



## [Munsey Park SCA Meeting Minutes](#)

Date: September 10, 2014, 9:30am

Subject of Meeting: Welcome back

Location: Auditorium, Munsey Park School

### **Mrs. Cathy Conniff, SCA President**

Mrs. Conniff opened the meeting by leading the room in the Pledge of Allegiance. She then discussed the purpose of the SCA and introduced Dr. Jean Kendall, Principal of Munsey Park Elementary School.

### **Dr. Jean Kendall, Munsey Park Elementary School Principal**

Dr. Kendall welcomed all parents and introduced new teachers and staff. She welcomed Mr. Tom Travers, P/T art teacher; Dr. Jennifer Savino, leave replacement psychologist for Dr. Rena; Mrs. Shaz Panzik, registered school nurse; Mrs. Kerri Briody, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher; Ms. Maggie Magovern, Special Education Teacher; Samantha Madonna, Orchestra teacher; Ms. Debbie Sullivan, supervisory aide; Jyne Benisatto, supervisory aide; Ms. Tara Gibbons, substitute teacher for Mrs. Peet; Ms. Mallory Anger, leave replacement teacher for Ms. Mallowney.

Dr. Kendall also said goodbye to Mrs. Murray who will be leaving her position as Assistant Principal of Munsey Park to become an Assistant Principle in Great Neck. Dr. Kendall welcomed Mrs. Theresa Curry who will replace Mrs. Murray.

Dr. Kendall also mentioned that if you are not getting emails from Blackboard Connect to call the main office and ask for Tammy Flynn.

Dr. Kendall also spoke about how the Dignity Team has adapted a rubric to the behavioral code where children can determine their own results when an incident occurs.

### **Mr. Charles Cardillo, Superintendent of Manhasset School District**

Mr. Cardillo discussed small class size for the 2014-2015 school year. He also discussed how new teachers would have support and supervision with frequent unannounced mini visits and follow-up with administration. Discussed the district's commitment to the improvement of instruction with improving the process of teacher evaluations. Staff survey results are supportive of the process of ongoing improvement of instruction.

Mr. Cardillo also said goodbye to Mrs. Murray and discussed the addition of Mrs. Theresa Curry as Assistant Principal. Mrs. Curry has been the coordinator of k-12 science for the past 6 years and has 14 years of administrative experience.

Mr. Cardillo also discussed the district's commitment to the on going improvement of facilities. He discussed the Board of Education leaning towards a Bond Referendum vote in December 2014, which will be in the 20-25 million dollar range. The proposed renovations will be mostly student centered such as science classroom/lab renovations, fine arts and music/art room renovations, and food services space improvements which would include the expansion and renovation of the Munsey Park School and the Secondary School dining areas as well as placing AC in all 3 schools dining areas. Improvements also include renovations to the facilities at Memorial Field and the reconstruction of 4 tennis courts at the David Dorman Tennis Center. Mr. Cardillo encouraged all to attend the next three Bond Referendum meetings on 9/18, 10/7 and 10/9.



## **Mrs. Regina Rule, Board of Education President**

Mrs. Rule welcomed all parents and announced the Board of Education meeting schedule for the Bond Referendum scope of work discussions. These meetings will take place in the Secondary School Board Room at 8pm and will focus on the following themes:

- 9/18- Science, food services, and athletic renovations
- 10/2- Fine arts and other infrastructure projects
- 10/7- Final decisions on scope of project
- 10/9- Adoption of Final Resolution Pursuant to Bond Referendum

Mrs. Rule also reminded all to vote for the school budget on May 19, 2015

Mrs. Rule also encouraged parents to contact the SCA presidents or the BOE with any questions.

## **Mrs. Cathy Conniff, SCA President**

Mrs. Conniff welcomed and thanked chairs of Munsey Park SCA committees and invited them to say a few words:

SCA Luncheon Chairs- Need volunteers and donations for Luncheon, which is November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Jennifer O'Neil and Jo-Jo Conlan, Chairs for 5-6 grade Halloween Party- Need volunteers prior to party as well during party to come in costume.

Jen Sheerin, School Directory- Only need to return directory forms if you opt out of directory, have a change in information (but not for new teacher or grade), and if a new student including all kindergarten students.

Christine Schwartz-Family Theatre Chair- Performances on December 6 of "Frosty the Snowman," and February 7, "Miss Nelson is Missing." Can use volunteers to sell tickets and help with open house.

Trish Dessi, Planet Manhasset Chairs- Plan to work on gardens and the recycling programs at Munsey Park School. They need volunteers.

Jen Johnston, Red Ribbon Week Chair- Red Ribbon week takes place the last week of October and will focus on antibullying and antidrugs. There will be workshops for parents such as the Active Parenting Now series beginning 10/29 and a Pharmaceutical take back event on 9/27 from 10-2pm at LIJ and drop off also at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Present Police Center. Discussed the Manhasset Coalition Against Substance Abuse (CASA) and the importance of awareness of drug and alcohol abuse in our community. Recent statistics from local hospitals state that 2 high school students a month are admitted to ER for alcohol poisoning. CASA has a parent volunteer arm and all are welcomed at attend their parent committee meeting on Thursday, September 18 which takes place in the Secondary School Board Room at 9am.

Melissa Chiovitti, Chair of Saturday Series-Will need a new chair for the winter session.

Mrs. Conniff also mentioned the SCA fundraiser at Wheatley Plaza September 18-20. Shop at Wheatly Plaza on those days and 25% of pretax purchases will go to the SCA. You need to register online to get a give back card at [wpgivesback.org](http://wpgivesback.org)