



SCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, June 10, 2016

Call to Order: 9:11am

Meeting Adjourned: 10:05am

Officers Present: Lisa Grygiel, Kristen Ryan, Katie Lane, Jeannette Reilly, Cathy Conniff, Leslie Fleck and Liz Tsalikis

Executive President's Welcome – Lisa Grygiel

Pledge of Allegiance

Executive Secretary's Report – Katie Lane

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2016, SCA Open Executive Board Meeting.

Report of Interim Votes:

- The proposal to spend \$3,234 in student assistance for 11 students to attend the junior prom, 8 students to attend the senior prom and 4 students to take 12 AP exams was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Thursday, May 5, 2016.
- The proposal to spend \$310 to assist 5 Munsey Park 6th graders with the cost of the Splish Splash trip was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Monday, May 16, 2016.
- The proposal to pay \$7,204.94 for the SR trip to Splish Splash was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Monday, May 23, 2016.
- The proposal to send a total of 8 children from Munsey Park and Shelter Rock to Summer Center at \$250 each, was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Monday, May 23, 2016.
- The proposal to pay \$5,000 to award each top 20 student with a \$250.00 head of the class award, was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Sunday, June 5, 2016.
- The proposal to pay \$4,892.20 to Splish Splash for the Munsey Park 6th grade trip was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Tuesday, June 7, 2016.
- The proposal to pay \$2,644.72 to Huntington Coach for the busing for the MP trip to Splish Splash was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Wednesday, June 8, 2016.

Treasurer's Report – Liz Tsalikis

2015-2016 Budget

-SCA budgeted revenue sources exceeded plan:

- Membership Dues exceeded plan by over \$2,700
- The Secondary School Photo Day Commission check of \$8,700 was received and deposited in June so it's not reflected on the May financials.
- Saturday Series performed very well with a profit of almost \$40,000.

-Educational grants are expected to be paid shortly as are Enrichment expenses and audit fees.

-Both Munsey Park and Shelter Rock had very successful years with the Book Fair, Extended Extras, Photo Day and Spirit Wear.

-Splish Splash trip expenses have been paid in June and any remaining Staff Appreciation Luncheon Expenses will be paid.

2016-2017 Budget

-The 2016-2017 budget is similar to last year's with some relocation of funds. We will transfer \$23,500 from savings to compensate for the decrease in SCA Luncheon and SCA Fair revenue, which was down about 20%.

-We reduced Educational Grants by \$2,000 and Community Education by \$500, increased Planet Manhasset by a \$1,000, and decreased Enrichment by \$3,000, as they have not spent the entire budget during the last 2 years.

-We removed the Speakers Bureau line from Middle School and combined it with the High School line.

-The 2016-2017 SCA Budget was approved by the SCA Executive Board.

Audit Committee will meet this summer after we receive the Audit Report from the Accountant for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year.

President's Reports

High School – Jeanette Reilly

- The National Honor Society Brunch was held on Sunday, May 15th at Plandome Country Club. The SCA assisted the NHS Advisor, Mrs. Laura Petras, in hosting a wonderful event for a very deserving group of students. Mr. Chris Keen was this year's student chosen honoree. Always a highlight of this great morning is when the senior students line up and proudly announce the college they will be attending in the fall! 175 students, parents and staff were in attendance.
- On Tuesday, May 17th, SCA volunteers were up bright & early to hang balloons throughout town to remind the community to participate in the annual school budget vote. Thank you to the volunteers who participated in this early bird event! A special thank you to Kristen Ryan, our Community Education Committee (CEC) Chair, and the CEC members who helped disseminate factual budget information throughout the year.

