



**SCA HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 7, 2014
Manhasset Secondary School Board Room**

Welcome

- **Caroline Kenlon, HS SCA President**
- **Michaela Sheridan, MS SCA President**

Guidance Report- Jane Grappone- Director of Guidance/Counseling 7-12

- **10th Grade Parent Night- 3/18 at 7:30pm**
 - Meeting is for both students and parents
 - Looking at the future, students will be involved in the process so helpful for them to attend the meeting
- **Mock Interview Night-**
 - The 5th annual event was held on 2/26; 90 11th graders attended
- **1st Guidance Career Night- Trends in Education**
 - **March 19th, 7:30pm in Black Box**
 - Speaker will be Dr. Sean Fanelli, Hofstra University School of Education
- **2nd Guidance Career Night- Trends in Health Sciences**
 - **April 9th, 7:30pm in Black Box**
- **Online Newsletter-** will be posted every other month; it will be filled with updates reminders, etc, please check guidance website
- **Summer internships** and other opportunities are now available online, please check guidance website
- **SAT Changes**
 - Changes do not affect students in 10th grade and above only affect students in 9th and below
 - Changes are probably because of competition from ACT
 - Scoring scale will now be based on 1600
 - Will no longer be penalized for wrong answers
 - Test is 180 minutes long with optional 50 minute essay
 - Will be offered in traditional print version and computerized version
 - All of the reading on the SAT is now evidence based, students will have to be able to analyze a document
 - Eliminating current type of vocabulary words and using more relevant words in context
 - Math- now focusing on 3 key areas algebra, problem solving, geometry/trig
 - Will be offering free online test prep through Khan Academy
 - Sample test questions will be released on April 16th
 - Waiting to see which schools will require the optional writing piece
 - New essay will require evidence, facts to support thesis and persuade an audience
 - Questions:
 - ❖ Should 10th graders even take the "old" PSAT in the fall 2014?
 - ❖ If take SAT in Fall of 2015 with "old" version and "new" version in Spring of 2016 will they still be able to superscore and combine scores? Test reliability
 - No changes in SAT subtest
 - For additional information go to college board website deliveringopportunity.org

Principal Report- Dean Schlanger- Principal, Secondary School

- **School Socials**
 - Jr. Prom- was held 3/1 at Crest Hollow Country Club, thank you at all involved, it was a wonderful night, no issues, kids were so respectful
 - Sr. Prom- 4/5 at North Hempstead Country Club 6:30/8:00-11:00pm
 - ❖ Tickets on sale 3/26, 3/27 and 3/28
- 3rd quarter progress reports will be posted on 3/14 to parent portal
- 3rd quarter ends on 4/4 and reports cards will be posted to parent portal on 4/11
- ELA State Testing for Grades 7 and 8 on April 1- April 3, all students, 7-12 will have a special schedule for those days to optimize class instruction time

CASA Update, Lisa Belinsky, Executive Director

- 3/24-3/28 Health and Fitness Week for 7th -9th graders
 - Will attend Health Fair on 3/26 during gym classes
 - Sponsored by Molloy College Nursing Program
 - "Kick-Butts Day"
- 3/27 Town Hall Meeting with Chris Herren, former NBA star; 7:30pm auditorium will present on his addiction to drugs and alcohol; recommended for parents with students in 7th grade and up
- 3/27 will be an x-day
 - X period, 9-12 will meet Chris Herren in Gym to hear his presentation
 - X period 7-8 will meet in auditorium to hear a presentation by Stephen Dewey
- CASA Fundraiser- Healthy Cooking Healthy Living 4/10 11:30am-1:30pm

Superintendent Report- Charlie Cardillo, Superintendent

- **Budget session 3/8**
 - Presentation/overview of budget 9-10am in band room of High School
- Budget preview:
 - Budget at tax cap this year so do not need a super majority to pass
 - Committed to lowering class size at all levels
 - Looking at music program at elementary level at restoring programs cut in last year's budget
 - Able to make changes without going over the cap because of new teacher contract and decrease in special education costs

School Board Report- Regina Rule- President, School Board

- Have until 4/9 to make comments, suggestions, voice opinion
- Adopt final budget on 4/9
-

SCA Update- Caroline Kenlon, HS SCA President

- **MS MDA Dance 3/7 7:30-9:30**
- **HS Play- The Tempest; 3/14 & 3/15 7:30pm**
- **Senior Prom 4/5**
- **SCA Fair 5/3- Volunteers needed**

Next HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting, April 4th 10:00am in HS Board Room

