



Munsey Park SCA Meeting Minutes

Date: March 16, 2011, 9:30 am

Title of Meeting: Study Skills

Location: Auditorium, Munsey Park School

**Presenters: Tricia Cash, Mrs. Cordell, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Gandler, Mrs. Smith,
Mrs. Murray, Regina Rule**

Tricia Cash, SCA President

- Ms. Cash opened the meeting with welcome statements, and provided a brief update on school and community events
- Project Share is conducting a “Craft Drive”. Community members are encouraged to donate supplies for craft projects (markers, crayons, scissors, etc) so that all students can have the supplies for class projects. A box for the donations is by the front door of Munsey Park School. Contact Joy Sargent with any questions.
- Project Share will be the recipient of funds raised by Fun Run that will be held in Munsey Park this spring. Kids aged 2-12 are welcome to participate. Details will follow.
- All community members are encouraged to participate in the budget process, which is now underway. Information is available on the Board of Education website, and meetings for the community to comment before a budget is adopted on April 14 are scheduled.

Study Skills Presentation

- A presentation on effective Study Skills was presented by Mrs. Cordell, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Gandler, Ms. Smith, and Mrs. Murray.
- Each teacher presented ideas and strategies appropriate to different age students. Parents were encouraged to try different systems and adapt them to the child.
- The need for consistent, organized habits was stressed
- Each teacher reinforced the need to actively schedule homework just like other after school commitments.
- Parents were actively involved in discussions about how much assistance to provide to students. Teachers were consistent in encouraging parents to aid students by asking questions such as “How will you approach this project?”, and “How can this be made better?”. The importance of allowing mistakes to show through the child’s work, so that teachers can offer assistance in needed areas, was stressed.



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- Ms. Rule reviewed many of the pressures facing the district in the budget process this year, including legal, regulatory, pension, and tax caps. Pension and healthcare costs were identified as major factors in this years budget process.
- Community members were encouraged to visit the district website and learn about the process, as well as attend the working meetings to provide comment to the board.
- April 14 the budget will be adopted by the Board of Education.
- May 17 will be the Budget and Board of Education Vote.