



SCA Parent Council Meeting Minutes Shelter Rock Elementary School Thursday Nov. 14, 2013 9:30 a.m.

Kristin Mulholland –Shelter Rock SCA President

- Opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the third parent council meeting this school year .
- Thanked the chairs of photo day, the 5th and 6th grade Halloween party, and Red Ribbon Week. Also thanked CASA for their programs on bullying for grades K-6.
- Stated that SCA funded transportation for field trips, grades 3 and 6 and kindergarten.
- Reminded everyone to be on the look-out for extended extra sign -ups for the winter session.
- The Kids Holiday Bazaar is still open for volunteers to sign up on sign-up genius.
- School Concert dates were announced.

Maria Brunetti –Kids Holiday Bazaar Chairperson

- The Kids Holiday Bazaar is designed to be a safe child-focused environment where children can learn how to budget and spend wisely, while they also experience "Joy of Giving". There are volunteers still needed starting Nov. 20nd through Nov. 27th, and you may sign up on the sign-up genius.

Nurse Pat Galway– Shelter Rock School Nurse

- Nurse Pat is here to discuss the Anaphylaxis Policy and Wellness Policy. There are these two policies that the Manhasset School Board has adopted and there is some confusion regarding the food portion of these policies.
- Anaphylaxis Policy # 5426 was adopted in 2008 and amended in 2012. The New York State health law states that there needs to be a plan for prevention and treatment of anaphylaxis at school. The School Board policy is that the students identified with anaphylaxis should not share food or utensils.
- Part 1 of this policy states that students not consume any food in the classroom not sent in by student's own parent. The School asks that the parents send in safe snacks for these students. When there is a celebration, the student consumes ONLY his/her own snack brought in. Remember anaphylaxis TRUMPS wellness policy.
- The Wellness Policy adopted in 2006 amended in 2012 supports healthy eating and physical activity. The aim is to reduce childhood obesity and promote good nutrition. The policy aims to include fresh natural foods, foods lower in sugar and



fats and this is implemented by the food service vendors. In preparation for a classroom celebration, parents need to provide the list of ingredients of foods being served 7 days prior to the party.

Confusion ensues since parents of children with food allergies are accustomed to reading food labels, they may think they are being asked to “approve” a treat for their child for specific celebrations.. The

School has to go back to the Anaphylaxis Policy and say no, safe snacks need to be sent in by parents. The intent is to keep the students safe, and avoid accidental exposure to unsafe foods.

- Under the Wellness Policy, candy is discouraged as birthday treats. Pencils, stickers are a good idea, where the emphasis is away from food. Some parents appreciate the list of ingredients because of cultural differences as well.
- The school is not peanut free. The cafeteria service vendors do not serve tree nuts or peanuts, but it is a false sense of security to think the school is nut free.
- Kristin Mulholland reminded us that Leslie Fleck is working on the school directory which should be out next week. Also all information can be found in the highlights on the manhassetsca.org website.
- Regina Rule reminded that Charlie Cardillo will be conducting a meeting Nov. 20th at 7:30 pm to answer any questions about the future direction. Also informed of upcoming meeting dates.
- The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Next Parent Council meeting will be at Shelter Rock on January 22nd 2014 at 7:30 pm. It will be a joint meeting with Munsey Park.

