



# Munsey Park SCA Meeting Minutes

**Date: September 22, 2010, 10:30 am**

**Title of Meeting: SCA Updates and Committee Kick-Off**

**Location: Auditorium, Munsey Park School**

**Presenters: Dr. Kendall, Pat Aiken, Tricia Cash**

## Dr. Kendall, Principal

- Dr. Kendall welcomed all to the 2010-2011 school year
- All Subject Coordinators were introduced, with a special introduction of Mrs. Laurie Lauria, new director of World Languages.
- Dr. Kendall continued to introduce all new teachers that will be joining the faculty of Munsey Park School this year, especially Joan Dane, Susan Walsh, and Michael Quartararo. Welcome!
- Additional Part-time staff in Music, Phys Ed, and the Resource room were reported. Additionally, three new teachers aides trained in assisting students with special needs on the playground will be added this year.
- Enrollment in the school is 941 students this year. Although enrollment has dropped, due to classroom size guidelines, one additional classroom section has been added. There are seven section in each of the First and Third Grades, all other grade levels have six sections.
- The “Great Body Shop” program, a new curriculum component, will be implemented school wide this year. Teachers have been trained and are ready to use the new program.
- Reading Street is being introduced to the 4th and 5th Grade teachers. Pilot programs with students will begin this year, as decision making about how the program will be implemented continues.
- New playground equipment donated by the SCA will be installed within days. The new equipment will include four climbing structures and a rubberized play surface. This new equipment will be able to be used when fields are inaccessible due to wet conditions, allowing the children additional recreational opportunities throughout the entire year.
- The new bus lane configuration is in use. The new lane is longer and is now under traffic light protection, greatly improving traffic flow and allowing for smoother procedures at the school.
- The Dining Room has new round tables for the children. The tables are blue and each seats eight. Potted plants have been added to create a welcoming ambiance. The children have responded well, and better behavior and cleanliness have been noted. Along with the new tables are new procedures for parent volunteers to the lunch program, with specific job



responsibilities enumerated. One additional table was determined to be needed and has been ordered.

- The behavior code for the children has been updated to specify behaviors expected in various locations around the school. Slogans have been developed, and the students have been informed of what is expected. Students will be invited to provide new slogans.
- Accelerated Math Program is now available to 5th and 6th Grade students. Eligible students will be identified by the teachers and letters will be sent home to parents. Differentiated math instruction will be provided for 5th and 6th Grade students.
- New student and parent receptions went very well and were enjoyed by all who attended.

### **Pat Aiken, Board of Education**

Ms Aiken spoke to invite all parents to attend meetings of the Board of Education. Board meetings are not only related to district business, but often have important curriculum presentations and SCA information. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend at least one meeting per year. Upcoming meetings are as follows:

- Oct 7 (at EOC building)- Facilities updates presentation by the District Architect
- Oct 14- Assessment data analysis for all standardized tests
- Oct 21- ELA Curriculum Presentation
- Nov 4- Finance Presentation
- Nov 18th- Math Curriculum Presentation
- Dec 2- Social Studies Curriculum Presentation

### **Jane Grappone, Director of Guidance**

Ms Grappone spoke about the work being done by the Guidance Department within the student's classrooms. Guidance issues are being addressed in a curriculum based fashion, so that all children are exposed. Ms Amanda Gimondo is available at Munsey Park three days per week to work with entire classes or individual students.

### **Tricia Cash, SCA President**

- Ms Cash opened her remarks with a welcome statement
- Lord and Taylor coupons are available for \$5, as a fundraiser. The coupons allow for discounts on items not usually marked down.



- Committee Chairs are provided with tax exempt forms for committee expenses. Questions about expenses and reimbursements can be directed to Jill Pullano
- The Character Matters Committee has been changed into an Executive Level Character Education Committee. Issues previously addressed by this committee are being implemented district-wide in a curriculum based format.
- Shadows are needed for the Directory Committee ASAP. Anybody interested should contact Tricia.
- International Day will be discontinued. Members of the International Diversity Awareness Committee will work with the administration and teachers to ensure that diversity awareness is incorporated appropriately into all aspects of the curriculum, as appropriate for age and activity.
- Committee Chairs are reminded to submit photos and descriptions of their events to Christy Weppler (Publicity Chair) to make sure that the community is made aware of all that the SCA accomplishes throughout the year.
- Committee Chairs were introduced

Vice President- Lucy Choy Puma

Finance Chair – Jill Pullano

Secretary-Andrea Phelan

Allergy Team – Estelle Kim and Mary Jayne Dreyer

Safety/Emergency Preparedness – Colleen Bock and Theresa Barry

Book Fair – Jill Murray and Angela Classi

Character Matters –Christy Weppler and Mollye Fahey

Community Service - Annette Spina, Lisa Sciarrino

Enrichment – Pam Kenlon

Extended Extras –Lily Wong and Christy Weppler

Family Theater – Kimberly Pidherny

Guess Who's Coming to Read – Kristen Perfetto

Health and Wellness – Kathy Sullivan and Amy Nass

Holiday Gift Program – Danielle Caccioppo

Halloween Party- Tammy Kelly and Joan Berger

Ice Cream Social – Lucy Choy Puma

International/Diversity Awareness- Kristin Perfetto

Lunch and Recess –Liz Tomaselli and Kristin Perfetto

Membership – Mollye Fahey

National Library Week – Nevine Shahine and Sandra Tauckus

Newsletter – Ingrid Vidas Korfine

Photo Day – Christine Tatarian

Publicity-Christy Weppler

Planet Manhasset – Vivian Thatos

Red Ribbon Week –Rosa Stein, eggy Gajdjis

School Directory – Amy Keogh, Lauren Barrett

Spirit Wear – Jen DeSena and Kristen Ryan



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School Community  
Association



6th grade promotion – Kristin Miller and Christy Wepler  
Splish Splash – Kim Haggerty, Dana Malvey and Cathy McAree  
Yearbook – Khea Glynn and Margie Suga  
Staff Appreciation – Caryn Cirella  
Technology – Jill Pullano and Maria Cizmarik  
Website – Maria Cizmarik