



SCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, September 13, 2013

Call to Order: 9:08 am

Meeting adjourned: 10:07 am

Officers Present: Renee Press, Caroline Kenlon, Michaela Sheridan, Liz Tomaselli, Kristin Mulholland, Karen Blando, Jill Pullano

Executive President's Welcome – Renee Press

- Renee welcomed all for coming and explained the new one-hour format being introduced for the Executive Board meetings.

Pledge of Allegiance

Executive President's Report – Renee Press

- The 2013-2014 SCA Executive Board was introduced. It was announced that Christine Meyer is serving as the Executive Vice President.
- The SCA welcomed teachers back to school at the Superintendent's Day breakfast at each of the schools on September 3.
- SCA membership drive is underway.
- Project Share worked to secure back-to-school supplies and new sneakers for our students in need. Thank you to Rainew for donating and individually packaging all of the new school supplies.
- Support Project Share by using our Modell's coupon on all purchases through September 26. Receive 15% off and earn a cash donation for Project Share. The coupon can be found at www.ManahssetSCA.org
- Staffing changes occurred in each of the school. The new Director of Physical Education is Jim Amen.

Executive Secretary's Report – Jill Pullano

- The following interim board votes were reported:
 - On July 13, 2013 the Executive Board approved by electronic vote the 2013 Frolic gift to the Manhasset School District for the completion of the Manhasset High School Art Gallery.
 - On July 15 the Executive Board approved by electronic vote the appointment of Karen Blando to the position of Executive Treasurer for the remaining term expiring on August 31, 2014.
 - On August 15 the Executive Board voted to approve the funding of the transportation expenses for one field trip per grade in the elementary schools.
 - On August 15 the Executive Board voted to approve an increase membership dues of \$5.
 - On August 15 the Executive Board voted to approve a payment of \$2,561, which represents 1/3 of the cost of the Chris Herren presentation to be made during Health and Wellness Week. The total amount of the program, \$7,681, will be divided evenly among the SCA, CASA, and the Booster Club.

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- On August 21 the Executive Board voted to approve the creation of an ad hoc music appreciation committee.
- On August 24 the Executive Board approved by electronic vote the payment of \$5,300 for an invoice from the 2012-2013 school year, to pay for the SCA's portion of the new sound system for the MHS Gymnasium.

Executive Treasurer's Report – Karen Blando

- The elementary schools' financial reports were reviewed.
- The SCA year-end financial results were reviewed. Receipts, disbursements, and budgeted expenditures were reported by category.
- QuickBooks is used to track payments and receipts.
- Senior Frolic account balances were added to the report this year. The future frolic fund represents amounts contributed annually by each frolic to pay for their share of the long-term maintenance of the facility, such as fireproofing of the gymnasium ceiling.
- The Executive Board approved the 2013-2014 budget.

Presidents' Reports

High School - Caroline Kenlon

- The High School SCA Vice President is Margie Suga, Finance Chair is Kathryn Clejan, and the Recording Secretary is Kim Haggerty.
- SCA Email/Directory Forms and Volunteer Forms were mailed in June 2013. Directory chair Laura Tranchina has received all forms that were mailed. Forms are still available to either add a 7th grader or make a change to the information for a current student.
- Photo Days/ID Cards take place during gym period on September 19 and 20. HS Chair Karen Barnes will be scheduling volunteers. Senior portraits started being taken Thursday and will continue through Tuesday.
- The 12th grade parent meeting was September 11. The Guidance department ran the meeting, with the main focus the being the final leg of the college application process. The Senior Banquet being held on November 13 was discussed by co-chairs Barbara Thermos, Terri Orlando, and Malinda Gillan as well as the Senior Frolic scheduled for June 27 as represented by co-chairs Karen Blando, Laura Tranchina, and Maureen Lavin.
- Going forward, the Join HS/MS Parent Council meetings will immediately follow the Executive Board meetings. At today's meeting, there will be a presentation given by the Summer Studies Chairperson, Liz Oliveri and two student recipients.
- Upcoming Events:
 - HS Mini College Fair on September 23 and September 30
 - HS Open House on September 25
 - 9th Grade Guidance Meeting on October 3 at 7:30 pm

