

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

Meeting date April 14, 2010.

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

Debbie Karpowicz's report stated the operating balance as of 4-14-10 to be \$12,134.75.

The Spring Spirit wear invoice has not been paid.

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

Teacher Representative, Ms. Matson, is in need of a few parents to volunteer on Art Night on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. She will need help with crafts, snacks and clean-up. If you are available, contact her via the school email. Mrs. Greenwood stated she will send a mass email to the FSA members asking for volunteers.

Program Chairman, Mrs. Elwell, stated parent/teacher conferences started this week. Mrs. Elwell sent a Global Connect message to Chews parents reminding parents of the half days due to the conferences. Goowin's Balloowins Stories was an assembly for Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. 'Ace the Test' was the assembly for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> for the NJASK test. NJASK testing is the week of May 10<sup>th</sup>. Paw Pride assembly will be on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Report cards come home on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade OLSAT test results are usually available in the summer. You will have to call the school if you are interested in your child's results.

**Committee Report**

Box Tops- Shawn Broderick-Keep sending in your Box Tops.

Campbell's Soup Labels-Angela Hancock & Lori Pfeffer- Send in your Campbell's UPC labels. Approximately 700 points have been collected.

Council of Schools- Lorraine Dean & Kim Kasprack- The majority of the discussion has been on the upcoming BOE budget and vote. There will be a tax increase if the Gloucester Township School budget is passed. With a passed school budget, there will be cuts within the schools, as they were presented in the BOE Budget workshop and BOE meeting. If the budget is defeated there will be even more cuts within the schools. There are 2 school budgets that are up for vote, Black Horse Pike Regional & Gloucester Township.

Fifth Grade-Dawn Greenwood-The T-shirt flyer has been sent home with the students. The blow-ups for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Fun Day have been booked. A request for parent volunteers will be sent home shortly. There will be a meeting concerning assignments and time availability. June 11<sup>th</sup> is Fun Day. (Rain Date June 14<sup>th</sup>) Michael Senk & Michael Dennis Scholarship Award will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup> grade T-shirts will be distributed on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Yearbooks will be distributed on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Field Day for all grades is on June 17<sup>th</sup>. (Rain date June 18<sup>th</sup>) Last day of school is Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. It has not been confirmed but most likely the last 3 days of school will be ½ days. 5<sup>th</sup> grade Excel will have a rocket launch on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Gloucester Township Day is on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten will perform at 12:30 to 1:15. 5<sup>th</sup> grade Excel field trip will be to Franklin Institute on Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup> grade Excel Mock Trial will be held on Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. A request will be set home to parents for a \$5 donation to help offset the cost the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Fun Day. Debbie Karpowicz is moving along with the Year Book. A cover will be decided then sent to the printer. She will keep the 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents posted of the next Year Book meeting.

Recycle Rewards-Maura White- The rewards from Staples have provided binding combs, printer ink and paper for the yearbook.

School Board Rep-Nancy Gentile- The Unified Dress Code reading will be in April. A date from the BOE was not provided.

Mrs. Elwell stated she is on the Unified Dress Code Non-Compliance Committee. They will come up with a draft of non-compliance consequences for the BOE.

The next BOE meeting is Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at Mullen Middle School.

School Store-Trish Mancuso- The last school store for the year will be April 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. This committee is available to chair or co-chair.

Spirit Committee- Nancy Gentile & Alisa Smith- Gertrude Hawk fundraiser has raised \$4,028.85. Pizzeria Uno has not provided a fundraiser amount. The Pizzeria Uno fundraiser has not done well in years passed, so the FSA may chose to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> Burger King Family Night. Spirit Wear will come home with the students in 1 to 1 ½ weeks. This is a new vendor; prices were approximately \$5 cheaper per item. Please give Roe Curry your feedback on the products.

Spot Light Student Luncheon-Kim Kasprack-This is a fun event for the Star Students. They play Bingo, eat pizza and ice cream. The next luncheon is May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business**- Kindergarten registration was the week of May 8<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 100 students were registered for Kindergarten. A parent asked Mrs. Elwell if the incoming Kindergarten students will know their teacher assignments at the time of Kindergarten orientation. Mrs. Elwell stated it is possible that incoming Kindergarten students may not know their teacher at time of orientation due to teacher retirements and other teacher arrangements. At Kindergarten orientation the incoming students will meet a Kindergarten teacher and visit a Kindergarten class.

**New Business**- The Book Fair is April 23<sup>rd</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> and helpers are needed. Please contact Maria Schiavo if you are interested. A Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade workbook meeting will be April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am. The School Budget and BOE election is on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The County Board of Elections will move elections next year out of the Elementary schools and into the Middle Schools.

Administration Day is April 21<sup>st</sup>, stop into the office to thank the staff for all that they do. On April 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am there is the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade workbook meeting. 3rd grade field trip will be on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> to the Phillie Phanatic Park. T-1 will go the Discovery Museum on May 13<sup>th</sup>. 4<sup>th</sup> grade will visit The Constitution Center. Safety trip is May 20<sup>th</sup> to Great Adventure. Chews P.E. (Gym) Night is May 18<sup>th</sup> with Mr. Burplus. Candy Bar Bingo will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Spirit Day is Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. May 4<sup>th</sup> is Teacher Appreciation Day. Nurse's Day is May 6<sup>th</sup>. The next FSA meeting is May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Next year there are several committees that are available if you wish to chair a position. Box Tops, Membership and School Store are available. Shawn Broderick has been nominated for Corresponding Secretary for the 2010/2011 school year. The FSA is still accepting nominations for Corresponding Secretary. Please see Dawn or Roe if you are interested. The vote will take place at the May meeting. A motion was made to adjourn, 1<sup>st</sup> by Maura White and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim Kasprack.