30 p.m. start time made it easier for the teachers to attend.
- Thank you to the Yearbook Chairs, Kelly Otis and Cheryl Brown.
- Thank you to Mrs. Wile for chairing C.R.E.W. and the After School Clubs and Activities Program.
- Thank you to Mrs. Anselmo for the photos.
- Thank you to Ms. Skaee for coming tonight.
- Thank you to the Board for all of their hard work.

Meeting adjourned, 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alissa Fichtl

**Glenwood Landing Elementary School
School-Wide Enrichment Services**

October 20, 2010

Dear Friends of the Glenwood Landing School SCA,

We hope this letter finds you well as we begin to enjoy the fall weather. The first few weeks of the school have flown by, and we're certain you find yourselves incredibly busy and occupied with your responsibilities to your own children. Thank you for taking the time to consider the following request for all of the learners in our beloved GWL School.

Every year, you generously ask the faculty to submit wish lists for the students in our care. Before you lay a daunting task. You must determine how to share the funding you've raised, thanks to hours of hard work and precious time.

In the past, School-Wide Enrichment Services (SWES) funded many alternative learning experiences touching the entire student body. Some of these wonderful events included Tipi Ted, Drama Opportunities with Ms. Caracci, The Brain Show, Strummin' and Drummin', Erik's Reptile "Ed"ventures, etc.

In light of the budget cuts, funding set aside for enrichment has been cut. We hope to continue to bring the student body these rich experiences to foster thinking skills, spark interests, and promote a love and appreciation of learning. However, we cannot do so without financial support.

As the School-Wide Enrichment Teachers, we ask that you consider touching the entire student population by funding one (or more!) of the previously mentioned experiences. We have attached our last two Enrichment Newsletters, in which students describe some of these experiences, as well as the cost of each program. If you have any questions, or would like to meet with us, please do not hesitate to ask!

Thank you for all that you do for the students of Glenwood Landing, our future. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and are deeply appreciated by the faculty and staff.

Fondly,

Audra Marcantonio & Toni Caracci
SWES Teachers

**Glenwood Landing Elementary School
School-Wide Enrichment Services**

“Wish List” of Alternative Learning Experiences:

Strummin’ and Drummin’- for grades K, 1, 2
\$650.00 per 1-hour assembly

Starlab
\$140.00 per 1-hour performance
\$560.00 for four- 1 hour performances

Our Living Planet- for grade 3
\$140.00 per 1-hour performance
\$560.00 for four- 1 hour performances

Erik’s Reptile Edventures
\$325 per 45 minute assembly
\$650.00 for two-45 minute assemblies

The Brain Show- for grades 3, 4, 5
\$775.00 per 1-hour assembly