



SCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2014

Call to Order: 9:44 am

Meeting adjourned: 11:18 am

Officers Present: Renee Press, Karen Blando, Liz Tomaselli, Kristin Mulholland, Kim Haggerty (for Michaela Sheridan), Caroline Kenlon, Jill Pullano

Executive President's Welcome – Renee Press

- Renee welcomed all to the final meeting of the school year and thanked all for their contributions to the SCA.

Pledge of Allegiance

Executive Secretary's Report – Jill Pullano

- Approval of Minutes:
 - Minutes were approved from the April 4, 2014 Open Executive Board Meeting and the May 8, 2014 General Membership Meeting.
- Report of interim board votes:
 - On May 4, 2014 the Executive Board approved the payment of \$641 in student assistance for AP Exams.
 - On May 17, 2014 the Executive Board approved Summer Studies awards for 12 students in the amount totaling \$11,500.
 - On May 21, 2014 the Executive Board approved the proposal to elect Tricia Cash to the office of SCA Executive President for the remainder of the 2013-2015 term.

Executive President's Report – Renee Press

- Renee introduced Tricia Cash, the Executive President-elect.
- Gratitude was expressed to all of the SCA Members who were present at the Tiffany presale event on May 15. Due to our participation, Conde Nast will be making a contribution of \$7,500 to the SCA.

Executive Treasurer's Report – Karen Blando

- Shelter Rock had a very successful year with the book fair, Extended Extras, and Spirit Wear. Splish Splash trip expenses are due in as are any remaining Staff Appreciation Luncheon expenses.
- Munsey Park also had a successful year with the book fair and Extended Extras.
- At the executive level, revenue sources exceeded budget. Saturday Series performed very well. Educational grants are expected to be paid shortly as are Enrichments expenses and audit fees. A small surplus is expected at year end.
- The 2014-2015 budget reflects a slight increase in membership dues. Photo Days is also expected to increase due to the inclusion of senior portraits.
- Expenditures in Educational Grants, Student Assistance, and Summer Studies are expected to increase. Shared Decision Making has been removed as a line item.
- At the elementary level, enrichment has been increased.
- At the Middle School, many line items have increased due to an increase in enrollment.
- At the High School, Homecoming has increased due to the reinstatement of the class floats.

2014-2015 Proposed Budget Adoption

- The Executive Board approved the adoption of the 2014-2015 proposed budget.

Presidents' Reports

High School - Caroline Kenlon

- College Speaker Presentation took place on May 20, the same evening as the school budget vote. Attendance was extremely light. Another option should be considered for next year.
- Mandatory Senior Frolic meetings have all taken place. Help is needed in the gymnasium.
- POPS Concert took place on May 28. A wonderful job was done by all.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Last day of school June 16th, the SCA will provide a bagel breakfast for the "Senior Send-off"
 - The final exam and transportation schedules were posted to the website.
 - Frolic 2015 planning meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 16, 7:30 in the Middle School Library.
 - Graduation and Frolic, June 27th
 - Still Needed- Homecoming 2014 Chairpersons!
 - 2014-15 volunteer letters being mailed this week, please consider a position!

Middle School - Kim Haggerty for Michaela Sheridan

- Thursday May 8 was the Staff Appreciation Luncheon. Tara Baranello and Mary Bellucci were the chairs of this event and did an amazing job.
- Friday May 23 was the 6th Grade Lunch on the Lawn at the Middle School. Unfortunately, it rained so the students ate in the auditorium and the SCA served Italian ices. Many thanks to all the volunteers who came to help.
- Friday May 30 was the MS BBQ/Dance from 7:30-9:30 pm. This event went very well thanks to Cathy McAree and Lauren Barrett and their team of volunteers. It rained for the first half hour so the students went into the Middle School gym. This was tricky because there was also a boy's lacrosse tournament going on at the same time. It all seemed to work out in the end and the kids had a blast.
- Wednesday June 4 was the Middle School Concert at 7:30 pm. The children did an amazing job. Parent feedback was to separate the 7th and 8th grades night next year.
- Wednesday June 4 was the 8th Grade awards in the High School Auditorium at 7:30am.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Monday June 16 is the last day of MS/HS classes and the end of the 4th marking period. Regents and final exams begin on Tuesday June 17th.
 - Monday June 23 is the High School Orientation for 8th graders at 9:45 am.

