

Munsey Park SCA Meeting Minutes

Date: September 18, 2013, 9:30am

Subject of Meeting: Back to School Information

Location: Auditorium, Munsey Park School

Presenters: Mrs. Liz Tomaselli, Dr. Kendall, Mrs. Murray, and Mr. Charles Cardillo

Mrs. Liz Tomaselli, SCA President

Mrs. Tomaselli opened the meeting by leading the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Jean Kendall, Munsey Park Principal

Dr. Kendall welcomed everyone back to the school year and thanked Regina Rule, Board President, and Charles Cardillo, Superintendent, for coming to the meeting.

Ice Cream Social for new students a success.

Initiatives for 2013/2014:

- Full Day Kindergarten Implemented.
- Continuation of “Math In Focus” Program (Singapore Math) from k-3. Math in Focus is a rigorous program aligned with the common core standards. Grades 4-6 will continue to use the “Go Math” Program.
- Report Card Revisions. Dr. Kendall and Mr. Geczik, along with the Shared Decision Making Team, will be revising the report card in order to find better ways to communicate how students are doing based on the Common Core standards.
- School Wide Behavior Code (New York State Dignity Act).
- Community Read- Continuation of program where k-6 reads the same book. Parents will receive a letter about the book and suggestions for discussion.
- Continuation of Accelerated Math Program in grades 5 and 6
- Great Body Shop curriculum continued.
- Reading Street reading program continued.
- Writing Program Overview and analysis- Patrick O’Rielly, Mrs. Williams, and Mrs. Murray will analyze our writing program to see if it aligns with common core standards.

New Security Procedures at Munsey Park.

- Beginning Monday, September 23rd, new security procedure in place. Visitors will be asked to leave their drivers license at front desk and to pick it up when leaving the school.
- New Security Monitor to view everyone at door before being let into the school. Intercom will be connected to the outside door to ask who it is and where you are going.
- Badge still required when in school and teachers/staff may ask you where you are going.

- Lock Down Drills- After every fire drill teachers will speak to children about where they would go if they had to be locked in the classroom. During an actual Lock Down Drill students will know what to do.
- Doors can be locked from the inside and new hardware being installed
- Many security measures in place.
- Nassau County Police will have access to our school camera.
- Alarm being installed to notify if school door ajar.
- Burglar alarm in school.
- Tips for parents are on Black Board Connect.

Enrollment: Over 900 children in school. Large enrollment increased anticipated classroom sizes: Kindergarten 17-19 per class, 1st grade 23 students per class, 3rd grade ?, 4th grade 22-24 per class, 5th grade 22-23 per class, 6th 27-28 per class.

Pick up schedule for K-2 has been modified to make dismissal more orderly.

Dr. Kendall introduced new faculty members and leave replacements: Ms. Bennett will be teaching 4th grade as a leave replacement for Mrs. Blank, Ms. Contrada will be teaching 4th grade, Mrs. DiCicco will be coteaching with Mrs. Lockman as a leave replacement for Mrs. Firestone, and Mrs. Stacey Weinstein will be teaching 3rd grade as Mrs. Shapiro's leave replacement.

Dr. Kendall discussed the Behavior Code and Dignity Act- No child can be harassed or bullied in any way. She also discussed Cyber Bullying.

Dr. Kendall gave tips for parents to help children develop friendships (for example, give support, treat others like you want to be treated, show child how to be a good friend, model behavior). She gave tips on how to talk to child if upset (i.e., help your child realize their strength, listen to child and acknowledge their feelings, sense of humor, be kind, show empathy).

Mrs. Murray, Munsey Park Assistant Principal

Mrs. Murray continued discussion about bullying.

Difference between conflict and bullying: Conflict is when children not getting along (i.e., don't like rules of game) but can work it out and want to be friends. Bullying is aggressive, imbalance of power, unwanted negative actions, any negative comment about race, religion, color, weight, national origin, gender, disability, or ethnic group. Bullying will not be tolerated.

Technology - Recommend supervision of child's electronic devices/internet. Need to monitor, discuss realities of internet, discuss real life rules and on line rules. Have access to their passwords and review Internet history. Site for parents to learn about Internet safety is www.netsmartz.org/parents

Mr. Charles Cardillo, Superintendent of Manhasset School District

Welcomed everyone back to school.

Talked about how families should talk to each other instead of technology. Also discussed challenges of technology and stress of school.

Rebound from spring budget vote.

Over 900 enrolled at Munsey and over 800 students at Shelter Rock.

SCA handling transportation cost for limited number of field trips.

Mrs. Liz Tomaselli, SCA President

Mrs. Tomaselli thanked everyone, including all committee members, for supporting the SCA.

Discussed SCA committee details: All flyers from SCA must go through Liz Tomaselli for approval. SCA weekly highlights to go out on Sundays. If something needs to be posted on SCA website it needs to go to Liz Tomaselli and Laura Pavlovich by the prior Wednesday. In order to publicize an SCA event go thru Kristen Stevens. All contracts must be signed by Renee Press. If a room is needed at the school for an event contact the front office for permission. Committee budgets will be given out by Liz Tomaselli who will also handle expense reimbursement. Provide job description for you committee.

Lunch/Recess meeting on Wed. October 2nd at 9:30am or 7pm.