

SCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 18th, 2009

Meeting Opened at: 9:42 – Call to Order; 11:10 – End of Meeting

Officers Present: Karen Blando, Diane Gershkowitz, Jeanine Toes, Caroline Kenlon, Christy Weppeler, Mary Jane Reilly, Jill McCarney, Kathleen Kosciusko

SCA President's Report - Karen Blando

- Welcome. In December of 1918 a group of women formed the Mother's Club to assist the schools. In 1933 that club officially became the Manhasset School Community Association.
- This year, we will be having a one day fair instead of a two day fair. We have contracted with Newton again.

Executive Vice President's Report – Diane Gershkowitz

- Benefit Bash. The MSCA did something different with the membership mailing this year. A Benefit Bash flyer was added to raise money for the SCA with discounts at Lord and Taylor and Macy's.

Treasurer's Report

- Membership this year is looking good. In 2008-2009, membership raised about \$33,000 and so far this year, we are at approximately \$
- If you have reimbursement requests, they are to be submitted within 90 days of the expense.
- The treasurer's report will look different this year. Senior Frolic will be broken out. Senior Frolic has about \$16,500 to start with this year.

President's Reports

1. Jeanine Toes – High School

- High School Vice President is June Sutter. High School Finance Chair is Diana Cotumaccio. High School Secretary is Lori Fleishhacker.
- Enrollment increased to 900 students in the HS.
- The SCA Email/Directory Form and Volunteer Form went out in June (early). Compiling Directory info and sent out volunteer names to appropriate Committee Chairs.
- Grade Level Chairs: based on the volunteer responses the open GLC positions were filled and we met on Sept 11th for the first time. Names and contact info are posted on the SCA Website.
- Photo Day is September 22nd and 23rd. Students will have photos taken for ID cards as well.
- 9th Grade Student Elections are October 7th. The 9th Grade GLCs will be in the cafeteria during lunch periods and afterwards to count ballots and report results to Mr. Sippin.
- Parent Council Meetings: First one is next Friday, September 18th. We will have a presentation by the Summer Studies chairperson, Elise Kline, and several of the student recipients. The October meeting(10/23) will be in the MS Library, where we will have a

Guest speaker, author David Marcus (Acceptance: A Legendary Guidance Counselor Helps Seven Kids Find the Right Colleges-and Find Themselves).

- Homecoming Dance October 3rd, 7:30: The SCA will be selling tickets in the cafeteria on Sept 30, Oct 1 and Oct 2, and will decorate and provide refreshments for the dance.

2. Caroline Kenlon – Middle School

- Middle School Vice President is Elene Farrell, MS Finance Chair is Grace Mahler, MS Secretary is Lori Fleishhacker.
- Recent Events:
 - Summer Supply Orders - please pick up any remaining orders at Raindew
 - Opening Day Picnic for 7th graders
 - Middle School Open House
- Upcoming Events:
 - MS/HS Photo Days 9/22 & 9/23-during PE, bring form and check
 - MS/HS Parent Council meeting 9/25 9:30-11:00
 - MS Welcome Back Dance 9/25 7:30-9:30
- Student Directory Forms are still being accepted, additional copies are available to complete
- The MS calendar is a wonderful resource and a great way to get your kids off to terrific start, we also have an odd/even day template for keeping the schedule straight, thanks to Carol Goldfold for creating. **Note on School Calendar – November 19th should be a half-day and not November 17th.**
- Don't forget to visit the SCA, www.manhassetzca.org, and Manhasset School District Website, www.manhasset.k12.ny.us,

3. Christy Weppler – Munsey Park

- Munsey Park Vice President is Beth Miller. Finance Chair is Victoria Parisi. Secretary is Lauren Barrett.
- SCA provided a welcome back breakfast for the teachers and staff at Munsey Park School.
- We welcomed new students with an Ice Cream Social on the Tuesday before school began. Students were paired up with MP buddies from their new classes and then given tours of the school. Thirty-eight new students enrolled one week prior to the start of school.
- Along with the MS and HS, MP held a school supplies collection to be donated to Adventures in Learning, the EOC's youth programs, and a school in Brooklyn. We wanted to keep it local and did this in response to the first annual National Day of Service for September 11th. We will deliver the supplies on Monday afternoon.
- Thanks to Laura Petras, the schools were able to pre-order school supplies this year instead of going through Innisbrook. We were very pleased with the outcome. Munsey

Park made \$2,000 from that program. Rainew proved good to work with and next year the plan is to order school supplies in May.