Munsey Park - Liz Tomaselli

- State Math tests were April 30- May 2. Feedback from the children was that the material each day became progressively more difficult.
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon: The theme was "Helping Our Children BLOOM". The multi-purpose room was transformed into a sunny picnic thanks to Noreen LaBenne and Cathy Conniff. Teachers and staff alike were most appreciative.
- Band and orchestra concerts were May 6 and were absolutely amazing! Mr. Van Boxel out-did himself. Teachers participated, and Dr. Kendall and Mrs. Murray, Mr. Cardillo and others all joined in and made it a night to remember!
- The chorus concert was May 15. Mrs. DePeppe led this wonderful night. Red Mango had a lot of students and families stop in for a refreshing treat. No word yet on the success of the promotion.
- On May 21, new Kindergarten visits went extremely smoothly. No tears this year.

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- On May 23, Lunch on the Lawn was a successful event for 6th Graders from MP and SR. Thanks to Michaela Sheridan and Kim Haggerty for organizing an important and fun day for the 6th graders. And thanks again to Michaela for providing the ingredients list!
- State Science Exams were May27-June 3 for grades 4 through 8.
- Liz thanked all volunteers and committee chairs for their support for the last two years.
- Upcoming Events:
 - June 4: 4th grade Play about Colonial Times
 - June 5: Field Day, grades K-3
 - June 6: Field Day, grades 4-6, followed by the 6th grade pizza and ices party
 - June 23: 6th grade trip to Splish Splash
 - June 25: 6th grade Promotional Ceremony, the celebration continues in the evening with the Promotional Party. Thank you to Tricia Cash and Joy Sargent for organizing.

Shelter Rock - Kristin Mulholland

- Children's book week was a success! May 12-16. Zari and Theresa chaired this event. Next year Johnna Lombard and Chris Marie Tzavelis will be the co-chairs.
- The grades 4, 5 and 6 choral and band and orchestra concerts were great!
- New Kindergarten Visit was on May 21- We had over 70 students come to visit Shelter Rock.
- Grade 6 Lunch on the Lawn was a success at the Middle School on May 23.
- Science State tests were May 27-30 and June 2.
- Field days were fun. Ices were handed out. Grades 1 and 2 were on June 4. It rained on June 5, the date scheduled for grades 3 and 4. The rain date was June 9, however, it rained again. We are waiting for a new date to be selected. Grades 5 and 6 were on June 6. The BBQ and field day was great!
- Dan Brennan Video is filming a video for the New Parents Meeting in September.
- There are three retiring teaching assistants: Pari Khalili, Helen McDonnell, and Noreen McNeely.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Parent Council Meeting – June 12, 9:30 am, Shelter Rock
 - Grade 6 Marie Rogers Friday Night Live – June 13, 5:15-7pm
 - Grade 6 yearbook distribution – June 20
 - Grade 6 Splish Splash trip – June 23
 - Grade 6 t-shirts – June 24
 - Grade 6 Promotional Assembly and Breakfast – June 25 at 8:45 am and 10:30 am, respectively
 - Grade 6 SVCC Pool Party – June 25, 12-3 pm
 - Half days – June 26 – 27

Proposed Gifts and Voting Results

Manhasset High School Art Gallery:

- The district reviewed four proposals with the most competitive totaling \$45,000. Late last year, 2013 Frolic committed \$20,000 to the project. The district will be involved in installing track lighting associated with the project as well as any other additional electrical work.
 - The Executive Board approved an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the proposed Art Gallery project at the Manhasset Secondary School.

Munsey Park Walkway:

- A new walkway is to be constructed from an area outside of the auditorium doors to the end of the Munsey Park Village Hall property, allowing for access to the Congregational Church lower parking lot. There are three parties contributing to the project: The SCA, Village of Munsey Park, and the Manhasset School District. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$22,000.
 - The Executive Board approved an amount not to exceed \$8,000 for the proposed walkway connecting the Munsey Park Elementary School to the Congregational Church lower parking lot.

Frolic 2014 Gift:

- The Senior Frolic Committee Chairs have committed to use the landscaping materials from Frolic 2014 towards the creation of a garden and improvement of the landscaping around the entrance signs of the Manhasset Secondary School. Additionally, any remaining funds will be used towards lighting the entrance sign and the Frolic Gift Maintenance Fund.
 - The Executive Board approved the commitment to use the landscaping material from Frolic 2014 toward the creation of a garden and the improvement of the landscaping around the entrance sign to the Manhasset Secondary School. Additionally, any remaining funds will be used toward lighting the entrance sign and the Frolic Gift Maintenance Fund.

