Minutes
SCA Munsey Park
Parent Council Meeting
April 7, 2010

Christy opened the meeting telling us that the shared decision making team is looking for new volunteers. It is a 2 year term and 2 positions are open. Also, letters to the principal regarding student placement are due April 9.

Today's meeting topic is about cyberbullying and being safe while on the computer. Our speakers are Kathy Olwy and Debbie Cernuto. They discussed certain websites that have useful information for children and parents to keep kids safe with all new forms of communication. These websites are as follows:

> Netsmartzkids.org
> Nsteens.org
> Netsmartz.org (for adults)

The website Netsmartz.org offers workshops for caretakers on how to keep kids safer online, combating cyberbullying, preventing children from revealing too much and staying away from predators online. Certain rules have to be set with your children while they are on the computer. For example, they should not be allowed to friend unknown people, post personal information, talk about sex with anyone on the computer or send or post any provocative messages.

Not only do caretakers need to monitor information coming and going between their child and others on the computer but they also have to watch out for cyberbullying. Cyberbullying happens when someone spreads rumors or gossip, posts pictures without someone's consent or steals passwords to take on another person's identity. If you know anyone who has been cyberbullied, you can report it to www.cybertipline.com.

The final point emphasized by our two speakers is that rules need to be established for your children, such as amount of time allowed on computer or other device, who they can talk to or what sites they may visit. The family's computer should be in a common room in your house and not in a secluded area where you can monitor. Communicating with your child is key also. Once something is online, you can never get it back so it is so important to be careful on the computer.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.