



**SCA HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 16th, 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

- SCA helped fund a few students for the AP Exams, all based on need
- Finishing up appointments with high school students about scheduling for next year and continuing to meet with 8th parents and students through May.
- Even though able to add additional sections of classes some students still may not get a class requested because of such high demand for certain classes like business and computer programming.
- Scholarship Committee has been meeting the last 3 months, award ceremony will be June 5th. Committee just gives recommendations to various Scholarships that are being awarded.
- **SAT Changes**
 - Putting together a packet for 9th grade families to begin to educate them about the changes to the SAT's
- **Senior's statistics:**
 - 83 students applied early decision
 - 1/3 of seniors applied early action
 - 62% were accepted early decision
 - 73% were accepted early action

Principal Report- Peter Vercessi- Assistant Principal, Secondary School

- **Senior Frolic**
 - **June 27th 10pm-3am**
 - Must attend a Mandatory Senior Frolic meeting on either 5/21, 5/27, or 6/9 all at 8pm
- Final Exam schedule is posted on website, a week before exams rooms and who will be proctoring exams will be posted
- **Lunch on the Lawn- 5/23 11am-1pm**
 - 320 incoming 7th graders coming for tour of Middle School and lunch
 - 305 from Shelter Rock and Munsey
 - Students bring own lunch, school will serve ices
- **Middle School BBQ Fri 5/20 7:30-9:30**
- **HS Senior activities- June 2nd periods 7-9**
 - BBQ
 - Graduation rehearsal
 - Yearbook distribution
 - Senior sendoff
- **6/16 breakfast for seniors at 9am**, video montage in auditorium at 10am

CASA Update, Lisa Belinsky, Executive Director

- Red Watch Band
 - Program for Seniors
 - Focuses on alcohol awareness and overdose
 - 1 ½ hr. tringing on signs and what to do in an alcohol emergency; harm reduction
 - CPR Training
- **CASA Fundraiser- 6/11** at Whit and Whim in Port Washington 12-2
 - 100% of proceeds will go to CASA during this

Dr. Patrick O'Reilly- District Coordinator for English Language Arts

- **Summer Reading**
 - Summer reading different this year than previous years
 - Recommending that students read first 2 books of the first semester for his/her upcoming English course
 - It will provide student with an advantage and better preparation for material being learned the coming year
 - Changed summer reading requirement because so many varying degrees of participation that each Fall teachers felt was not necessary to have an additional book required over the summer
 - Additional reading links will be sent home as well
 - Social Studies and Science course will provide reading suggestions as well
- **Common Core English**
 - In the process of revising all English courses to incorporate Common Core
 - Meeting with teachers to determine how going to change courses and curriculum for next year to implement the Common Core
 - Each grade level has specific standards that need to be met
 - Goal: is to administer the new Common Core 11th grade English Regents in June of 2015
 - The traditional English regents will be administered to 11th graders this June
 - Manhasset is not adopting NYS English modules to teach English courses. The modules use excerpts of literature. Manhasset will continue to read entire pieces of literature in all of its courses.
 - Non-fiction texts will be embedded into all English curriculum
 - What working on:
 - ❖ Picking new literature for 7th and 8th grade
 - ❖ Finding a new vocabulary program for 7th and 8th grade that focuses on root word, analysis and skills
 - ❖ 9R and 9H looking for new titles. 9R will probably add a Separate Peace and a research paper each quarter. 9H looking to add a nonfiction text to correspond to Hero/Myth unit
 - ❖ 10R adding The Color of Water and 10H looking to add a non fiction text; both courses will focus on persuasive essays and rhetorical writing
 - ❖ 11R- still meeting to better align curriculum to Common Core
 - ❖ Senior English Studies- addition of Shakespeare comedy

SCA Update- Caroline Kenlon, HS SCA President

- **Summer Studies**
 - 11 students selected to receive money to further their studies this summer
- **Thank to you Linda Gurino and all the volunteers from the SCA Fair!**
- **Thank you all that attended the Tiffany's event, they will be donating a substantial donation to the SCA**
- **MS Musical, "Fame Jr." 5/16 and 5/17 at 7:30pm**
- **5/20 BUDGET VOTE and School Board Election 6:30-10:00 HS Gym**
- **5/20 7:30pm College Speaker- Jason Cascone, 21st Century Career Trends**
- **5/28 POPS Concert- 8:00pm HS Gym**

Next HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting in September. Have a great summer!