



Manhasset Secondary School SCA Meeting

Date: Friday, May 13, 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 Toes announced that this was her last meeting as the HS SCA President and introduced Lisa Belinsky as the new HS SCA President and Christy Weppler as the new Executive SCA President, replacing Karen Blando.

Thanked those present for donations and volunteering at the SCA Staff Appreciation Luncheon. Many teachers send their thanks.

This year's SCA Fair broke records.

Munsey Park Women's Club is holding a Fun Run on June 4th. The recipient this year is the SCA Project Share.

The custodial staff has complained about the number of empty beverage bottles left behind in the bleachers and on the fields after practices and games. Please remember to clean up after yourselves and to remind your children to use the trash receptacles.

Too many unchaperoned elementary age children are being dropped off. There is not enough security to watch these children.

May 17th is the budget vote. Volunteers need to put out balloons from 5:30 a.m. to 6:15 a.m. A College Admissions presentation will be held that evening at 7:30 p.m.

Best Buddies Program

Allison Rushforth, Director of Special Education Programs and Services

The Best Buddies program was implemented last year in the HS where students are matched with other students in special Ed to encourage friendships that are meaningful and mutually enriching. Six officers are appointed with chapter meetings once a month. The student must meet with their buddy at least once a week. Currently there are 12 students participating with 50 other students showing an interest.



Guidance Update

Jane Grappone, Director of Guidance/Counseling 7-12

8th grade conferences are winding down.
Marie Rodgers Night is schedule for June 10, 2011

97% of graduating seniors have applied to college. The 3% that have not done are applying to local colleges or other postgraduate programs.
1100 college applications were completed, 200 more than last year.
69 early decision application this year with 39 accepted

New program to be initiated with the 10th graders during their 40-minute lunch. This program is to try to have them focus on the SAT/ACT and to concentrate on which test is better for them. Have the students to start prepping for the SATII subject test. This summer have students to start looking at scheduling for next year such college entrance exams, AP exams. The students are to brown bag their lunch.

Please attend next weeks meeting on College Admissions. The topics to be covered are the current trends, what the admissions board looks at, etc. The college essay-writing course that was offered during regents week in the past will now be taught to all Juniors after the AP exam is completed in class.

Principal's Report

Mark Sippin – Assistant Principal 9-12

May 17 traffic pattern will change due to Budge Vote. Bus drop off will be in the front circle. Staff parking and senior parking will be in the rear. Voter parking will be the in rear along the building. Forgotten items will not be allowed to be drop off until after 10 :00 a.m. Info will be posted in the Manhasset Press.

Dean Schlanger – Secondary School Principal

Lunch on the Lawn is to take place this month for the 6th graders.
The Middle School production of “Annie” is this evening.
SCA Teacher Staff Appreciation Luncheon was successful.
Mandatory Frolic meeting is scheduled for all seniors and their parents.
AP exams are over and the district is fortunate to have the Unitarian Church facilities to administer the exams.



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Superintendent's Report

Charles Cardillo – Superintendent

Thanked those present for the SCA Teacher Staff Appreciation Luncheon. Budget work was completed in February. The community must get out and vote.

Meeting concluded at approximately 11:30 a.m.