

Manhasset Secondary School
SCA MS/HS Joint Parent Council Meeting
Friday, May 14, 2010

Welcome and opening of meeting by Jeanine Toes, High School SCA President & Caroline Kenlon, Middle School SCA President

Guest: Debbie Klein presented on the MS/HS Mentoring Program. Debbie brought baked goods that the mentored students had baked in the Home & Careers room to thank the SCA. A student spoke about the experience, and how the Mentoring Program had helped her.

Guidance Update –Jane Grappone – Secondary School

Jane Grappone recapped the recent parent meetings for 8th, 9th and 11th graders. The department is still following up with Seniors to find out final college decisions and will ask students to fill out information at mandatory Graduation practice. Jane said that the AP season had just come to a close, with approximately 920 AP exams taken. She also urged parents to attend the SCA presentation of *The Admission Game* on May 18th, and noted that a Connect Ed would be going out.

Patrick O'Reilly, District Coordinator of English Language Arts

Patrick O'Reilly discussed the Required Summer Reading list and mentioned the possibility of an SCA Book Fair to supply the required books to students in June. He then discussed the curriculum and objective for each grade, as well as the difference between regular, honors, and AP classes. Patrick O'Reilly answered many questions about the curriculum, college essay writing, and study skills.

Ed Garafolo, Community Education

Ed Garafolo spoke of the upcoming Budget Vote on May 18th.

Superintendent's Report, Mr. Charlie Cardillo

Mr. Cardillo reviewed the upcoming Budget Vote and answered questions. He also spoke of the high number of APs taken in the 2010 season. Mr. Cardillo spoke of the exit interviews with graduating seniors.

SCA Business:

HS President Jeanine Toes congratulated Dr. Schlanger and his family on the arrival of Landon, born on May 6th. The MS and HS Staff Appreciation Lunch Chairs were recognized and thanked. The HS performance of "Our Town" was announced, with tickets available for Friday and Saturday. Jeanine and Caroline thanked the Manhasset Retirees for a generous donation to refurbish a beautiful display cabinet in the auditorium lobby. The display case, now renovated, hosts the Manhasset MS/HS Alumni Connection. This case displays memorabilia from past years, and the SCA welcomes item for loan from members of the community. Flyers for *The Admission Game* presentation were handed out and pre-orders were taken for Peter Van Buskirk's book and workbook. Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:10.