

SCA HS/MS JOINT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, October 6, 2017, 10am
Charlie Cardillo Community Room

- I. **WELCOME**- Whitney Godfrey, MS SCA President and Beth Miller, HS SCA President
- II. **GUIDANCE UPDATE** - Kim Cosenza, speaking on behalf of Jane Grappone, Director of Guidance/Counseling 7-12
 - 7th grade orientation program has begun, first topic was on study skills
 - HS - 9th grade parents night was a success and well attended
 - PSAT scheduled for October 14th has approximately 300 students scheduled to take it
 - Seniors-we have 32 students up for National Merit Scholarship awards
 - College applications- ~16 % have been processed with a goal of 85% processed by 11/1
 - Some colleges now offering both Early Decision as well as Early Action-interesting to see how this affects the application process
 - 12 is the average number of schools students are applying to
 - Mini fairs and college visits are underway
 - Coalition application was discussed with regard to how it compares to Common Application
 - "Set List" has been well received and is being utilized by students
- III. **SCIENCE PATHWAYS UPDATE** - Mr. Thomas Elkins, Manhasset District Coordinator for Science K-12
 - Science program update- similar to last year
 - Looked at multiple different pathways for students - power point available online
 - Placement is always based on performance from the previous year
 - There is an application process in place for the Science Research
- IV. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** - Dean Schlanger, Principal, Secondary School
 - Middle School Welcome Back Dance is tonight
 - Photo retake day is this month
 - Quarter 1 progress reports will be available on parent portal next Friday 10/13
 - Had 3 fire drills and 1 lockdown drill - all successful
- V. **BOARD OF EDUCATION** - Pat Aiken, Christine Monterosso, and Regina Rule
 - Community Room is now officially named the Charlie Cardillo Community Room
 - Next BOE meeting with discuss update on construction (TUES 10/10)
 - Accepting applications for the Citizens Advisory Committee

VI. CASA UPDATE - Jen DeSena, Executive Director

- Cathy Samuels is moving to work with Massapequa and we are now looking to hire a new Project Director
- Need to fund more projects
- New and improved website www.manhassetcasa.org
- Red Ribbon Week coming up
- Encourage friends and neighbors to sign up for Safe Homes Network

VII. SUPERINTENDENT - Dr. Vincent Butera

- Focusing on where the district goes from here
- Bond - moving along nicely. Cafeteria expected to be completed by new year. Band Room will hopefully be open next week. Under budget with a few projects left on the list. Meeting 10/10
- Announced lockdown drill went smoothly-working on best way to communicate drills to parents in the future. Hoping to utilize the website more frequently. Unannounced drill will be in November, perhaps timeframe window but not exact day will disseminated

VIII. SCA Business - Whitney Godfrey and Beth Miller, MS and HS Presidents

- MS Welcome Back dance tonight 7:30-9:30
- Today is last day for directory forms to be turned in
- MS Halloween Party planning underway-Volunteers NEEDED
- 10/19 Photo retake day for grades 7-11 (Seniors retake is 10/13)
- 11/6 Winter 1 sports season begins
- Looking for speaker suggestions for SCA meeting in February

NEXT HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting, November 3rd at 10am in the Charlie Cardillo Community Room

