

**Minutes**  
**SCA Munsey Park**  
**Parent Council Meeting**  
**January 13, 2010**

Munsey Park's SCA meeting took place in the school library. Christy Wepler introduced Kathy Olwy who is Munsey Park's librarian. Kathy showed us the many resources we have in our library's media center. You can access the site by going into Manhasset's web page. There are many different sites to look at with lots of sites geared towards children. You can have the books read to you or you can read them yourself. There are also fun educational games for the children to play. Kathy showed us the many sites and discussed how the students are able to use the computers during school and library time.

Christy next introduced Kathy Murray, Munsey Park 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, who discussed study skills. She talked about the keys to success in school: parental support, realistic expectations of a child, time management, organization, consistency, self esteem and motivation and parents reading to a child. She began by discussing time management. Suggestions were to not overbook a child, make a schedule for homework, use a large calendar to plan for long term projects. You can start with toddlers in developing a sense of responsibility by giving them little jobs. This encourages independence. You can set a routine that includes 15 minutes for study skills every day. Another good tool is to have an extra notebook to copy notes from school into. This helps with memorization.

Kathy discussed a plan to help get your child started in the right direction. First, you can sit with your child to evaluate his/her ability to work independently. Decide how involved you will be. Also, monitor your child's time. Discuss with your child how much time an assignment should take. Then check each completed assignment. Plan for study skills. You can ask a child to make goals each week. Ask if that is the best job they can do. Try not to be a helicopter parent but coach and help. On the other hand, help guide your child and not leave it all up to them. The goal is for your child to gain independence and inner motivation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.