

**Manhasset Middle School /High School Joint Parent Council Meeting
Friday, February 29, 2008
Minutes**

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

Jeannette welcomed those in attendance.

2. Comments by Carolyn Pagnano – Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics

Ms. Pagnano reported on the winter sports season and the accomplishments of the various teams. She noted the important dates: 3/3 High School Spring Sports begin; 3/31 Middle School Sports begin; 4/19 Day of Lacrosse; 6/6 school physician available for physical exams. She noted that over 80% of middle school and high school students participate in sports. She stated that a detailed breakdown of costs of each sport will be presented to the School Board.

3. Guests Speakers Steve Rubertone and Carl Pate of Indians Rock Community Foundation

Messrs. Rubertone and Pate described the mission of this community foundation to provide long term planning and improved athletic facilities for the community. The Foundation described its first project, which will be a gift to the school district, of a field house at MHS with meeting, training and media rooms, athletic storage, team bathrooms and a concession stand with a memorial picnic ground to Coach Dawson, a long time coach at MHS. Messrs. Rubertone and Pate also described the logistics of the Manhasset Day of Lacrosse which will be cosponsored by The Indians Rock Community Foundation and The Lead the Way Fund to revive the Manhasset tradition of the Day of Champions, this time in honor of native son, Sgt. James Regan - a Manhasset resident and Army Ranger who was killed in the line of duty serving his country in Iraq. The Lead the Way Fund, Inc. was established by the Regan family to help raise funds in Jimmy's name in support of families of United States Army Rangers who have died, been disabled or who are currently serving in harm's way. In addition to a full day of lacrosse competition, there will be activities for kids, a vendor fair, merchandise mart, DJ and fireworks. More than 4,000 attendees are expected to participate and the event will be broadcast on ESPN.

4. Report from Ray Scacalossi, District Coordinator of Mathematics

Mr. Scacalossi described the process and methodology for acceleration in math classes for all grades from 7th through 12th. In June 600 Regents exams will be administered in Math. Math Research and the Math Fair was described by Mr. Scacalossi as well as Problem Solving in Math and other Math courses offered in the District.

5. Report from Ruth Proller, Guidance Counselor

Ms. Proller reviewed the status of guidance meetings, career programs, and college applications for all students from the incoming 7th graders through the current senior class. Over 600 AP exams will be administered between 5/5 and 5/16 for Manhasset students.

6. Dr. Dean Schlanger,,Secondary School Principal

Kathy McIntee offered congratulations to Dr. Schlanger on the birth of his first child.

Dr. Schlanger reported on the social events for high school students, including the assemblies with students regarding the code of conduct at school sponsored events.

7. Peter Vercessi – Assistant Principal Secondary School

Mr. Vercessi reported on the upcoming Middle School Orientation for parents of sixth graders. He reported on the master schedule for students which would be available on or about April 15. He noted that final exams would take place from 6/17 to 6/25.

8. Mark Sippin – Assistant Principal Secondary School

Mr. Sippin reported on the progress of his monthly meetings with the 2008 Class Officers regarding the planning of the June commencement ceremony. The commencement program is being established and various options are being discussed in the event of inclement weather. Mr. Sippin asked parents to voice their indoor venue opinions to Jeannette Reilly for consideration during this planning process.

Important Dates and Reminders:

3/1 Junior Semi-Formal
3/3 HS V/JV Spring Sports begins
3/6 6th Grade Parents MS Orientation
3/7 MS MDA Dance
3/7 Class of 2011 Parents Frolic Fundraiser
3/14-15 MS Musical *Fiddler on the Roof Jr.*
3/20 – 24 Holiday Recess
3/15 Tower Foundation Dinner Dance
3/26 HS Concert Part 1 at Munsey Park

Next Meeting: Joint MS/HS SCA Parent Council Meeting March 28 at 9:30 AM