



SCA HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 13, 2015, 10:00am
Manhasset Secondary School Board Room

Welcome

- **Caroline Kenlon, HS SCA President**
- **Kim Haggerty, MS SCA President**

SCA Reports and Business

- Senior Prom – 4/28 at The Garden City Hotel. Tickets on sale March 25th – 27th
- MS held 1st Annual Dance for Cure on March 6th – raised \$950 for MWCABC
- MS Health and Wellness week is 3/23 – 3/27, sponsored by CASA and SCA
- Linda Gurino, SCA Chair, gave quick update. The SCA Fair is in need of volunteers and donations. Journal ads are behind as compared to previous years.

Guidance Update - Jane Grappone, Director of Guidance / Counseling 7-12

- 8th Grade conferences in full swing; working on schedules for next year; expect to be completed by end of May
- Middle School website should be completed by end of year
- Conferences for 9th and 11th grades are in full swing
- Monthly reminders for each grade 9 – 12 have been distributed
- Check website for summer opportunities; also scholarship opportunities
- Overview of changes to SAT/PSAT will be discussed at 10th grade Parent Night; still much uncertainty with new SAT; additional Parent Night for 9th grade will be scheduled
- Khan Academy is ramping up for new SAT
- AP exams are offered in May
- Career Night will be held on 3/25; topic: Career Trends in Business; Career Night on 4/21 will focus on Career Trends in Pharmaceuticals (Pharmacy and Health Services)

Special Presentation – Thomas Elkins, Coordinator of Science, Technology and Health

- See website for the Secondary Science Course Flow Chart discussed
- Curriculum changes will have greatest impact on this year's 7th Graders
- New Living Environments (Regents and Honors) Class offered next year
- Extra support will be offered to next year's 8th graders
- Double accelerated classes – demanding and intense
- Flexibility built into system- same courses/same time/various levels

Principal Report – Dean Schlanger, Principal Manhasset Secondary School

- Art Gallery – 95% complete; expected completion in late April
- Junior Prom – great night; zero problems
- Senior Prom - \$185 – expensive, but what the students have chosen
- Irvin Simon – picture and background selection will be put on-line next year for seniors
- Social Studies Honor Society – special guest speaker and book signing on Wednesday, 4/22. Phil Klay, author of *Redeployment* is the winner of a 2014 National Book award for fiction.
- Q3 changes due to end of quarter tests, too many tests on Thur/Fri; will be spread out over the last two weeks
- MS Math and ELA tests after Spring Break – regular school hours for all students

- Schedules have been amended to ensure all MS students will see all teachers (for a shorter time) during testing days
- Final Exam schedule has been posted – driven by State Regents exams, rooms, proctors, etc.)
- Grade 8 – 11 Course recommendations in progress; 7th grade only Science
- Honors overrides must be submitted between 4/17 and 5/7

CASA Update – Caryn Sawyer, Executive Director

- Upcoming Programs
 1. March 18 - Narcan Educational and Training Program
 2. March 23 – 27 MS Health and Wellness Week
 3. April 23 – Hang Up and Drive with Jacy Good
 4. April 29 - Power of Parenting - Raising Confident and Healthy Girls
 5. June 3rd and 4th - Red Watch Band Program
- See CASA website for more details

Charles Cardillo, Superintendent, Manhasset School District

- Budget meetings on March 31 and April 8
- Still need definitive information from State
- The goal of the 2015-2016 Preliminary Budget is to continue to restore and to rebuild aspects of the “4 A’s” – Academics, Arts, Athletics and Activities – that were negatively impacted by the 2013-14 budget votes.
- Budget is within the allowable Tax Levy Cap
- Budget Information is available on the District website: www.manhassetsschools.org
- Need to hear from the community
- Encourage people to register to vote
- Budget vote is Tuesday May 19 – 6:30 a.m. – 10 p.m. at the High School Gym

Next HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting, April 17th, 2015 Secondary School Boardroom