

Munsey Park SCA Meeting
Wednesday, June 9, 2010
9:30 am
Munsey Park School Library

Christy Weppler called the meeting to order at 9:40.

Patrick O'Reilly, the district's language arts coordinator, discussed summer reading requirements with the parents. He introduced the SCA's summer reading initiative and how books can be ordered. He answered questions regarding summer reading in all grades and how the students are made accountable for their summer work once they return to school.

Christy Weppler showed the group various websites which can be used to find great summer reading lists. She used the SmartBoard to demonstrate how to locate each site by clicking onto the MP Library webpage from the main Manhasset Schools website.

She then discussed the importance of reading in the summer and gave some fun activities to do with their children. She also handed out a packet of information which included some ideas for summer activities, some favorite titles and a reproducible that can be used for writing about your reading.

Jean Kendall introduced MP's reading specialists who also gave many summer reading tips. Each one focused on specific grade levels, but the main idea of their message was that all children need to read in the summer, and it doesn't have to be boring. It should be fun. There are many games to play that help with vocabulary and sequencing along with fun writing in journals about trips. They also handed out a list of fun activities to do.

Both handouts were also left at the main entrance for any parents to take.

Christy Weppler discussed the committee list of volunteer possibilities for the 2010-2011 school year. She explained how some committees will merge and that the SCA committee chairs will work together to create more efficient schedules and more meaningful programs for the students next year. The ideas and efforts are all great, but sometimes overwhelming to the teachers in their hectic schedules. For example, the Enrichment Committee and International/Diversity Awareness members will combine programs so that a grade might see a cultural dance program that ties in with its

curriculum while at the same time providing awareness into differences. Also, Character Matters, the school's character ed program run by the parents, needs to be revamped to meet the newest strains and stresses placed on our students in today's technological society. The new committee, Character/Anti –Bullying Education, will work with the school's social worker and guidance counselor to create meaningful lessons for the students and parents.

Dr. Kendall explained the teacher and grade level line-ups for the new year. She discussed the number of classes per grade level and which teachers were retiring or changing grades. She then thanked Christy Wepler for her two years of service at MP.

Christy closed by thanking all of the parents and the administration for an amazing two years and for all of their help and dedication to the students of Munsey Park and Manhasset in general. She wished a happy summer to all.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Christy Wepler
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