

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

Meeting date Thursday, January 7, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by Dawn Greenwood at 9:05am.

Debbie Karpowicz's report stated the operating balance as of 01-06-10 to be \$9,786.98.

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

Program Chairman, Mrs. Elwell, thanked the FSA for the new Christmas tree for the school's foyer. The 12 classes that had the highest participation during the Fall fundraiser had a 'Pig Race' during lunch. The 4 winners received a class gift certificate. The Star Student Luncheon is January 7th. There is pizza and ice cream provided for the 12 honored students. A Lockheed Martin Engineer will have a hands-on demonstration for the 4th grade on Fri. Jan. 8th and Fri. Jan. 15th. There will be activities and discussions on flight, missile defense and a hands-on activity in the hall. Mrs. DeCorte has gone into all the 4th grades classes and gave a lesson on flight. The QSP Magazine fundraiser will start in January or February. Literacy Night for grades K through 2nd will be January 13th at 6:30. Grades 3rd through 5th will have Literacy Night on January 27th at 6:30. Colonial Day is Friday, January 15th at Blackwood School at 1pm. Monday, January 18th school is closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day. A Celebration of Service will be hosted by Charles W Lewis Middle School from 1pm to 3pm. Each school in the District will recognize a student for the dedication to service. Chews will recognize Taylor Coyle. Author, Sudipta Quallen will visit Chews Elementary on Friday, January 22nd. She will visit all grade levels and several classrooms and help with Writers Workshop. Teachers in grades 3rd through 5th will have Guided Reading training on January 26th & 27th. These grades will implement the Guided Reading Program in the coming school year. School Spirit Day has been changed to Thursday, January 28th due to the DARE Graduation that is on Friday, January 29th at 1pm. The end of the marking period is Friday, January 29th and report cards go home on Friday, February 5th.

Committee Report

Dawn Greenwood asked the committee members to sign new Committee guidelines.

Every year the paperwork has to be updated.

Bake Sale-Jaimie Gallagher-Thank you for your hard work on the Bake Sale.

Box Tops- Shawn Broderick-Last mail in for the year is the end of February. All funds raised goes to Field Day. Keep sending in your Box Tops.

Campbell's Soup Labels-Reported by Dawn Greenwood that approximately 600 labels have been sent in. This is a new program this year. By doing different programs within the school we have earned an additional 2,000 labels.

Council of Schools- Lorraine Dean & Kim Kasprack- Mr. Seddon reported over 1000 vaccines were given out at Mullen School. There were no figures available for the Glen Landing vaccines that were given out. A District Dress Code Committee has been formed by parents and BOE members to study the feasibility of a Uniform/Dress code. Several committee members received assignments to contact local and national vendors such as Forman Mills and Target for their uniform and the availability of it. The next meeting will be January 26th. A new uniform survey will go home in January. The last survey was in February 2007. The committee will look at how to handle the economically challenged and how or what to provide them and if there will be specific

colors for each school or a District wide color. There are a few exceptions to the Dress Code, such as religious, Spirit Day or nationally recognized clubs such as the Boy Scouts of America. The redistricting of Highland and Triton High schools was discussed. Mr. Seddon said he has no control over Black Horse Pike Regional School District and that he has never received any information concerning it or has ever been contacted concerning the redistricting. At this time he does not see a need to redistrict the Middle schools. The school budget which is due at the end of March was discussed. The Superintendent said this is one of the toughest budgets the Board had to write due to the fact the District lost \$8 Million in Stimulus funds. Dawn Greenwood asked the attendees of the FSA meeting if they would attend the April FSA meeting if the guest speakers would be Mr. Seddon or Mr. Petrizelli and discuss the School budget. We would like to show the District our interest and support by having many members attend. Glen Landing Home and School Association has changed their meeting night to Tuesday, January 19th. Highland High school will have their Home and School meeting on January 13th at 7pm. Eighth grade orientation will be January 27th, 7-9pm for Highland attendees. 5th grade will visit Glen Landing on May 25th.

School Store-Trish Mancuso-Next School Store will be January 27th & 28th.

Fifth Grade-Dawn Greenwood-DARE Graduation will be January 29th at 1pm.

Volunteers are needed to make this a successful day for the kids. 5th grade parents will have an evening orientation at Glen Landing on March 31st.

Kindergarten-Tracy Fagan-Workbook mtg. is scheduled for Tues. Jan. 12th at 9am.

1st Grade-Workbook mtg. is scheduled for Tues. Jan. 12th at 9am.

