



## **SCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Friday, September 12, 2014

**Call to Order:** 9:12 am

**Meeting adjourned:** 9:57 am

**Officers Present:** Tricia Cash, Liz Tsalikis, Cathy Conniff, Kristin Mulholland, Kim Haggerty, Caroline Kenlon, Jill Pullano

### **Executive President's Welcome – Tricia Cash**

- Tricia welcomed all to the first meeting of the school year.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Executive President's Report – Tricia Cash**

- Tricia introduced the Executive Board and Kristen Ryan, the Executive Vice President.
- Tricia thanked the school presidents and the Hospitality Committee chairpersons for helping with the Superintendent's Day breakfast on August 28. She indicated that it is a great way to show the teachers that we value and appreciate them.
- The SCA membership drive is underway. Please show your support for the SCA by submitting your payment.
- Thank you to Project Share for using the proceeds from the MPWC Fun Run to purchase backpacks and sneakers for a significant number of students at each of the schools. Modell's provided a 10% discount on the purchase as well as an extra \$500 in gift cards, totaling a donation valued at \$1,150. In addition, Raindeew provided for a very significant discount for the backpacks that were purchased at their store. Thank you to Amy Hill, Ariana Brock, and Rachel Caton.
- Wheatley Plaza Gives Back is a charity event scheduled for September 18-20. Raffle tickets are currently on sale.
- Since the last meeting, the SCA has funded the following programs for Manhasset students: Summer Studies, Educational Grants, and Summer Activities. For the coming year, we have secured Enrichment programs and we are funding the transportation costs for one field trip per elementary school grade.

### **Executive Secretary's Report – Jill Pullano**

- Approval of Minutes:
  - Minutes were approved from the June 10, 2014 Open Executive Board Meeting.
- Report of interim board votes:
  - On June 19, 2014 the Executive Board approved a proposal to request that the Manhasset Board of Education accept a gift or gifts, not to exceed \$250,000, for a mutually agreed upon future capital project, from the Manhasset School Community Association.
  - On September 8, 2014 the Executive Board approved expenditures for the enrichment program for the 2014-2015 school year in the amount of \$20,100.

### **Executive Treasurer's Report – Liz Tsalikis**

- Financial results for the year ended August 31, 2014 are available for review.

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- The 2014-2015 approved budget is also available for review. Committee chairpersons are reminded to stay within their budgeted amounts.
- The Executive Board approved the 2014-2015 budget.

### Presidents' Reports

#### High School - Caroline Kenlon

- Caroline welcomed everyone back to a new year. The High School Vice President is Margie Suga, Finance Chair is Kathryn Clejan, and the Recording Secretary is Bernadette Doherty.
- SCA Email/Directory Form and Volunteer Forms were included in the June 2014 mailing. Directory chair Amy Keogh has received all forms that were mailed, if you still need to add a 7th grader or make a change, forms are on the SCA website. Please contact Amy with any questions or concerns. We hope to go to print by September 30.
- The 12th Grade Parent Meeting will be held September 15 at 7:30 pm. The Guidance department runs the meeting, with the main focus being the final leg of the college application process. There will also be reminders about the Senior Banquet, scheduled for November 12, 2014, from co-chairs, Deanna Durso and Mary Felman as well as the Frolic, scheduled for June 26, 2015, from co-chairs Seval LaRocca and Lisa Middleton.
- The Wheatley Plaza shopping event to benefit the SCA will be similar to Champions for Charity. Please register at [wpgivesback.org](http://wpgivesback.org)
- Photos Day/ID Cards will take place during gym periods September 18 – 19. High School Chair Karen Barnes will be scheduling volunteers. Senior portraits started September 9 and end today.
- Parent council meetings will immediately follow the Executive Board meetings going forward. Please stay to hear a presentation from Summer Studies Chairperson, Christine Shah. In addition, three student recipients will share their experiences.
- Upcoming Events:
  - September 22 and 29: HS Mini College Fairs
  - September 17: HS Open House
  - October 1: 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Guidance Parent Meeting, 7:30 pm
  - October 10: Next HS Parent Council Meeting

#### Middle School – Kim Haggerty

- The Middle School Vice President is Lauren Barrett, the Finance Chair is Susan Powers, and the Recording Secretary is Bernadette Doherty.
- Tuesday, September 2 was the 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation and Opening Day Picnic. Thank you to Jill Pullano and her committee for organizing a great event on what could have been the hottest day of the year.
- Wednesday, September 10 was the MS Open House. Parents had an opportunity to get an overview of their child's school year and meet their teachers. Thank you to Justine Lennon, Andrea Phelan, Lauren Barrett and Mollye Fahey for their help with the evening. Also thank you to Laura Petras and the volunteers from the National Honor Society that acted as guides throughout the building to help parents.
- Friday, September 12 is our first MS dance of the year. The Welcome Back Dance is 7:30-9:30 in the gym. They are collecting a \$10 donation to cover cost of class t-shirts. There will be a DJ and photo booth to help the students kick off the year in style. It should be a great night! Thank you in advance to the evening's volunteers.
- September 18 & 19 are MS Photo Days. You should have received a form in the mail. Students should bring the completed form and personal check with them to the gym on whichever of those days have they have gym class in order to have their picture taken. Any questions please contact Nancy Schlaefer at [schlaefer1@mac.com](mailto:schlaefer1@mac.com).

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- Erin Kurkjian and Lori Kearns are beginning to plan for the Halloween party. Contact Erin at [erinkurk@aol.com](mailto:erinkurk@aol.com) if you'd like to get involved.
- This year we have a very high enrollment with 317 7<sup>th</sup> graders and 276 8<sup>th</sup> graders currently enrolled at the Middle School.

