



MANHASSET SCHOOL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Munsey Park/Shelter Rock Joint SCA Meeting Minutes

Date: October 23, 2013, 9:30am

Subject of Meeting: 2014-2015 Science Instruction and Learning Initiative: Creating Broad Scale Opportunities in Science Education for all Manhasset Students

Location: Auditorium, Munsey Park School Library

Presenters: Theresa Curry, District Coordinator for Science, Technology and Health

Mrs. Liz Tomaselli, SCA President

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

Mrs. Theresa Curry, District Coordinator for Science, Technology and Health

Mrs. Curry discussed 2014-2015 Science Initiative that provides broad scale opportunities in science education for Manhasset students. This initiative will begin with the class of 2020 (current 6th grade students) as they enter grade 7 for the 2014-2015 school year. Children currently in grades 7-12 will continue their current science curriculum and will not be impacted by the change.

Change begins with grade 7 where the majority of students will take Physical Science. In this course there will be no state assessments, just a final exam. Physical Science is currently taught in grade 8. This change aligns with the national movement for new science standards. Mrs. Curry discussed how the strength of the elementary program prepares the students for the coursework of this class.

There will also be a Double Accelerated Earth Science Class in 7th grade. This class will be an extremely rigorous class for about 10-15 students who will be in class with 9th and 10th grade students. Admission to this class is based on ELA scores, New York State Assessment Scores, and the Inview Assessment. If qualified for this class, parents and students will meet with Mrs. Curry to decide if the class is appropriate.

8th grade will offer Living Environment Regents, Living Environment Honors (admission based on school performance, final and teacher recommendation) and LEAPES(continuation of double accelerated path).

9th grade will offer Earth Science Regents, Earth Science Honors, AP Environmental and Earth Science, and AP Biology (for those in double accelerated path).

10th grade will offer Environmental Science, Chemistry Elective (new non regents elective), Chemistry Regents, Chemistry Honors, and AP Chemistry (double accelerated path).

11th grade offers Chemistry Elective, Environmental Science, Physics Regents, AP Environmental Science, AP Chemistry, AP Biology, and AP Physics 1.

12th grade offers Forensics, Physics Regents, APES, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics 1, AP Physics 2, and AP Physics C.



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**Please see Science Curriculum flow chart in power point presentation link below for list and flow of science classes. Rationale for changes in science program: More electives, allow more AP courses, and reduced number of state assessments. Also, students can more easily transition between levels of rigor, not content, while staying with same grade.

This presentation can be viewed at several places:

The Board of Education Website has links to this presentation.

Mrs. Curry has a link to the presentation on her website.

<http://www.manhasset.k12.ny.us/webpages/tcurry/>

A Science Initiative Vodcast and the accompanying Power Point slides can be found at:

<http://www.manhasset.k12.ny.us/news.cfm?story=1393&school=0>

Mrs. Curry welcomes feedback and questions about the science program. Please email her at: scienceinitiative@manhasset.k12.ny.us

Mr. Charles Cardillo, Superintendent of Manhasset School District

Thanked Therea Curry and commented on the Manhasset's Science Initiative

Mrs. Regina Rule, Board of Education President

Encouraged parents to attend the Community Education Committee Listening Tour with Superintendent Charlie Cardillo.

Mrs. Rule also encouraged parents to attend the Board of Education Meetings.