

Manhasset High School/Middle School Joint Parent Council Meeting
Friday, October 26, 2007
Minutes

1. Welcome and opening of meeting by Kathy McIntee, Middle School SCA President

Welcome by Kathy McIntee. Minutes of September 21, 2007 were approved. Kathy noted a correction to the SCA MS/HS newsletter that the recent gifts of the art and music computer labs to the School District were from the Tower Foundation and not from the SCA, as reported.

2. Report by Veronica Ammirati, Guidance Department

Ms. Ammirati reported that at the middle school, all students have met with guidance counselors; 11th grade parent meeting on college process successfully completed with positive results for parents; 46% of the senior class has already submitted applications to colleges at this time. The last Mini College Fair will take place on November 5th with 26 colleges represented.

3. Report from Dean Schlanger, Principal

Mr. Schlanger reported that Assistant Principal Peter Vercessi will be out for several months due to medical reasons. Arlene Razukus will be handling his responsibilities in his absence. November 6th will be Superintendent's Conference Day.

4. Report from Mark Sippin, Assistant Principal

Mr. Sippin reported that he was very proud of all the student class presidents of grades 9 through 12, who worked hard with the administration to achieve a safe and successful Spirit Week.

5. Report from Christine Koskovolis, Champions for Charity

The SCA will participate in Champions for Charity for 3 days Nov 29, 30 and Dec 1 at the Americana and Wheatley Plaza. By participating in this program, shoppers generate a donation of 25% of purchases for the SCA; 10% for gift cards. Last year the SCA received a check for \$4,600 through this program.

6. Report from Kathy McIntee, Middle School SCA President

Kathy reported that the opening Middle School dance was successful, generating a donation of \$2500 to the American Cancer Society; the MS Book Fair successfully completed; MS Halloween Party will take place on Oct 31st 7:30-9:30. The SCA will sponsor a motivational speaker, Jeff Yalden, on November 19th. Kathy thanked Malinda Gillan and Connie Parsons for SCA hospitality.

7. Report from Jeanette Reilly, High School SCA President

Jeanette provided an update on the calendar as follows:

Nov. 2nd - Smart Board presentation during SCA Executive Board meeting

Nov. 6th - Schools closed – Election Day
Nov. 7th - Senior Banquet
Nov- 14th - SCA luncheon

8. Guest Speaker – Margaret Sagarese, Parenting Expert

Guest Speaker Margaret Sagarese discussed risky behavior among adolescents and provided some insights and suggestions to parents; she reinforced that parental influence is important in navigating teen development during these years.

Next Meeting: Joint HS/MS SCA Parent Council Meeting November 30 at 9:30 a.m.