- Also on May 17th, the SCA and the MHS Guidance Department, hosted a College Panel Presentation. Admission representatives from Wesleyan, Binghamton, Marist, Fordham, Adelphi, Villanova and Yale were in attendance. The panel discussed specific information related to their College/University, and also shared general information to assist students and parents in navigating the college admissions process. Prior to the panel discussion, the SCA hosted a dinner (in the SPA!) for the panel participants and our guidance crew. It provided a wonderful opportunity for our staff and the college representatives to get to know each other, share information and exchange ideas to better assist students.
- The Staff Appreciation Luncheon was held on Wednesday, May 18th. Thank you to Kim Newman and Nancy Albanese for co-chairing this great event for 300 MS/HS staff members!
- On Thursday, June 9th I was honored to attend the Senior Awards Night and present 20 students with *The SCA Head of the Class Award*. These 20 students achieved the top (weighted) GPA's in the Class of 2016:
Elizabeth Butcher, Caprice Catalano, Katerina Catalo, Brooke DiGia, Jason Fiacco, Thomas Gold, Daniela Haigian, Julia Henry, Vedaant Kukadia, Samantha McCormick, James Mo, John Petrakis, Elizabeth Petras, Alexandra Pidedjian, Kevin Sadhu, Alexander Schwartz, Kimberly Te, Jenna Tishler, Joseph Tripodoro, Isabelle Van Roy
CONGRATULATIONS from the SCA!!
- On June 13th, the last day of scheduled classes, the SCA hosted a special *Senior Send-Off Breakfast* for the Class of 2016. Bagels, muffins, fruit, a yogurt parfait bar ...yearbook signing, and lots of laughs! It was the perfect ending to mark a great new beginning for the Class of 2016!

Middle School – Kim Haggerty

- The Middle School held a successful 6th grade Transition Panel on April 19th. It was very well attended.
- Thank you to Kim Newman and Nancy Albanese and all of the volunteers for a wonderful Secondary School Staff Appreciation Luncheon on May 18th. It was a great day and the staff enjoyed everything.
- On May 17th the 6th Graders came to the Middle School for their annual tour and lunch on the lawn. The SCA provided ices for them to enjoy. Thank you to the 8th grade NJHS members for escorting them around the school and the 6th grade parent volunteers.
- On Friday, June 3rd, we held our MS End of Year BBQ. Thank you to co-chairs, Katie Lane and Cristina Rieppi and the many volunteers that made this a perfect night.
- Thank you to GLCs Lori Kearns and Jen LoPinto for organizing, ordering and distributing the 8th grade t-shirts this year. This is a gift the SCA provides to all 8th graders as a way to congratulate them on promoting to the high school. Many of the students wore the t-shirt to the BBQ on June 3rd.
- On Friday, June 10th the 6th graders will attend the Marie Rogers Friday Night Live from 5:15 to 7PM in the MS gym. This is a guidance run event. The SCA will provide pizza and water. Thank you to the 6th grade parent volunteers.
- Middle School Summer Packets will be sent home to incoming 7th graders though backpack express in their 6th grade homerooms. Incoming 8th graders will receive their Summer Packet by email through their GLCs. All Summer Packets will include a letter with important dates, a directory form, volunteer form and MS supply list. All forms are due back in July.

- Next HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting is on Friday, September 16th at 10am.

Munsey Park – Cathy Conniff

- April 22nd was Earth Day/Go Green Day. Thank you to Saskia Valentine and Trish Desi, our MP Planet Manhasset chairs, who organized a contest for the students to celebrate Earth Day. The contest was “Recycled Art” and winners were selected from each grade.
- May 4th was the Joint Parent Council Meeting at Shelter Rock on Math Placement. Mr. Ray Scalossi presented.
- May 7th was the SCA Fair. Thank you to Linda Gurino and the many volunteers who made it a success.
- The week of May 9th was Children’s Book Week. Students in Kindergarten through 4th grade had guest readers and characters come to their library class. 5th grade students did a scavenger hunt. Students also participated in a poster contest. Thank you to Nazli Diba and Kim Farkouh for chairing the event.
- May 18^h was the Staff Appreciation Luncheon. Thank you to Joy Sargent, Susan Sabiston and Georgia Katsoulis for chairing and all the parents who donated and volunteered their time.
- June 9th was the Munsey Park Field Days.

Upcoming Events:

- Munsey Park Promotional Ceremony is June 22nd at 9:30am.
- Munsey Park Promotional Party is June 22nd from 6:30- 8:30pm in the Munsey Park gym. Thank you to Kristin Perfetto and Joy Sargent who are chairing the event and the many committee members working on the event.