Superintendent's Update – Charles Cardillo

- Michael Sansone, art teacher, and John Grillo, district architect, are working diligently on the art gallery. The location has been changed from the original plan due to issues raised by the State Education Department. The new plan includes relocating the Transportation Department to redeploy the space for the art gallery. Work is expected to begin over the summer.
- Mr. Cardillo thanked Renee for her dedication and commitment to the District and the SCA. Her tenure was during a very tumultuous time that included significant budget issues.
- The Long Range Facilities Planning committee is meeting on June 19 at 8pm in the band room. All are encouraged to attend. The committee will be presenting a preliminary report on their findings.
- Curriculum planning is underway that will include a course gap analysis.
- The feasibility of reinstating middle school combo teams, which are not currently included in the school budget, is being investigated.

Board of Education Update – Regina Rule

- Regina acknowledged the partnership between the SCA and the school district in supporting Manhasset students and indicated that it is highly appreciated by the Board of Education.

Liaison Updates

CASA

- Cathy Samuels thanked the SCA for their generous support of \$10,000.
- CASA is incorporating a committee framework to support ongoing organizational sustainability.

Executive Committee Updates

Community Education (CEC)

- Thank you to Mimi Donohue and Christine Monterosso who, along with their wonderful team, worked hard to be sure that community members understood the budget and got out to vote on May 20.

Educational Grants

- We are meeting on June 18 to review the applications. We have almost \$29,000 to contribute to those who have requested grants.

Enrichment

- In a last minute scramble, the programming was cut down to one program last year. We hope to increase the arts in education presentations in 2014-15.

Family Theatre

- The shows for next year are in place and will be *Frosty* and *Miss Nelson is Missing*.

Health and Wellness

- At the elementary school they worked with the physical education department for a fitness week that preceded the Olympics and in the Secondary School, they worked with CASA on a variety of in-school activities.

Membership

- Still collecting dues.

Planet Manhasset

- The grant check finally arrived, and the gardens are being planted. There is a sign up genius for garden volunteers. Help is needed throughout the summer.
- On Thursday June 12, Planet Manhasset is hosting a shopping event at Vineyard Vines from 9:00am until 1:00pm. Receive 10% off your purchase AND Vineyard Vines gives back 10% to the Manhasset SCA Planet Manhasset Organic Gardens Project.

Project Share

- On Saturday, June 7, Project Share was once again the beneficiary of the Munsey Park Women's Club Annual Fun Run. They had a record turnout with over 220 kids participating in the 1 mile run. Directly following the run, children and their families joined us at the fair and enjoyed carnival games, face painting, a bake sale and a fun assortment of raffles. We are very grateful to have Project Share selected as the primary beneficiary of this wonderful event.
- They are hard at work preparing for the start of the next school year and will be purchasing back-to-school sneakers for many children within the school district with the proceeds from the event. Additionally, they will be purchasing bedding for several graduating seniors going to college in the fall.

Senior Awards

- The Senior Awards were handed out on Thursday. The top 20 seniors, ranked by GPA, were awarded \$250 each.

Senior Frolic

- The senior parents have begun the process of transforming the gym into the secret themed graduation party. There is no experience necessary to help and help is greatly appreciated. The community is invited to walk thru during graduation.

Summer Studies

- The recipients have been notified and several of the awards have been paid. We hope to have a few of the recipients come to our first SCA meeting to tell us about their experience.

Webmaster

- Laura Pavlovich has requested that committee chairs email her updates for their pages. Highlights are not sent after June 29, but she will be around this summer, if you have changes you would like to make.

Ways & Means Treasurer

- I want to recognize and thank the hard work of Barbara Mirrione. Ways and Means handles the SCA Luncheon, the Fair and our shopping events. Barbara did a great job!

Shared Decision Making

- Laurie Spampinato and I met with Charlie, who in turn discussed this with the board. SDM will be taking a one-year moratorium to reevaluate the significance of this committee.

Closing Remarks – Renee Press

- Since we are not meeting on the same day as the SCA Officer's Recognition and Induction Luncheon Renee took a moment to recognize the members of the Executive Board for giving their skills, talent and time to the SCA. She also noted that Karen will not be at the luncheon since she will be taking her son to his college orientation, so she expressed her personal gratitude for all support she has tirelessly dedicated to the SCA.
- Renee acknowledged that Liz Tomaselli will be turning over her position to Cathy Conniff, Michaela Sheridan will be transitioning to Kim Haggerty, Karen Blando will be replaced by Liz Tslikas, and Tricia Cash will be the new Executive President for 2014-15. She thanked Christine Meyer for being the Executive Vice President as well as Kristin Mulholland, Caroline Kenlon, and Jill Pullano who will each continue in their roles for another year. We do not work alone, so to all of the committee chairs and volunteers, thank you!

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Pullano

SCA Executive Board Secretary