

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

Meeting date Thursday, March 4, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by Dawn Greenwood at 9:30am.

Debbie Karpowicz's report stated the operating balance as of 3-4-10 to be \$8,701.81.

A motion was made by Nancy Gentile to dispense with the reading of the February minutes. Program Chairman, Mrs. Elwell, stated staff and students were happy to have a full week of school. Read Across America is this week. Yesterday, Wednesday, March 3rd, was "Wacky Wednesday". Pajama Day is Friday, March 5th. Over 300 parents/students attended Reading Night at Chews. There was Bingo, Bedtime stories and other activities for the students and their parents. On Friday, March 5th, interim report cards will go home for grades 1st through 5th. The date for the end of the next marking period is not clear. Report cards will go home on April 23rd which is after the usual scheduled conferences. Parents will receive Real Time grades at conference. Dads Night is on March 10th & 11th at 7pm, Piccirillo Sciencetelling will be presenting an amazing show. Star Student Luncheon will be Thursday, March 11. Two students from Star Students will be recognized at the Board of Education meeting at Glen Landing Middle School on Monday, March 29th at 7pm. CHAMPS, an after school program for 4th & 5th graders, has started Wednesday, March 3rd. A physical fitness program for 4th grade students is being run by Miss Steiner. The Newspaper Club for 5th grade has also started and is run by Mrs. Hasenbalg. Mrs. Camardo is hosting the Computer Club. In preparation for the NJASK test in May for grades 3rd through 5th, the Department of Instruction has asked teachers to have writer's workshops for students with open ended prompts and to encourage time management on these timed essays. OLSAT IQ testing for grades 2nd and 5th will be on Tuesday, March 9th. This test is not the only gauge used to place students into the Excel or Place programs. Mrs. Elwell will inform us when the test results are in. The District is looking into changing the current report card reporting on reading. The current reporting of the Guided Reading program is not a good reflection of what progress is being made. A committee of 2 teachers and 3 parents will be discussing modifying the report card, reviewing other districts report cards on the In-service day, April 7th.

Mrs. Brown, Teacher Representative, asked for parent volunteers for 2nd grade. The 2nd grade teachers need parent helpers 3 to 5 days a week in the morning to have students read to them and practice sight word flash cards with the students. Dawn Greenwood stated she will send a mass FSA email requesting volunteers.

Committee Report

Kindergarten-Tracy Fagan & Rhonda Coyle-Worksheet meeting will be March 16th at 9am. This committee is available if you would like to volunteer to chair or co-chair. The week of March 8th is Kindergarten registration. May 26th is Kindergarten orientation and lunch like the big kids for the current kindergarten students.

1st Grade-Kayte Jewell- Worksheet meeting will be March 16th at 9am.

2nd Grade-Jennifer Hartsig-Worksheet meeting will be March 10th at 9am.

Box Tops- Shawn Broderick- \$1685.70 was submitted. This committee is available next year if you wish to chair or co-chair. If you become the chair for Box Tops you will be able to attend the Box Tops University meeting in April These funds support Field Day.

Campbell Soup Labels-Lori Pfeffer & Angela Hancock-The labels submitted last year supplemented the gym and playground equipment. Keep sending in your labels!

Council of Schools- Lorraine Dean & Kim Kasprack-The current school schedule will not be changed and all additional snow days will be added to the end of the calendar. Mr. Seddon

and several other BOE members expressed their frustration with the current budget and the shortfall of \$8 million. The State budget is due March 15th and the County budget is due around March 22nd. Mr. Seddon spoke about the Unified Dress code committee and that they have discussed colors for possible uniforms. The next meeting will have a vendor presentation. February 18th at Mullen Middle School the 2nd dose of H1N1 vaccination took place.

The next Council of Schools meeting is Thursday, March 18th and Lorraine Dean will ask about the afterschool program NJ After 3.

Fifth Grade- Dawn Greenwood-Yearbook meeting is Thursday, March 4th at 7pm. 5th Grade Fun Day is Fri June 11th with a rain date of June 14th. T-Shirt day is June 10th, Yearbook distribution is June 15th and Field Day is June 16th, as of now. There could be a date change due to the additional snow days. T-Shirt meeting is March 8th at 7pm.

Recycle Rewards-Maura White- Approximately \$120 a month is rewarded. These rewards are used for yearbook paper, binder combs and other various items.

School Board-Nancy Gentile-Nothing to report from the BOE meeting. Reporting on the Unified Dress Code Committee, possible vendor, French Toast, had a presentation of their products. As of now the committee does not see a need to impose a date restriction on wearing shorts. French Toast will have a 5% rebate program to the District. March 23rd is the next Unified Dress Code Committee meeting date.

School Store-Trish Mancuso- We did not schedule a school store in March due to the fact that is when state testing usually takes place. That is not the case this year. Last school store will be in April. The school store schedule may change due to teachers' requests. This committee is available next year if you would like to chair or co-chair.

Spirit Committee-Nancy Gentile & Alisa Smith-Orders for Gertrude Hawk Chocolates ends Friday, March 5th. Approximate delivery day will be March 16th, 17th or 18th.

Alisa needs 1 or 2 parent helpers to distribute the fundraiser items. Chicago Grill Pizzeria Uno Restaurant Fundraiser will be on Sunday, March 28th from 11am to 9pm. Coupons will go home on Monday, March 22nd. 15% to 20% of sales go to Chews students.

Spotlight Student Luncheon-Kim Kasprack & Joan Stippick-March 11th is the next luncheon. Gloucester Township Mayor, Mr. Mayer will be attending.

Old Business- Thank you to the families who attended Family Bowling Night at 30 Strikes.

New Business- The March FSA calendar was sent home with students. Kindergarten registration is March 8th through March 11th. Tickets are still available for Dads Night on March 10th & 11th. Committees Kindergarten, Box Tops, Membership and School Store are available to chair or co-chair. Please contact Dawn Greenwood if you are interested. Spring Pictures for students will be on March 24th. Spirit Day is March 26th. The President and Vice-President of the Glen Landing HSA are graduating. They have opened up nominations to incoming 6th grade parents. The next meeting is March 10th at 5:30. They have a meeting every other month. The FSA has received a nomination for Corresponding Secretary. Nominations and voting will be held at the next FSA meeting. April 8th at 6:30 is the next FSA meeting. This date may change due to Glen Landing hosting 5th grade orientation. It may be scheduled to a morning meeting due to the ½ days and testing. A motion was made to adjourn, 1st by Shawn Broderick and 2nd by Kim Kasprack.