2nd Grade-Jennifer Hartsig-Workbook mtg. is scheduled for Tues. Jan. 12th at 6:30pm.

3rd Grade-Ana Denton-No support is needed at this time.

Holiday Bazaar- Thank you to all the helpers that made it a success. This is not a profit making endeavor. Less merchandise was sent and less sold this year.

Recycle Rewards-Maura White- We have received Staples Recycle rewards. These Rewards are used to replenish school store, copier paper and much more.

School Board Rep-Nancy Gentile-There has been 2 BOE meetings since the last FSA meeting is November. There is nothing to report from the November BOE meeting. There are many things to report from the December BOE meeting. Chews had 2 Star Students recognized. 3rd grader John O'Mara and 5th graded Taylor Coyle were honored. A science teacher in Glen Landing was mentioned for entering a State level Radon Awareness poster contest. 2 Glen Landing students have moved up to the National level poster contest. Mr. Seddon thanked the H1N1 vaccination volunteers and mentioned this was a big endeavor with over 1000 vaccinations dispensed. The Dress Code Committee was discussed at the BOE meeting. Nancy Gentile is the Chews representative on the Dress Code Committee. To fully inform the attendees of the FSA meeting, the Bayonne Dress Code PowerPoint presentation was given out as well as the Dress Code Committee guidelines and Agenda from the first meeting. The Bayonne dress code has not had any court challenges and this is the model and guide the Gloucester Township Dress Code committee is using. A District staff survey went out in December and a school survey will go home shortly. The results should be available at the next District Dress Code committee meeting on Tues. Jan 26th. Mrs. Dean asked Nancy Gentile on how to obtain information after the next Uniform Committee meeting. The best way to quickly get information would be to call or email Nancy Gentile. She is not aware of minutes that are taken at the meeting. She does take her own meeting notes. Several Committee members have assignments to contact local and national clothing retailers and vendors to see how they supply uniforms. The biggest challenge with a Uniform Dress Code will be on how

and if assistance should be available for those students receiving Federal assistance such as Free/Reduced Lunch funds.

Spirit Committee- Nancy Gentile-Chews Family Night at Burger King is Tues, Jan 19th from 4 to 9pm. The coupon will be sent home on Mon. Jan 11th. 20% of the sales are donated to Chews. Several teachers have signed up to 'work the counter' at Burger King.
Student Gifts- Angela McCarville and Nicole Howe- We hope your kids enjoy the green Chews paw print cup.

Old Business- November 16th & 17th was American Education Week and parents were able to visit their child's classroom. Support Staff Day was November 18th and a continental breakfast was provided. The Giving Tree was on November 23rd & 24th and through your generosity was able to provide over 25 Chews families with a wonderful Christmas. Thank you to Linda Rappaort for a successful Holiday Bazaar on December 9th & 10th. The 4th grade Holiday Concert was on December 16th. The holiday gift was given out by Mrs. Elwell on December 23rd and each classroom received a gift to use for indoor recess. The Cherrydale fundraiser provides Toys R Us gift cards for these gifts.

New Business- Many of the following items have been discussed earlier but here is a brief review. On January 9th Kindergarten and 1st grade will have a workbook meeting at 9am. 2nd grade will have their meeting on January 9th at 6:30am. Grades Kindergarten through 2nd will have Literacy Night on January 13th. A MLK Day celebration at Charles W Lewis will be on Monday January 18th from 1pm to 3pm. All schools in the District will be closed. Family Night at Burger King will be Tuesday, January 19th. The next Board of Education meeting will be at 7pm at Mullen Middle school. Literacy night for grades 3rd through 5th will be on January 27th. School Store will be on January 27th for grades 1st through 3rd. School Store for grades 4th & 5th will be on January 28th. Spirit Day has been changed to Thursday, January 28th due to the DARE graduation on January 29th. The 2nd marking period ends on January 28th and report cards come home on February 5th. For all 5th grade parents who would like to familiarize themselves with the Glen Landing HSA, they have rescheduled their meeting to Tuesday, January 19th. This is a great way to get involved with your child's new school. Eighth grade students who are part of the redistricting and will be attending Highland High School their Home and School Meeting is January 13th at 7pm. Eighth grade orientation for students attending Highland High School will be held on January 27th from 7-9pm. The next FSA meeting is February 4th at 6:30pm.

Questions/Comments- Maura White asked if the District was going to provide the secondary H1N1 vaccination to those students who received the first vaccination. The Council of School representative, Lorraine Dean, will follow up on the question. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, 1st by Maura White, 2nd by Rhonda Coyle.