

Minutes
Joint SCA Munsey Park/Shelter Rock
Parent Council Meeting
May 12, 2010

Christy Wepler opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Dr. Jean Kendall, Mr. Robert Gezcik and Charlie Cardillo were in attendance. The main topic of the meeting is the school budget vote which is set to take place on Tuesday, May 18. The SCA is encouraging everyone to get out and vote. It is our children's future that is at stake.

Charlie Cardillo followed Christy discussing the budget vote and stating that he hopes to get at least 3000 people to vote. This year is different in that the Board of Education seats are contested by 4 members of the community.

Mr. Cardillo continued his budget conversation discussing the tax levy for this year. Manhasset ranked 106 out of 118 school districts in the tax levy this year. That is a number where you want to end up at the bottom and this is also maintaining all the current programs that are in place. There will also be a vote for or against Proposition 2 – which is a Capital Reserve Fund. The school district has a Reserve Fund of \$2.1 million that is no longer needed. Since the money cannot be returned, this proposition, if approved, will create a new Capital Reserve Fund with that money.

Mr. Cardillo's final comments discussed the Board of Education and how they influence policy over a period of time. Teacher contracts are up in 2012 and the Board is trying to get concessions from the Teacher's Union for the fiscal year 2011/12. They are hoping for concessions in pension contributions and health care. There have been 67 districts in New York State that have been able to get concessions from the Teachers' Unions.

The meeting provided great information for the current budget and the plans for future budgets. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.