Manhasset Secondary School SCA Meeting

Date: Friday, April 8, 2011

Title of Meeting: MS/HS Joint Parent Council Meeting

Location: Secondary School Board Room

Welcome and Opening of Meeting

Jeanine Toes, High School SCA President, and Laura Tranchina, MS SCA President, opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees. Jeanine reminded the attendees the SCA Fair and that it is the largest fundraiser for the SCA.

Gay Straight Alliance

Robb Fessler, Secondary School Drama Teacher and Gay Straight Alliance Advisor

Announced that the GSA will be sponsoring the National Day of Silence, April 15th, to protest the bullying and harassment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) students and their supporters. HS students with permission from their parents are allowed to participate and must sign up at least 24 hours prior to the event in the principal's office. A presentation will be provided to the staff and students must still participate in class.

MS students will participate in a poetry reading and write a response toward the poem. MS will have the opportunity to wear a button showing their support.

Approximately 127 students participated last year.

CASA

Lisbeth Shibley, President & Executive Director, discussed the Town Hall Meeting and the results on the Bach Harrison Report. The attached link will take you to the CASA website:

<u>www.manhassetcasa.org/eventsFollowUp/documents/4.29.11TownHallMeetingPressRelease.pdf</u>.

Simone Politidis discussed her daughter's recent Sweet 16 party and the number of students that attended drunk.

Principals Report

Peter Vercessi – Assistant Principal, 7-9

Third quarter ends today and report cards will be mailed home next Friday. Last day of classes is June 14th not June 13th as listed in the school district calendar.

Honor Overrides for the High School starts tonight. Must be completed by May 6, 2011.

Mark Sippin – Assistant Principal, 10-12

- -A Senior Assembly this morning to go over rules and regulations for Sr. Prom. Senior Prom is April 9. A promenade will be held in the gym prior and the students will be driven to the prom in coach buses.
- -Silver M Society applications available. This honor is awarded at graduation to students who embody a Manhasset student and is not based on academics.
- -Graduation committee to meet to discuss se-up.
- -Class elections to be held on April 15th. An assembly will be held on April 14th for the candidates to speak.
- -Breathalyzer policy has changed to also include the attitude of the suspected student.

Dean Schlanger – Secondary School Principal

- -Thanked Lisbeth Shibley for her work with CASA.
- -Discussed 3rd period Senior Assembly meeting on prom and what the consequences are.
- -Planet Manhasset to show "The Story of the Bottle" in class on Monday. This short video discusses the effects of plastic bottles in the environment. Green Club has six entries in the Town of North Hempstead contest. At the end of AP exams in May the movie TAP will be shown to the HS students.

Guidance Update

Mrs. Ammarati, HS Guidance counselor

- -9th and 10th grade parent conferences on going.
- -College Fairs at Schreiber HS April 13 and Hofstra University May 11th.
- -Guidance department surprised at the number of students not accepted at safety schools. Believe it may have to do with the number of foreign students willing to pay full tuition.



Superintendent's Report

Charles Cardillo, Superintendent, discussed the Budget Working Document. All information can be found on the district website.

Meeting concluded at approximately 12:00 p.m.