

Manhasset High School/Middle School Joint Parent Council Meeting
Friday, November 30, 2007
Minutes

1. Welcome and opening of meeting by Jeannette Reilly, High School SCA President

Jeannette welcomed those in attendance.

2. Comments by Dr. Cardillo, Superintendent

Dr. Cardillo spoke briefly about the enrollment study which shows projected growth in the secondary school from 1320 today to several hundred more students over the next five to ten years. The administration will begin planning now to capture additional classroom space for the period 3 to 5 years out; district administration space may be relocated offsite and a leasing alternative may be considered, in order to maximize classroom space as needed.

3. Report from Jennifer Landman, Counselor – Guidance

Ms. Landman described the guidance department status by grade level: 75% of seniors have submitted applications to college; guidance has processed over 1100 applications which is considerably greater than at this same time last year. Early Decision and Early Action results will begin to come in within about two weeks. Financial Aid Night will be January 15. Juniors: PSAT scores will be mailed in mid December; small group meetings with juniors will begin soon. Sophomores: in early February they will have a 2 day career program; introduction to the Naviance Program (for college advice and applications). Freshman: will be a parent conference in the spring. Guidance encourages parents to look at its website. There was a brief discussion of the course selection process and master schedule process which will be beginning in January with respect to the 2008-2009 school year.

4. Report from Patrick O'Reilly, District Coordinator - English Language Arts

Mr. O'Reilly described his goal of instilling a love of the written and spoken word for students in grades K through 12. He addressed the goal of better preparation for AP courses at an earlier level; summer reading lists; the K-3 district wide reading program; consistency across middle school.

5. Report from Dr. Dean Schlanger – Secondary School Principal

Dr. Schlanger addressed the National Junior Honor Society requirements; a reexamination of Friday Night Live; "Planet Manhasset" which is a new Committee focused on environmentally safe programs and products; the new Orientation Program for parents of private school students to acquaint them with the secondary school. There was discussion of seventh grade homework standards; drop off traffic issues in the morning – both issues are being reviewed by the administration.

6. Reports from Irene Moody, MS Library Media Specialist and Ed Vasta, HS Library Media Specialist

Ms. Moody and Mr. Vasta addressed the online databases and resources available to students in the Middle and High School – both from school and from any other site using access passwords. They also described the processes they use to educate the students about resources; citations, homework clubs and other services offered through the library and academic computer center.

7. Report from Kathy McIntee – SCA Middle School President

Kathy reported on the success of the MS Halloween Party thanking Elena Schietinger and Tammy Kelly; the Secondary School Directory, thanking Lisa Goring and Andrea Doherty; Champions for Charity; the upcoming MS Holiday Dance on December 7; the EOC building which is being considered for a makeover by the staff on a popular television remodeling program.

The minutes from the meeting of October 27, 2007 were approved.

8. Comments by Jeanette Reilly – SCA High School President

Jeanette thanked the following volunteers for their services:
Homecoming: Lisa Goring and the Grade Level Chairs; Semira Geiger, Lois Morelli, Ann Marie Mazzei; Jill Easton.
Sr. Banquet: Pat Aitken, Nancy Carey, Zina Kennedy
Booster Club Hall of Fame: Lori Fleishhacker
SCA Luncheon: Eileen Koufakis, Diana Stephan, Maureen Lavin

Important Dates and Reminders:

12/6 HS Concert Part I – Band, Chorus, Orchestra 8 pm
12/7 MS Holiday Dance – 7:30 – 9:30 pm
12/10 Exemplars Induction 7:30 pm HS Auditorium
12/13 HS Blood Drive 8:15 am to 1:45 pm
12/13 HS Holiday Concert Part II – Chamber orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Concert Choir 8pm
12/14-12/15 MS Play, *Robin Hood*, Black Box Theatre 7:30 pm
12/18 MS Holiday Concert: Choruses 7:15pm; Band/Orchestra 8:30 pm
12/24 – 1/1 Holiday Recess; school reopens on January 2, 2008
1/10 8th Grade Parents' Meeting, Black Box Theatre 7:30 pm
1/12 Frosh Social, HS Cafeteria 7:30 – 10:30 pm
1/15 Financial Aid Night, HS Cafeteria 7:30 pm

Next Meeting: Joint HS/MS SCA Parent Council Meeting January 16 at 8:00 PM
Guest Speaker: Dr. Ira Wolf, Author and Test Prep Expert