

Glenwood Landing School  
SCA Meeting  
September 14, 2011  
8:45 a.m. Auditorium

-All current SCA Executive Board members were in attendance, as well as Bridget Finder.

-Meeting was called to order at 8:55am.

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

-Tina Kontorouhas introduced the new SCA Executive Board members:

Janet Wile- Co-president  
Amanda Moynihan-Treasurer  
Amy Morrissey-Recording Secretary  
Ellen McPartlin-Vice President  
Liz Mele-Corresponding Secretary

-Mrs.Schmiemann spoke and let everyone know that Emergency Contact and Physical Exam forms must be handed in as soon as possible.

**-Principal Report: Mrs.Finder**

-Mrs.Finder spoke and says all off to a good start.

-The teacher/staff roster is the same this year.

-In response to the movie Race to Nowhere, we are going to take a closer look at the amount of time students spend doing their homework.

-As you know, NYS has adopted the Common Core Learning Standard. One aspect you will notice is that the complexity of text level is going to increase this year across all grade levels.

-Back to School Night will be less formal this year with regard to the Principal. Mrs.Finder will be available to answer questions in the Cafeteria throughout the evening, rather than making a formal presentation.

-Mr.Falco will also be available throughout the evening, located in the Auditorium.

-Asks for 2 parent volunteers to join the Shared Decision Making Committee which is a 2 year commitment.

-All teachers will have websites up and running by September 27.

-ELA/Math scores should be released soon – must follow the state standards. Mentioned that scores are better than last year.

**-Teacher's Report : Mrs. Skaee**

- All going well so far.
- Thanks the SCA for the Agendas provided for grades 3-5.
- Faculty looking forward to Back to School Night.
- Mentioned that Mrs.Van Hoff would like to speak about the Authoring Committee.
- Mentioned that Mrs.Marcantonio would like to speak about Enrichment.

### **Old Business:**

- Thank you to Jackie Fitzpatrick for taking care of our School Supply Program for the 2011 – 2012 school year. Implemented a new format for families this year, enabling them to receive their supplies prior to the first day of school. Scheduling planned times when parents could come and pick up their supplies at the school was successful and will be continued.
- The agendas have been distributed, folders will be distributed soon.
- Mrs.Finder thanked everyone for contributing to School Supplies for Helping Hands.
- Tina said that we are going to stick with a monthly printed SCA Newsletter.

### **New Business:**

- Dawn Walton and Laura Morea are chairing the upcoming Family BBQ, scheduled for September 17, from 4:30 – 6:30. Kathleen Salerno will lead the Kindergarten Parade. Spirit wear will be available for purchase. Need volunteers to help with clean-up.
- Maggie Innelli is chairing our GWL Handbook Committee. Tina said that it should be completed and available soon. Maggie is working on changing to more of a Directory format.
- Sending out the Class Parent/Grade Forms earlier this year than in years passed was a success, and will continue in this manner. It was agreed that the Class Parent list will be forwarded to all of the Class Parents for planning and organizational purposes.
- SCA dues must be collected per person, not per family. It was at this point that discussion begins stating that certain people are dissatisfied with the increase in SCA dues. Everyone is told there was a fair vote, dues have been the same for the past 10 years, and it all goes back to the children.
- Envelopes for Grade Chairs will be handed out by Amanda Moynihan at the end of the meeting.
- A discussion begins about the Arts Angels, and how they are looking to donate money. The SCA Board agrees to contact and find out more details.
- Ellen McPartlin introduces and demonstrates the navigation process through our new SCA website. Everyone appreciates and thanks Ellen for her hard work.
- Kristina Lacy has agreed to chair the Box Tops Committee this year.
- SCA Committee sign-ups have been going really well. We are still in need of volunteers to chair the Fall Plant Sale, and Halloween Parade.
- Alexis O'Sullivan has agreed to chair the Kid Power Committee. A big thank you is given to Alexis O'Sullivan for her great work.

- Picture Day will be split up over 2 days this year. September 27<sup>th</sup> – grades K, 4, and 5. September 28<sup>th</sup> – grades 1, 2, and 3.
- Courtney Fitzpatrick, and Jackie Fitzpatrick are both serving as chairs for the K-1 Meet and Greet scheduled for September 24, 2011.
- A parent raised her hand letting everyone know that the SCA may need to increase the budget this year for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Dinner Dance because they ran into some monetary challenges last year. Mentioned that the donations they received from individuals and families wound up being extremely necessary. SCA agreed to take a closer look.
- The budget for the Decorating Committee has been increased from last year to 175.00.
- We must confirm that Joan Colby has agreed to chair the Lord and Taylor Fall Fundraiser. A ticket cost of \$5.00 buys 20% off everything for the day.
- Lynette Pepe and Amy Salvatori have agreed to chair the Innesbrook Fall Fundraiser. We will receive the merchandise purchased before Thanksgiving, and SCA receives 50% profit.
- Amy Morrissey has agreed to chair the Kid Stuff Coupon Book Committee.
- At this point, Lisa Vizza spoke about SEPTA. SEPTA is a district wide Special Education PTA. SEPTA has recently been inactive but the organization is being reactivated by a group of parents. She said SEPTA includes all parents in the district whether their child has special needs, regular needs or exceptional needs. Please contact Lisa with your questions and comments.
- David and Dawn Ryan have agreed to chair a Family Bowling Night fundraising event.
- Laura Morea has agreed to chair the Shop till You Drop Fundraiser scheduled for December, 8, 2011. \$75.00 buys a 6 foot table for the evening.

**Treasurer's Report: Amanda Moynihan**

**SEPTEMBER 2011: Treasurer's Report  
Amanda Moynihan**

<b>Bank Balance as of 8/1/11</b>		<b>\$22,342.80</b>
Deposits		\$223.00
		\$ 39.00
		\$ 25.00
<b>Total Deposits</b>		<b>\$287.00</b>
Debits	Book Fair	\$ 149.74
	School Supplies	\$6,741.98
<b>Total Debits</b>		<b>\$6,891.72</b>

<b>Bank Balance as of 8/31/11</b>		<b>\$15,738.08</b>
<b>Quicken Balance as of 09/09/11</b>		<b>\$11,639.80</b>
* includes the following un-cleared items:		
CREW	\$39.91 (May)	
Field Day	\$45.66 (June)	
SCA Supplies	\$8.80 - stamps	
	\$85.98 – check re-order	
	\$290.99 - teacher gifts	
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dance	\$61.00	
	\$536.00	
BBQ 2011	\$750.00	
	\$2,150.00	
	\$50.00	
	\$29.94	
Spirit	\$50.00	
<b>Total Debits</b>		<b>\$4,098.28</b>

-Amanda presented the anticipated SCA budget for the 2011 – 2012 school year. A motion was made to approve the SCA 2011 – 2012 budget. The motion was seconded and then approved by the majority of members present.

(Note: the spreadsheet for the SCA Annual Budget is attached and available for review.)

-Tina thanked everyone for attending and showing their support.

Meeting adjourned, 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Morrissey