

**Chews Elementary School
Family and School Association
November 2009**

Meeting date Thursday, November 12, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Roe Curry at 6:30pm.

Debbie Karpowicz's report stated the operating balance as of 11-12-08 to be \$20,657.64.

There are several outstanding Fundraising invoices that need to be paid.

A motion was made by Nancy Gentile to dispense with the reading of the October minutes. A Teacher Representative was not in attendance.

Mrs. DiBella, Program Chairman, stated Chews is creating a Mission Statement. Mrs. DiBella asked the parents who attended to complete a 2 question brain storm activity on what is near and dear to them about their child's education and what role do they play in their child's educational experience. American Education Week is next week. Chews will have an Open House on November 16th & 17th. Parent/Teacher conferences' will be November 18th through 20th. These days are ½ days for the students. Picture make-up day is December 2nd. The Veterans Day celebration was a huge success. Mrs. Massanovas' older brother attended and spoke about the Vietnam War. Teachers had students write poems, make pins or flags for the Veterans. The Veterans stayed for lunch with the students. Many Veterans stated they appreciated the assembly and gifts from the students. Mrs. DiBella thanked the many volunteers that were needed for the Halloween celebration. Numeracy Night had a nice turn out of parents. Two Literacy Nights are planned in January. Mother Goose, as always, was fun for the children. Star Student Luncheons are enjoyable for the students and the Principal and Vice-Principal. Students will have a lunch period during the half days in November.

Committee Report

Bake Sale-Jaimie Gallagher- Debbie Karpowicz's reported the Election Day Bake Sale raised \$239.

Box Tops 4 Education-Shawn Broderick- Dawn Greenwood reported that there will be an end of the year check, not an October check. A November collection sheet went home with the students.

Campbell's Soup Labels-Angela Hancock & Lori Pfeffer- Roe Curry reported that approximately 200 points have been collected so far. Keep sending them in!

Council of Schools- Kim Kasprack & Lorraine Dean- Kim reported new doors will be installed at Loring Fleming. Superintendent, Mr. Seddon would like for parents to use the call-out codes for their children. H1N1 clinics will be held in the Districts middle schools after school hours and permission forms will be sent home shortly. Last years \$8 million Stimulus Fund money may not be available next year. Mr. Seddon has asked each school to have 1 parent representative along with several Board Members to form a Uniform Advisory Committee.

Fifth Grade-Dawn Greenwood- Please forward your 5th Grade pictures from school events to Debbie Karpowicz for the yearbook. A DARE Graduation date has not been set.

Food Drive-Jaimie Gallagher-Roe Curry reported that Friday, November 13th is the last day of the Food Drive. Please send your items in!

Kindergarten-Tracy Fagan-Workbook mtg. is scheduled for November 19th at 9am.

1st Grade-Kayte Jewell & Debbie Weirsmen- Dawn Greenwood reported the workbook mtg. is scheduled for November 19th at 9am.

2nd Grade-Jennifer Hartsig-Workbook mtg. is scheduled for January 13th.

3rd Grade-Ana Denton-Not in attendance-Her report stated grade level usually self-sufficient. The teachers will be in touch with the committee if volunteers are needed.

**** The above grade level committees will not meet in December.****

Holiday Bazaar-Linda Rappaport- Reported by Roe Curry, the bazaar will be December 9th & 10th from 3pm to 8pm. Hospitality has been eliminated.

Membership- Beth Walker-Not in attendance- \$1,031.75 was reported by Debbie Karpowics.

Occasional Helpers-Maria Schiavo- She will be contacting volunteers for the Holiday Bazaar. She does not leave phone messages. Please contact her if you notice that she has called you or you haven't heard from her.

School Board Rep-Sheryl Casey & Nancy Gentile- Nancy reported that the Violence and Vandalism report that is filed yearly with the Department of Education shows that there is a decrease in violence, vandalism and weapon incidents. Due to reductions in staffing, schools can not be used by any organizations on weekends. There will be Uniform Advisory Committee formed by 1 parent per school and several board members.

School Store-Trish Mancuso-Reported by Roe Curry the November School Store reported a total of \$538.05. There will not be a December School Store however there will be one on January 27th & 28th.

Spirit Committee- Nancy Gentile & Alisa Smith- Thanks to the Cherrydale volunteers. Approximately \$7000 was raised. Boscov's' Shopping pass raised \$230.

Spirit Wear will come home shortly. The Gift Card fundraiser has a set end date and can not be extended. If you have a Gift Card order, please send it in now. They will be delivered to school the week of December 7th.

Spot Light Student Luncheon-Kim Kasprack & Joan Stippick- The children do have fun at the luncheon with pizza, sundaes and being honored for their hard work.

Old Business- Many thanks to those who volunteer at the door, Cherrydale and such. It was a great time at candy bar Bingo with the teachers ball-calling. Chuck E. Cheese night on November 10th brought in \$123. Barnes and Noble Night was November 11th and no profit report is available at this time.

New Business- Many things were reported by Roe Curry because the FSA does not have a December meeting. The Food Drive for Chews families is running till November 13th. "Helping Kean" fundraiser for a Chews sibling ends November 13th. Please visit your child's class during American Education Week on November 16th & 17th. A schedule has been sent home. The next Board of Education meeting is November 16th at C.W.Lewis. Support Staff Day is November 18th. The FSA will host a Continental Breakfast for them. Parent/Teacher conferences are November 18th through 20th. The Giving Tree for Chews students will be on November 23rd & 24th. A parent permission form has been sent home. Spirit Day is November 25th. School will be closed on November 26th & 27th. Fourth Grade concert will be on December 16th at 7pm. There will be a 2 or 3 ticket limit per family. December 18th is next months Spirit Day. December 23rd is a ½ day and school is closed December 24th and school will reopen January 4th. The next FSA meeting is Thursday, January 7th at 9am. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, 1st by Mrs. Otieri and 2nd by Mrs. Hartsig.