

**SCA
Parent Council Meeting
Shelter Rock School
September 20, 2007**

Speaker	Topic	Discussion	Outcome
At 9:30am Jennifer Villano, SCA President Shelter Rock School, opened up the meeting.	Opening remarks	Jennifer welcomed everyone back to the start of the new school year. Jennifer extended a thank you to the parents for giving her this opportunity to serve. Jennifer thanked Mr. Gezick and Mrs. Williams for their support as well.	
Jennifer Villano	Introductions	Jennifer introduced the Parent Council	Lauren Baranello VP, Renee Press Finance Chair, Regina Rule Recording Secretary(not present today, Jodi Fera to take minutes in her absence) Grade level Chairpersons Self Contained Vikki Gribbin Kindergarten Elsie Cruz First Grade Elene Farrell Second Grade Randy Checcini Third Grade Carol Conner Fourth Grade Christine Meyer Fifth Grade Mary Kay Conners Sixth Grade Diane Gershkowitz
Mr. Gezick was then introduced to the parents.	Mr. Gezick welcomed the parents back to school.	Mr. Gezick said it was so encouraging seeing how many parents had attended today's meeting. It was record numbers. Mr. Gezick welcomed some of the Munsey Park transfer students (students who may have moved or come back from or to Self Contained classes, ESL classes, etc.)	This was Mr. Gezick's ninth opening at Shelter Rock School and stated that it was the smoothest opening from every angle, transportation, students and teachers.
Mr. Gezick	Mr. Gezick introduced the new staff members.	Ms. Cortez- Speech Mrs. Gatzoflias-Speech Ms. Klein-Special Education Mrs. Swaine-Grade 5	Ms. Cortez was an added full time speech teacher Mrs. Gatzoflias is a part time speech teacher Ms. Klein taught up at the Middle School and has now switched positions with Ms. Rebecca McKee Mrs. Swaine is certified in both SE & General Ed. She is now teaching grade 5 in place of Mr. Katz who is now teaching special education up at the Middle School.
Mr. Gezick	Returning staff	Mrs. Harrington -Grade 5 Mrs. Lawrence- Grade 6	
Mr. Gezick	Staff Changes	Mrs. Miller- Grade 1 to Grade 3 Ms. Lynch- unassigned Jeanie Ensor- Art Leave Replacement for Mrs. Rachel Tripi who is on maternity leave	*Mrs. Christine Tsang will be leaving on maternity leave (she is due in February) her leave replacement, Marsha Hines, will push in one week before. Mrs. Hines is currently a permanent substitute teacher in the building.
Mr. Gezick	Enrollment	Mr. Gezick reported that as of today the enrollment was 794 students. Mr. Gezick also provided a breakdown of enrollment by grade as of today's date.	SC K&1 1 section 8 students (12:1:2) SC 3&4 1 section 4 students (6:1:1) SC 2&3 1 section 8 students (12:1:2) SC 4,5,& 6 1 section 11 students (12:1:2) Kgn. 5 Sections 101 students Grade 1 5 sections 92 students Grade 2 6 sections 111 students Grade 3 5 sections 113 students Grade 4 5 sections 114 students Grade 5 5 sections 129 students Grade 6 5 sections 103 students Total 40 sections 794 students
Mr. Gezick	Introduced Mr. Charlie Cardillo, superintendent of Manhasset Schools	Charlie greeted the parents and staff.	
Mr. Gezick & Mr. Charlie Cardillo	Question	The question was asked "what will happen if the current fifth grade reaches its maximum allowed students per class?"	Mr. Cardillo responded that we are in close range of bringing it to another class. Mr. Cardillo and Mr. Gezick are open to suggestions. He agreed that it can be difficult to move children to another class after

			friendships have been established, etc. but it has been done before and it was quite successful. Mr. O'Brien was a teacher who was phased in gradually when the same situation occurred a few years ago. It worked out very nicely for all.
Mr. Geczik & Mr. Cardillo	Question	Is there a viable space for an extra section?	Yes, there is space. The dimensions classroom would be moved into the art room. The current Dimensions room would be made into a classroom should they need to open a new section.
Mr. Geczik & Mr. Cardillo	Question	Will Kindergarten go to a full day and can Kindergarten orientation be shortened?	Mrs. Williams is actually working towards shortening the process of Kindergarten orientation. Mr. Cardillo & Mr. Geczik both stated that there are pro's and con's to the full day/half day program that is currently in place. No other outcome was stated.
Mr. Geczik	Construction and Building Maintenance Update	Mr. Geczik thanked Mr. Cardillo the Board and the community for passing the Bond allowing the improvements. In 9 years he has not seen this much improvement in the buildings. He sad it was a great job! Shelter Rock will be forty years old next year.	Completed projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Roof replacement o Boiler replacement o Gym renovation o Auditorium ceiling Next summer, new windows to be installed
Mr. Geczik	Administrative/Arrival procedures	School Buses	Mr. Geczik reminded parents that NY State law requires drivers to stop their motor vehicles when red lights are flashing on the school bus. At most the wait has been one and a half minutes. Mr. Geczik asked that you use the buses to get your children to and from school, however, if you must drop your children off, to please do so between the times of 8:00 and 8:10am. Mr. Geczik informed parents that a signed note is required to the teacher by the parent or caretaker when a child is not to be placed on the bus. Students are never permitted to go home on another route. If an emergency situation arises and you cannot pick up your children, it was asked that you please call the school and your child will be held at school until you can safely pick them up.
Mr. Geczik	Administrative	Inclement weather	Mr. Geczik asked that you please do not call the school on days of inclement weather to see if school is closing early or to have your child picked up. The phone lines become overloaded. When possible please allow your children to take the bus home from school. If for any reason the school would need to have an early dismissal, the school would do everything possible to contact you.
Mr. Geczik	Administrative	Email	Although Mr. Geczik's e-mail address is published, Mr. Geczik kindly requests you refrain from e-mailing him directly unless he has asked you to email him . Instead he prefers that calls be placed to his secretary, Fran Shackel , for any information needed. Mrs. Williams agreed that this procedure is preferred for her as well.
Mrs. Williams	Greeting	Welcomed everyone back to an exciting school year.	
Mrs. Williams	Administrative	Lunchroom Volunteers	All must attend the mandatory training meeting to be held on Friday September 28 th at 9:00 am.
Mrs. Williams		Lunchroom	We now have three additional staff members. Some of the Huntington Coach Bus Drivers, now working during the day. Brian Ackerman, "Coach A" coordinating activities at recess.
Jennifer Villano	Parent Council	Introductions were made of all PC chairpersons	See parent council list.
			Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am

Respectfully submitted,

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