



## **Manhasset Secondary School SCA Meeting**

**Date: Friday, October 22, 2010**

**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 was absent. Laura Tranchina, Middle School SCA President conducted the meeting in Jeanine's place. She introduced herself and welcomed all attendees.

### **Guidance Update**

Jenny Chen, Middle School Blue Team Guidance Counselor, announced that the 7<sup>th</sup> graders adjusted well to the transition. Meetings are scheduled to discuss with the 7<sup>th</sup> graders on the subject of bullying. Cyber bullying and what teens can do about it will be discussed. Stress management will be discussed with the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders prior to midterms. Health teachers to discuss alcohol and drug abuse during class. Meeting with Team teachers and guidance counselors to discuss which students are having trouble and need help.

Marcy Tucker was scheduled to attend but could not; Jennifer Landman attended in her place. Jennifer Landman, High School Guidance Counselor, announced that the counseling staff has met with all seniors. 1,134 college applications have been processed. As of this date, 66% of seniors have applied to college. 70 applications were received for early decision. Electronic admissions were used for the first time with only a few glitches. A few colleges still require hard copies.

Four mini-college fairs are scheduled. 120 colleges have visited Manhasset with 31 to still visit.

367 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> graders took the PSAT.

The 11<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting is scheduled for next Thursday, October 29, 2010. Standardize Test overview for parents is scheduled for November 30, 2010.

Questions on which A.P. exams colleges accepted was asked by a parent of a sophomore. The response was that each college is different.



## **Principal's Report**

Peter Vercessi, Assistant Principal, announced that progress reports were mailed Monday, October 18, 2010. The marking period ends on Friday, November 5, 2010. Report Cards will be mailed home on November 12, 2010.

Middle School Spirit Day T-shirts to be delivered on October 26, 2010 and distributed to students on Spirit Day. On October 29, 2010 an "X" schedule will be implemented for the scheduled pep rally.

A letter writing campaign for soldiers deployed to Afghanistan will be done in the Middle School English classes. An assembly is scheduled for November 10, 2010. Ms. Pellegrino is coordinating this effort.

On November 19, 2010, the eighth graders will be attending a production of "A Christmas Carol" which is a required reading. Cost is \$25 per person and all moneys must be collected by November 15, 2010. Next year, the school will look into bringing a different production of "A Christmas Carol" in house.

The school is looking into adding an additional lunch period; either third or eighth period next year to deal with the overcrowding at the HS/MS cafeteria. This additional period would be for eighth graders, not seventh graders. Other options are being looked into as well. Shared Decision Making Team is creating a survey to send to the parents to see which additional lunch period they would prefer, third or eighth.

Mark Sippin, Assistant Principal, announced that Spirit Week was next week and that all prepping will be done before the start of the school day. Entry on Friday is to start at 6:30 a.m. only for those that have passes from class advisors. Pep rally will have a D.J. The same D.J. will be providing entertainment at the dance Friday evening.

Homecoming Parade is Saturday, October 30, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Football game start is 2:00 p.m. Homecoming Dance is 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. ticket cost is \$15 to be purchased during lunch periods. No ticket sales at door. \$5.00 per ticket is being donated to Monsters Kid Charity.

Dr. Dean Schlanger, Principal, Secondary School – Middle School is involved in Spirit Week and it is a positive experience. Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for December 7, 2010. Online sign up for meetings with teachers begin on November 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. A new program Teacher Reacher will be used for on-line sign up and will facilitate the process. Parents can pre-register with Teacher Reacher starting November 5, 2010. Each teacher has only 26 time slots available.



Dr. Schlanger is implementing a new program for sport team captains called the Captains Council. The objective is to allow team captains to become role models for students. It will make a positive impact toward student leadership. T-shirts will be ordered with a quote chosen by the Council. Discussion regarding the Captains Council followed. More details regarding this new program will follow.

The Student Senate is to be revived. This group may also work in conjunction with the Captains Council to become role models for students.

### **CASA**

Cathy Samuels, President of CASA, introduced Isabel Burk, Director of the Health Network, who presented the very informative program, [\*The Teen Brain\*](#).

Meeting concluded at approximately 11:45 a.m.