### **Munsey Park – Cathy Conniff**

- The Munsey Park Vice President is Noreen LeBenne, the Finance Chair is Heidi Franchetti, and the Recording Secretary is Caryn Sawyer.
- The ice cream social on August 27 was well attended with over 30 new students. Special thanks to Lucy Puma for making the event a success.
- The SCA hosted a breakfast for the teachers and administrators on August 27. Everyone seemed happy to be back.
- The first day of school, September 2, ran smoothly. We have 860 students enrolled with 42 new students.
- On September 8 we held a meeting for Room Representatives for Grades K-1. We went over policies and procedures for open house, emails, class lists and food in the classroom.
- On September 9 the New Parents Welcome, an informative meeting for parents with children entering the school as students for the first time, was well attended. Munsey Park 6<sup>th</sup> graders came to speak about what they love about school, including student council, art, music and gym. Dr. Kendall spoke about the school, including the behavior code. The parents also heard from Charlie Cardillo, the math and reading specialists and the social worker.
- We had our first Parent Council Meeting on September 10. Dr. Kendall introduced the new teachers and staff. Charlie Cardillo and Regina Rule welcomed everyone back to school and spoke about upcoming events. Committee chairs requested volunteers.
- Upcoming Events:
  - September 16: Open House, Grades K-1
  - September 23: Open House, Grades 2-3
  - September 30: Open House, Grades 4-6
  - September 30 & October 1: Photo Days
  - October 7: Lunch/Recess Volunteer Meeting

### **Shelter Rock - Kristin Mulholland**

- The Shelter Rock Vice President is Leslie Fleck, the Finance Chair is Jodi Mondiello, the Recording Secretary is Kim Newman.
- Shelter Rock had its first Parent Council meeting on September 11. Mr. Gezcik informed us about enrollment and staff changes this year. As of September 11 we have 802 students. We have 5 sections in each grade, except for grade 5, which has 6 sections.
- Thank you to Claudine Welti for running our successful School Supply Sale with Raindeew.
- The Shelter Rock New Parent meeting was September 9. 48 new parents attended this meeting. We have 63 new students this year.
- The Shelter Rock Room Representatives meeting for Grades K-1 was on September 8. The meeting for grades 2-6 will be at 9:15 am on September 16.
- Our Lunch Volunteer Meetings this year are September 16 at 6:30pm, September 19 at 8:45 am, and September 23 at 6:30pm.

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- Open House for Grades K-1 is at 7 pm on September 16, for Grades 2-3 at 7 pm on September 23, and for Grades 4-6 at 7 pm on September 30.
- Whitney Godfrey and Tara LaSalle will be chairing Photo Day.
- Jen Balsamo and Denise St. Jeanos will chair Red Ribbon Week this year. Jen handed our brochures and information about CASA at our last Parent Council meeting.
- Please visit the SCA website, Manhasset.sca.org, to receive our Weekly Highlights and School News.
- Upcoming Events:
  - October 7-8: Photo Day
  - November 12: Photo Make Up Day
  - October 22: The next Parent Council Meeting at 9:30 am at Munsey Park

### Superintendent's Update – Charles Cardillo

- Charlie reiterated the theme of the Welcome Back Letter, that we are a student centered school system.
- There is a commitment to ongoing improvement in both instruction and facilities planning.
- The commitment to instruction includes blending the many new staff members with experienced staff, frequent unannounced visits to the class room by administrators to provide support and feedback, fostering a collegiate and professional environment, and identifying appropriate individuals during the recruiting process.
- Facilities are in need of refocused efforts. Overall enrollment is increasing. The Board of Education will define scope of the bond referendum in October with a vote planned for December.
- Theresa Curry, the science coordinator for the district, will be the new assistant principal at Munsey Park.

### Board of Education Update – Regina Rule

- Opinions and feedback on the facilities plan are welcomed from the community.
- It is important to communicate with community members who do not have children in the school system. Especially with the skeptics. Encourage attendance at facilities planning meetings.
- The CAC is in need of members. (Pat Aiken)

### Executive Committee Updates

- Tricia announced the Executive Committee Chairs and Liaison Appointees
  - Community Education: Christy Weppler, TBD
  - Educational Grants: Annie Vetrone, Pam Kenlon
  - Enrichment: Joy Sargent (MP), Kathy Tiliakos (SR)
  - Family Theatre: Christine Schwartz
  - Health and Wellness: Nazli Diba, Kathy Gray, Katie Lane
  - Historian: Renee Press
  - Legal Counsel: Christina Whitaker
  - Membership: Patty Miller, Erica Kinloch
  - Nominating: Tara LaSalle, Missy Leder
  - Planet Manhasset: Angela Classi, Iliza Bartles
  - Project Share: Amy Hill, Rachel Caton, Ariana Brock

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- Publicity: Christy Wepler (All SCA publicity from the Executive Committee, as well as from each school, must be cleared by Christy Wepler prior to publication.)
- Saturday Series: Melissa Choivitti, Sheila Riley (New Chairs are Needed for the Spring Session)
- Senior Frolic: Seval LaRocca, Lisa Middleton
- Summer Studies: Christine Shah
- Webmaster: Laura Pavlovich
- Ways & Means Treasurer: Santina Petruso
- Board of Education: Pat Aiken, Regina Rule
- CASA: Arda Haratunian
- PASE: Bianca DeGaudenzi, Renee McMahon
- SEPTA: Diane Treacy, Joanne Thalheimer

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Jill Pullano

**SCA Executive Board Secretary**