Thank you to all the Munsey Park Committee Chairs and volunteers for their efforts and work this year!

Shelter Rock – Leslie Fleck.

- Children’s Book Week was May 9th-May 13th. Thank you to Fay Xenokostas and Chris-Marie Tzavelis for chairing this event.
- Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon was May 18th and enjoyed by all. Thank you to Alexandra Beschel, Jodi Mondiello and Sabrina Scheer for chairing this meaningful event.
- Kindergarten Screening was May 2-6, 9&10. The SCA provided informational folders, pretzels and water.
- Grade 6 Lunch on the Lawn was May 27th.
- NY State Science Performance Test Grade 4 was May 25-27, June 6
- Field Day for Grades 1 and 2 was June 2nd
- Field Day for Grades 3 and 4 was June 9th
- Field Day/BBQ for Grades 5 and 6 is rescheduled for June 13th
- Thanks to all the parents who volunteered to help at the BBQ!

- Last Shelter Rock Parent Council Meeting of the 2015/16 school year was June 8th. We honored 8 SR retirees: Beth Davidson, Kathy Mitchell, Pat Dlugokencky, Nancy Fender, Florence Harrington, Fran Shackel, Bernadette Bourazeris (Coach B) and Irene Tardo.

Upcoming Events

- Grade 6 Marie Rogers Friday Night Live is Friday, June 10th, 5:15-7pm
- Grade 6 Splish Splash trip is June 17th. Thank you to Michaela Sheridan and Helen Petras for organizing this trip.
- Grade 6 Yearbook distribution and visit from Yianni is June 20th. Thank you to Katie DeRasse, Zari Ginsberg and Elizabeth Owen for taking on the huge task of putting together the 6th grade yearbook.
- Grade 6 T-Shirt distribution is June 21. Thank you to Liz Blaney and Rosanna Massaro for designing the 6th grade t-shirts this year.
- Grade 6 Promotional Assembly is June 22nd at 8:45am. Breakfast is immediately following hosted by the 5th grade parents.
- Grade 6 Promo Party is June 23rd, 6:30-8:30pm in the gym. The theme is “Class of 2022 Sets Sail For Middle School”. Thank you to Kathy Pappas and Raquel George for chairing this event.
- Half days are June 23rd and 24th
- The next Parent Council Meeting is September 15th at 9:30am at Shelter Rock.

Superintendent Update – Charlie Cardillo

Enrollment - 6th grade enrollment at Munsey Park is trending high. Parents are concerned that too many students will be in a class and that Munsey Park is getting over crowded. Charlie met with 25 parents to discuss their concerns. The school administration has always advocated for appropriate class sizes and is always comparing our class sizes to those at other local schools. The administration is monitoring enrollment every two weeks as we get closer to the start of the next school year. At Shelter Rock the kindergarten numbers are trending low. Looks like there will be 4 sections of kindergarten at Shelter Rock. First grade is trending higher.

Regents Exam Testing – Next year all regents exams will be given in the first week of final exams, except for Chemistry. New York City had an issue with spreading the regents exams over two weeks so they’ve now been front loaded in the exam schedule. This change may make it more difficult for our students.

Busing – Huntington Coach has been an outstanding partner since 2005 without any increase in pricing. However, there will be an increase for the 2016-2017 school year in the range of \$400,000, primarily due to the need to relocate the buses. As a result, the administration has put out a request for proposal to other bus companies and also is studying the school’s financials to figure out how to best fund this increase. The cost of utilities is currently running lower than budget so this could be used to offset part of the bus cost increase. Currently, the Huntington Coach buses are stored at a lot on Shore Road in Port Washington.

CASA Update - Cathy Samuels

Cathy Samuels presented a slide show entitled: Manhasset CASA A Year in Review. CASA's many initiatives were reviewed including, Red Ribbon Week, Active Parenting, CASA Coffees, Power of Parenting Series, Middle School Health and Wellness Week and the Talk They Hear You Campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Lane
SCA Executive Board Secretary