Middle School - Michaela Sheridan

- The MS Vice President is Jill Ridini, Finance Chair is Susan Powers, and Recording Secretary is Kim Haggerty.
- The Secondary School Directory is still being worked on.
- The 7th grade opening day picnic was a huge success, thanks to co-chairs Theresa Cozzi and Kim Fuchs. The students enjoyed pizza and ices outside on the girls turf field.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Photo Day is on September 19 and 20. Make up day is November 12.

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- MS Welcome Back Dance is September 20, 7:30-9:30 pm.
- MS Halloween Party will take place on October 31, 7:00-9:00 pm. Volunteers are needed and donations of bottled water, individually wrapped baked goods and candy are appreciated.

Munsey Park - Liz Tomaselli

- The MP Vice President is Kristen Ryan, Finance Chair is Heidi Franchetti, and Recording Secretary is Caryn Sawyer.
- The Ice Cream Social was held on September 3. Over 30 new students attended. There are over 50 new students this year. Total enrollment is 896 students.
- Munsey Park had a successful first day of school on September 9.
- At the Room Representative meeting on September 10 changes to protocol were announced. Changes to streamline the process for the MP Directory were also announced. The process is now similar to that of the Secondary School.
- K-1 Open House was on September 11. Representatives from SEPTA, PASE, Membership, Spiritwear, and the Safety Committee were present.

Shelter Rock - Kristin Mulholland

- The SR Vice President is Leslie Fleck, Finance Chair is Jodi Mondiello, and Recording Secretary is Kim Newman.
- The Ambassador Program, chaired by Christine Arella, welcomed new families to Shelter Rock over the summer. A tour was given on August 28. There were 62 new students to SR this summer.
- 119 families participated in the school supplies sale fundraiser, chaired by Tara LaSalle.
- Room representative meetings were held on September 10 and 12.
- The directory chair, Leslie Fleck, is currently collecting forms from new students, Kindergartners, and from those who wish to make update to last year's information.
- K-1 Open House went well. Spiritwear, SEPTA, PASE, Lord and Taylor, SCA Membership and Planet Manhasset were all represented.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Grades 2-3 Open House will be on September 18
 - Grades 4-6 Open House will be on September 24
 - New Parent Meeting will be on September 16 at 9 am
 - SR Parent Council Meeting will be held on September 19 at 9:30 am
 - Lunchroom sign up will be September 26 at 9:30 am
 - Photo days will be October 8 and 9

SCA Committee Chairs

- The 2013-14 Executive Committee Chairpersons and SCA Liaisons are as follows:
 - Community Education: Mimi Donohue, Christine Monterosso
 - Educational Grants: Laura Tranchina, Annie Vetrone
 - Enrichment: Kristin Perfetto (MP), Kathy Tiliakos (SR)
 - Family Theatre: Christine Schwartz
 - Health and Wellness: Laura Dilimentin (MP), Erica Kinloch (SR)
 - Historian: Debra Arenare
 - Legal Counsel: Christina Whitaker

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- Membership: Anja D'Angelo, Patty Miller
 - Nominating: Christine Arella, Mary Bellucci
 - Planet Manhasset: Angela Classi
 - Project Share: Amy Hill, Maria Sideratos
 - Publicity: Kristin Stevens
 - Saturday Series: Melissa Choivitti, Sheila Reilly
 - Senior Frolic: Karen Blando, Maureen Lavin, Laura Tranchina
 - Summer Studies: Isabel DeSousa, Liz Oliveri
 - Webmaster: Laura Pavlovich
 - Ways & Means Treasurer: Barbara Mirrione
 - Board Of Education: Pat Aitken, Carlo Prinzo
 - CASA: Arda Haratunian
 - PASE: Bianca DeGaudenzi, Renee McMahon
 - SEPTA: Debbie Najmi, Diane Treacy,
 - Shared Decision Making: Laurie Spampinato
 - SCA Fair: TBA
 - SCA Luncheon: TBA
- Committee chair information can now be found online.
 - High School student volunteers are still needed for Saturday Series.
 - Proceed from the Fun Run in June were used to purchase back to school sneakers for Project Share.
 - Meetings for the Senior Frolic have begun.
 - Two Summer Studies award recipients, Grace Halio and Stephen Tranchina, shared their experiences.

