

**Chews Elementary School
Family and School Association
February 2010**

Meeting date Thursday, February 4, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by Dawn Greenwood at 6:30pm.

Debbie Karpowicz's report stated the operating balance as of 02-04-10 to be \$9,420.30.

A motion was made by Nancy Gentile to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

A Teacher Representative was not in attendance.

Program Chairman, Mrs. DiBella, spoke about the exciting demonstration the 4th graders were given by Lockheed Martin on engineering and science. The Literacy Night was successful. There may be one again next year. Author, Sudipta Quallen, read to several classes, autographed the students' books and spoke to the students about becoming an author. This assembly was funded by the FSA. Spirit Day was fun for all. The DARE Graduation was a huge success. Thank you to the parents who help decorate the gymnasium. Officer Mark runs a great program. Report cards go home on Friday, February 5th. On Tuesday, February 9th there will be an assembly for Black History Month. All grades will see the Laser Prismatic Assembly. Paw Pride assembly will be on Tuesday, February 9th and Thursday February 11th. The Star Student Luncheon will be held on Thursday, February 11th. Spirit Day will be Friday, February 26th. All District schools are closed Friday, February 12th and Monday, February 15th for Presidents Weekend. During the Paw Pride Assembly, an entire grade gathers in the cafeteria and the students who achieve a Gold Paw or Green Paw receive their certificates then. This is a fun event during school hours for the students. The 5th grade field trip has not been planned yet. Kindergarten Registration has been scheduled. The day will be announced soon.

Committee Report

Kindergarten-Tracy Fagan & Rhonda Coyle-Workbook meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9th at 9am in the cafeteria. Tracy & Rhonda will be stepping down from this committee. If you are interested in this position please see Dawn Greenwood. Kindergarten registration will be the week of March 8th.

1st Grade-Katie Jewel-Workbook meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9th at 9am.

2nd Grade-Jennifer Hartsig- Workbook meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9th at 9am. The location may be changed due to assemblies.

Box Tops- Shawn Broderick- Last submission date is March 1st. A February collection sheet will go home by the end of the month. Approximate tally is \$600. Check out the Box Tops for Education website daily for new and special entries for bonuses and sweepstakes.

Campbell's Soup Labels-Lori Pfeffer- Approximately 500 points have been submitted.

Council of Schools- Lorraine Dean & Kim Kasprack- Monday, December 21st was a warranted snow day. Tuesday, December 22nd was as well due to safety concerns for children waiting for busses in the street due to the plows piling snow on the corners where children would wait for the bus. Last day of school is June 16th unless there are additional snow days. 5th Grade events may change due to the snow days. The annual Dr. Martin Luther King Day of Service Celebration at C.W. Lewis was on January 18th. Over 400 people attended and 500 blankets were donated to 2 county charities. The 2nd dose for children 9 and under, of the H1N1 vaccination will be available on February 9th from 4 to 7pm at Mullen Middle School. Blackhorse Pike Regional School District hosted a

Cyber bullying seminar at Highland Regional High school on February 3rd. The budget process has started and the Superintendent does not know if there will be state aid. Governor Christie has appointed a new Educational Committee, but they still need to be approved by the Senate. Governor Christie has stated that any district that has a surplus from a previous budget, the monies will not be used in place of state aid. Gloucester Township has had a surplus and has received state aid; however the new budget will be tricky. There will be more budget information at the March FSA meeting. There was a Unified Dress Code Committee meeting on January 21st. The results of the parent survey were 61% in favor of a unified dress code and 35% not in favor of a unified dress code. An attending parent asked if this policy would be in place this year, Nancy Gentile who is on the Unified Dress Code Committee, informed the parents that any policy that is in front of the BOE needs 2 public hearings and 1 BOE meeting 90 days prior to the start of the next school year for the BOE to adopt a new policy. The Unified Dress Code Committee voted for Navy, dark and light Khakis and light blue, navy and white golf/polo shirts. Due to the devastation in Haiti, there is a need for crutches. If you have any that you are no longer using please visit Cooper Hospital website if you would like to donate them. Kim Kasprack added that Mayor Meyer will be visiting the Districts school and giving Congratulation Certificates to the Students of the Month. Mr. Meyer may have the School Board Election moved to November instead of April to save the town budget money. Board Conferences' that were held in Atlantic City have been moved to Central Jersey, a closer location for all Municipalities.

5th Grade-Dawn Greenwood-Due to several snow days the 5th grade activities may be pushed back a day or two. DARE Graduation was wonderful. Thank you to the 20 or so parents who volunteered to decorate the gym. Superintendent Mr. Seddon and newly elected Mayor Mayer attended. There will be a yearbook meeting on Monday, February 8th at 7pm to discuss themes and the layout. If you are an interested 5th grade parent please attend.

Recycle Rewards-Maura White- Staple Rewards will be used for several things, such as yearbook supplies, stocking the school store and so much more. \$29 has been collected this month so far. Keep sending in your ink cartridges and cell phones.

School Store-Trish Mancuso- February 24th (grade 1-3) & 25th (grades 4&5) are the next school store dates.

School Board Rep-Nancy Gentile- Former Governor Corzine has made January School Board Recognition Month. Mr. Seddon gave each board member a Certificate of Service. Mr. Seddon recognized the 300+ middle school students that were inducted into the Jr. National Honor Society. The secondary H1N1 immunization shot will be available. MLK Day of Service was held at CW Lewis. Mr. Seddon attended many of the Districts DARE Graduations. During the public portion of the BOE meeting, an Erial parent who is a teacher in Voorhees, expressed concerns that there may be a Unified Dress Code. She stated she would have to purchase twice as many clothes and have twice as much wash. Mr. Seddon informed her he would bring those concerns to the Unified Dress Code Committees next meeting.

Spirit Committee- Nancy Gentile & Alisa Smith- Burger King Night raised \$391.17. Our next fundraiser is Gertrude Hawk Chocolates. Fundraiser packages will go home on Monday, February 8th and will end on February 24th. March 18th is the tentative delivery date. Large orders will have to be picked up at school. Family Bowling Night will be Sunday, February 21st form 6-8pm at 30 Strikes (formerly LaMartinique). Sign-up flyers have been sent home already.

Old Business- Thank you to those who came to Burger King Night. Next BOE meeting is Monday, February 22nd at 7pm.

New Business- Nominations for the 2010-2011 FSA Corresponding Secretary Officer position is open. You may nominate yourself or someone who has attended a minimum of 6 meetings. The nominated individual must agree to be bonded under the FSA insurance policy. Glen Landing HSA is always looking for new members. The next HSA meeting is March 10th at 7pm. There are 3 officers' positions that will be open next year. If you are a committee chair or co-chair who desires to vacate your position please inform us as soon as possible. If there are openings we would like to announce them at the next FSA meeting on Thursday, March 4th at 9am. The Kindergarten Committee will be available.

Questions/Comments- Nancy Gentile asked the attendees if anyone had questions on the Unified Dress Code. She had several Dress Code information packages available to those who wanted the information. She will inform the FSA if there is a public hearing in the Unified Dress Code. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, 1st by Mrs. Otieri and 2nd by Mrs. Pfeffer.