- Over the summer, 100+ parents signed up to work on the various committees.
- We invited the new parents to MP Monday night to give them the ins and outs of Munsey Park School. Students wrote small pieces on each special and explained how it works to the audience.
- Our first Open House for the K-1st graders was a success. We set it up so that all of the class reps were in the “dining room” with sign up sheets for parties and trips, and Spirit Wear, Planet Manhasset, Family Theater, Saturday Series, Tower and SEPTA lined the hallway tables with a variety of things to sell.
- We met with our new room representatives on Friday, 9/11, and they are off and running.
- We will have our first SCA meeting of the school year on Wednesday the 23rd. The new teachers will be introduced by Dr. Kendall, department chairs will be there, the school nurse will give health tips for the year, and we will do a final sign up for committees after a brief synopsis of each one.
- This year, Munsey Park School is 70. We have a committee formed to plan how the school’s children will celebrate.
- Along with SR, we created a new program called Extended Extras, which will be similar to a Saturday Series but after school. It’s primary focus will be on foreign language instruction to the 6th, maybe 5th graders and on typing. We had a little glitch which we will hopefully fix soon so that we can begin the trimester program.

4. Mary Jane Reilly – Shelter Rock Elementary School

- Shelter Rock Vice President is Sari Kulka, Finance Chair is Susan Powers, and Secretary is Anja D’Angelo.
- Thank you to the SCA for the circulation desk. It makes the library much easier to use.
- **Summer Events**
 - Ambassador Program – parent volunteers called new families to personally welcome them to Shelter Rock and to answer any questions they may have. In some cases playdates were arranged and friendships forged. Feedback was positive from both the Ambassadors and new families.
- **September Events**
 - Superintendent’s Conference Day breakfast – September 2
 - Heroes Week – September 9-11 – Celebrating our community and personal heroes. Firefighters from Plandome and Manhasset-Lakeville, as well as Officers from the 6th precinct, welcomed the students to school each day. The children were beaming with excitement to see these local heroes at their school, dressed in their turnout coats, helmets and boots. Grades 4-6 made chains with the names of their personal heroes to be hung in the hallway. The heroes led the pledge the first two days, and on 9/11 Peter Spampinato read the pledge followed by a moment of silence.

- Open House (Grades K and 1) – Room Reps collected new “Student Information Forms”, an all in one form for permission to be in the directory, on the class list, and on the SCA and District e-mail distribution. SCA membership, Family Theatre, Spirit Wear, SEPTA and Saturday Series all had tables set up to raise money and answer questions for incoming parents.
- Informational binders went out to all parents listing all activities.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Open Houses: September 23rd and 30th
 - September Parent Council Meeting – September 24th
 - Volunteer Lunch/Recess Meeting: October 7th
 - Photo Day: 10/13th – 14th (information going out shortly)
 - Fall Newsletter: submissions due on 10/16
 - Red Ribbon week: 10/19th - 10/23rd (still looking for volunteers)
 - October PC Meeting – October 23rd - Joint at Munsey Park
 - Halloween Party: Saturday, 10/31st - planning underway

Principal’s Report

1. Dean Schlanger – Secondary School

- Fifty-five classrooms were re-painted.
- Added the flagpole courtyard to the school – very well used to date.
- Added an entry sign, “Manhasset Secondary School”, a gift from the Class of 2007.
- Completed assemblies to discuss the code of conduct and H1N1 procedures at the school.
- Completed an in depth room number change project. This was a recommendation from the Shared Decision Making team.
- The middle school open house was a success. The high school open house is planned for September 24th.
- Have close to 40 Smartboards being used in the classrooms.
- Added new hall lights and ceiling tiles in 80% of the building.
- Added new boiler and burners to the building – should really see greater heat efficiency.
- Added new locks on most interior doors.
- Five bathrooms have been renovated.
- In November, the bleacher project will get underway.
- Next summer, there will be new locker rooms and showers.
- Total enrollment for the secondary school is 1,387 students (7th – 244; 8th – 249; 9th – 255; 10th – 212; 11st – 220; 12th – 207)
- Ten new teachers have been hired.