Planet Manhasset – Angela Classi

- The summer season had a bountiful harvest of organic crops including, tomatoes, broccoli, pineapples, and eggplants, to name a few. Food donations were made to the EOC food pantry.
- The fall season is an opportunity for high school students to earn community service hours by volunteering in the Planet Manhasset gardens.
- November 3 will mark the end of the growing season. Clean up will occur, as well as planting of spring bulbs.
- Representatives from the MS and MP are needed, as well as general volunteers.

Webmaster – Laura Pavlovich

- The website presents an opportunity for the SCA to be ecologically conscious and move toward a paperless environment. It provides an excellent resource for forms as well as information on SCA events.
- Committee chairs are requested to review their webpages and provide updates. Updates can be sent to webmaster@manhassetzca.org
- The cutoff for information to be included in the Highlights is Tuesday.
- Debbie Arenare informed the board of a new Gmail program which may be diverting SCA emails to users' promotional folder instead of their primary folder, as had been occurring in the past.

CASA - Cathy Samuels

- Manhasset CASA was awarded the Drug Free Communities (DFC) Support Program Grant from the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).
- Lisa Belinsky will be filling the vacancy created by Lizbeth Shibley's retirement.
- Red Ribbon Week will begin early this year on October 12. It will include an anti-bullying program entitled, "Team Up Against Bullying & Drugs". Denise St.Jeanos (SR), Jen Balsamo (SR), Sharon Messina (MP), and Noreen LeBenne (MP) will be chairing this event.
- All are invited to attend a cyber-bullying multi-media presentation on October 10, 9:30 am at Munsey Park. The internet safety program will be presented by Assistant District Attorney Jeremy Glicksman, Chief of the Cyber Crimes Unit in the Nassau County District Attorney's Office.
- There will be a pharmaceutical take-back event on October 26, 9:30 am -2:00 pm, at the Manhasset Park District Commuter Lot.
- Two Manhasset students, Jenna Tischler and Alyssa Sanders, were named to the National Institute on Drug Abuse's Teen Advisory Group.
- There will be a program in the Spring, in association with the SCA, CASA, and the Booster Club, which will introduce Chris Herren, a former NBA player whose career was derailed by drug and alcohol.

Superintendent's Report – Charles Cardillo

- Introduction of Jim Amen, Director of Athletics, Physical Education, and Health Services.
- Budgetary challenges still remain, but we must all maintain a positive spirit and work together to put forth the best program possible for all students, grades K-12.
- Enrollment at Shelter Rock is approximately 800 and approximately 900 at Munsey Park.
- Average class size in K-6 is now 22.6, a small increase over last year's average class size of 21.6.
- In the secondary school only 23 of over 160 classes have increased in size.
- Although there were budgetary challenges this year, the impact on student class size was minimized as much as possible. Overall, the average class size is still good.
- The sports participation rate has only slightly declined. Mainly due to fewer students attending football tryouts.
- The administration and Board of Education are planning a listening tour for the fall to gather constructive feedback.

Board of Education – Regina Rule

- The Tower Fund renovation of the High School Library is completed.
- The Board of Education meeting on November 7 will report on the new teacher evaluation system. It is a groundbreaking effort that will instill a new culture of continued improvement in education.
- The Board strives to maintain open lines of communication. Please contact any member of the Board for information or to provide feedback.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Pullano

SCA Executive Board Secretary