

Glenwood Landing School  
SCA Meeting  
November 9, 2011  
8:45 a.m. Auditorium

-All current SCA Executive Board members were in attendance.  
-In addition to the SCA Executive Board members, Mrs. Finder, Mrs. Skaee, Mrs. Schmiemann, and Mrs. Marcantonio were all present.

-Tina called the meeting to order at 9:00am.  
-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.

**-Nurse's Report: Mrs. Schmiemann**

-Stressed the importance of handing in the Physical Exam forms, and mentioned that it is now mandatory for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade.  
-Told everyone there have not been any new cases of lice.  
-Asked for everyone to label clothing worn to school.  
-Asked for extra clothes for the younger grades.

**Audra Marcantonio – Guest Speaker (SWES) –**

-Gave an overview of her role at GWL as the head of SWES and AAES. SWES stands for School-Wide Enrichment Services. AAES stands for Additional Academic Enrichment Services.  
-Most of her time spent working with **all** students through SWES.  
-Mentioned that she teaches K-5 at the present time.  
-Mentioned that she meets with the GWL K-5 teachers once a month to collaborate and gain insight.  
-There are different “enrichment” clubs running throughout the year across all grade levels. These clubs meet and run through lunch and recess.  
-The Japanese Garden is her big focus at this time, and is in desperate need of funding.

**Principal's Report – Mrs. Finder**

-Thanked the Ryan's for the wonderful job they did chairing Bowling Night.  
-Thanked the Huston's for the wonderful job they did chairing the Halloween Parade. Also thanked Lisa Anselmo for photographing the parade.  
-Thanked Amy Morrissey for chairing the KidStuff Coupon Book Fundraiser.  
-Mentioned that per Ed Melnick – although a positive that our ELA test scores were improved from last year, we want to make sure there is more of a balance this year. Ed Melnick's full report is listed on the district website.  
-Mentioned that Superintendent Day this year was beneficial. Teachers had the opportunity of working in small groups together, reviewing a sampling of student work and assignments.

-Addressed the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance, and the fact that some parents are upset with new earlier party timeframe of 12:30pm – 3pm. Mentioned this change has been coming for a few years. Mrs. Finder wants to make sure this event is age appropriate, and really focuses on the kids rather than the parents.

-A parent named Alyssa Scarola spoke out as the Chair of the Dance last year, and agreed that changing the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance to a daytime party is a good idea. Alyssa found it to be an extremely long day for the kids last year. Inviting family became an issue as well because of the long day involved.

-Announced that Dr. Behar will be presenting a Workshop aimed at 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents that discusses girls and behavior. The dates of this Workshop are November 30<sup>th</sup>, 9am-10am, and December 1<sup>st</sup>, 7pm – 8pm.

-At this point during meeting Lisa Vizza announced that during the next Middle School PTA Meeting, Mark Ferris will be giving a presentation on Female Behavioral Aggression. This meeting will be taking place on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm in the Middle School Library.

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

-ELA undercover groups are up and running.

#### **-Mrs. Skaee read Mrs. Van Hoff's report –**

Kindergarten – ask the kids about book documents.

1<sup>st</sup> – ask about

2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> – ask kids about OPAC searching skills.

4<sup>th</sup> – ask kids about amazing reading, writing, art and music.

5<sup>th</sup> – asks kids about the wall in Washington DC.

#### **-The grade teachers are working on the following -**

-Kindergarten – Preparing for their feast. Approaching differently this year.

First – Working on Functional Writing.

Second – Studying communities from long ago.

Third – Just finished a Skype session with Eric the Reptile Guy in Madagascar.

Also working and studying their Discovery Tanks.

Fourth – Beginning to study Native Americans, and electricity.

Fifth – Have been studying the Constitution and US Government. Now moving onto local and state government.

### **Old Business:**

-Thank you to the Ryan's for great job organizing Family Bowling Night. There were 160 people present, with 40 lanes booked. The event net \$500.00.

-Alexis O'Sullivan told Tina that the fall issue of Kid Power would be out shortly.

-Thank you to Cheryl Brown for running the Plant Sale, \$557.20 made from sale.

-Thank you to the Huston's and Kelly Vakaris for chairing the Halloween Parade, and everyone loved the decorations.

-Thank you to Gail Goss for doing a great job with Spirit Wear. There are new items for sale such as flannel pants, and zip hoodies.

-Lisa Vizza spoke and brought us up to date regarding SEPTA. Mentioned that a guest speaker named Linda LaMarca spoke at the last SEPTA meeting about

Making Educational Evaluations easy to understand. Also mentioned that SEPTA would be partnering with Coalition for a Drug Free School to present "Substance Abuse and Students with Learning Disabilities" at the next SEPTA meeting scheduled for November 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30pm, in the Middle School Cafeteria. Mentioned that Dr. Melnick would be at SEPTA meeting in January. All are always welcome at the meetings.

-Thanked Lynette Pepe and Amy Salvatori for running our Innesbrook Fundraiser. We received free shipping of merchandise in the end.

-Tina said that she is waiting to hear back from Kristina Lacy regarding our Box Tops program.

-Tina mentioned that GWL was the only Elementary school with a presence at the Homecoming Parade. It was mentioned that each elementary school is paired with a High School grade level – GWL is paired with the juniors. A discussion began at this point about the possibility of increasing our school visibility by working with the juniors moving forward. Bridget Finder mentioned the idea of becoming involved with the float in some manner.

-Bridget Finder mentioned that she would like GWL to create a new banner.

-Bridget finder suggested selling the Circus equipment the week after our event takes place in order to make additional \$\$\$. This would be open to all students, and should be arranged with Maureen Denley.

### **New Business -**

-We have earned \$91.52 in Amazon Dollars to date. Bridget Finder suggested creating a letter detailing/marketing our Amazon Dollar program, which then in turn could be forwarded to friends and family and sent out before the holidays.

-Mrs. Skaee mentioned that it would be helpful for the SCA to include at least one extra copy for the teachers when distributing flyers.

-Janet mentioned that Arts Angels has money available to distribute. In order to be eligible for this grant, GWL must submit a proposal by December 31<sup>st</sup>. We do not know the available amount at this time. Everyone approved allocating the funds to Mrs. Marcantonio's Japanese Sculpture Garden, as it is a school wide program.

-Amy Morrissey is chairing the KidStuff Coupon Book Fundraiser. All books have been distributed to the students, and event is now in full swing.

-Picture Make-up Day is scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup>, and open to anyone who was not satisfied with their picture, or who was absent. A reminder will be sent out.

-Lynda Torel is chairing the Scholastic Book Fair and looking for parent volunteers to help with the event.

-Kelly Otis and Cheryl Brown are chairing the Yearbook Committee. They are in need of school wide, school based pictures at this time.

-A theme has been selected for the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance. Leti Barbeta and Donna Rivera are currently working on fundraising for this event.

-Amy Morrissey is chairing our upcoming Family Portrait Day Fundraiser, scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup>. At this time we can still book a few more sessions in the afternoon. It was agreed to send one more reminder email.