2. Jean Kendall – Munsey Park Elementary School

- 961 Students enrolled this year.
- This year is Munsey Park’s 70th year as a functioning elementary school.
- Over the summer, a few bathrooms were repainted in fashion colors.
- Smartboards are in all rooms eligible (a very few classrooms have size constraints).
- We will be implementing a new reading program this year. A consultant will be coming in November to introduce the reading program.

- We are implementing a program in math this year designed to provide more challenge to those who need it.
- Changed the cafeteria to the “dining room” in hopes of encouraging better behavior at lunch.
- We are still continuing with our Character Matters and Kindness Counts programs.
- Some veterans came to the school to speak about the importance and significance of the American Flag.
- There are a couple of new hires (1 in the office, 1 psychologist, and one part-time from the high school.)
- A major project still underway is a fitness trail to be used by the students and the members of the community.

3. Robert Geczik – Shelter Rock Elementary School

- We opened the school with 771 students.
- There are 98 new kindergartners.
- Over the summer, we completed the library redesign – adding the circulation desk, removed 1,500 books and added books focused on early childhood education (adding an early childhood section in the library)
- We renovated four student bathrooms.
- We added new floor tile to 7 classrooms.
- We ensured Smartboards were installed in all but 9 rooms.
- We have brought on one new staff member – Sean Muller. Also have a new part-time art teacher.

Superintendent’s Report (Charlie Cardillo)

- Nothing Reported at 9/18 meeting.

Board of Education SCA Liaison Report – Pat Aiken and Cindy Cardinal

- All work done this summer completes the work for the bond issue.
- Some work in energy conservation is on-going.
- There is \$350,000 coming from the district to help with special projects
- The Indians Rock High School baseball field is up and running.
- The locker room work will start the architectural portion of the project and the construction on the project will begin next summer.
- We are confident that the increase in class size expected next year can be handled with scheduling changes, not an increase in class size.

Committee Reports

1. Summer Studies – Elise Kline and Christine Meyer

- Summer studies is a program where students entering 12th grade take summer school courses.
- This summer 36 students participated and 13 kids were awarded the certificate.
- A total of \$9,600 was given out in grants after the program.

2. Community Education – Regina Rule and Marirose Merola

- Asking everyone to help in ensuring anyone new is registered to vote.
 - The 1st committee meeting is the 1st week in October.
- 3. Publicity – Susan Hyde and Ronnie Nanos Petrakis**
 - Fridays is the deadline for submission to the Manhasset Press. If including photos, keep the caption generic, giving no names.
 - Email Susan Hyde with any photos and a write up. (Email TBD).
 - 4. Shared Decision Making – Ellen Duran**
 - Need another parent from Shelter Rock to join the Shared Decision Making team.
 - 5. Historian’s Report – Lisa Belinsky**
 - We added an addendum to the bylaws making Planet Manhasset an official Executive Committee with the SCA.
 - A vote was taken to approve this addition. Thirty-eight people voted in favor of this addition.
 - 6. Educational Grants – Lynne Aloia**
 - 7. Enrichment – Laura Tranchina and Annie Vetrone**
 - 8. Family Theatre – Kathie Panzone and Randi Berger**
 - 9. Health and Wellness – Susan Urban and Donna Terjesen**
 - 10. Historian – Lisa Belinsky**
 - 11. Membership – Randi Cecchini and Mollye Fahey**
 - 12. Nominating – Mary Kay Connors and Tammy Tam Kelly**
 - 13. Planet Manhasset – Peggy Markham, Lisa Lynch, Liz Miller, and Vivian Thathos**
 - 14. Saturday Series – Karen Corcoran**
 - 15. Senior Frolic – Oriana Cyprus and Marie Eslinger Horowitz**
 - 16. Ways and Means SCA Fair – Linda Gurino**
 - 17. Ways and Means Fall Luncheon – Katie Lane and Janice Rohlfing**
 - 18. Ways and Means Treasurer – Ann Dorogoff**
 - 19. Website – Michel Tomlinson**

PASE SCA Liaison Report – Deborah Bowman and Renee McMahon

- Sponsoring program to enhance social skills for students in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade at Munsey Park. This focuses on skills not covered in the CAPP program.
- Sponsoring an Art Therapy program in the middle and high school.

SEPTA SCA Liaison Report – Lori Mann and Ann Marie Moschitta

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Kosciusko
SCA Executive Board Secretary