



SCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, September 11, 2015

Call to Order: 9:05am

Meeting Adjourned: 9:58am

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

Executive President's Welcome – Lisa Grygiel

Lisa welcomed everyone to the first SCA Meeting of the year and. Lisa also introduced the new Executive Board.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence - In remembrance of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

Executive President's Report – Lisa Grygiel

- The SCA hosted a breakfast for the teachers and administrators on August 31st. The breakfast showed the teachers how much the SCA values them.
- The SCA Membership drive is underway. Please show your support for the SCA by submitting your dues and encourage friends to do the same.
- Project Share used the proceeds from the MPWC Fun Run to purchase school supplies and sneakers for 150 district children from all four schools.
- The SCA funded educational grants for 26 Manhasset High School students.
- For the coming year, the SCA will fund Enrichment programs and the transportation for one field trip per elementary school grade.

Executive Secretary's Report – Katie Lane

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2015 SCA Open Executive Board Meeting

Report of Interim Votes:

- The proposal to approve \$495 in Student Assistance for two Munsey Park students to attend Summer Center was approved by vote via electronic communication, by the Executive Board on Tuesday, June 18, 2015.
- The proposal to approve \$294 in Student Assistance for three Munsey Park students and chaperones to attend the Graduation Pool Party was approved by vote via electronic communication, by the Executive Board on Tuesday, June 18, 2015.
- The proposal to approve student assistance for 5 Munsey Park students, in the amount of \$789, was approved by vote via electronic communication by the Executive Board on Tuesday, June 18, 2015.

- The proposal to approve \$2,643 in Munsey Park field trip bus expense and \$3,099 for Shelter Rock field trip bus expense for May 2015, was approved by vote via electronic communication by the Executive Board on Monday, July 6, 2015.
- The proposal to approve \$40,941 in Educational Grants to 26 Applicants selected by the Educational Grants Committee, was approved by vote via electronic communication by the Executive Board on Saturday, July 11, 2015.
- The proposal to approve Shelter Rock field trip bus expense of \$3,067 in June 2015 was approved by vote via electronic communication by the Executive Board on Wednesday, July 15, 2015.
- The proposal to approve \$2,886 in Shelter Rock Spirit Wear expense was approved by vote via electronic communication by the Executive Board on Monday, July 20, 2015.
- The proposal to approve \$8,000 for the cost of an audit of the MSCA for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2015, was approved by vote via electronic communication by the Executive Board on Wednesday, September 2, 2015.
- The proposal to approve \$5,760 for Project Share's purchase of Modell's gift cards to provide new sneakers for qualifying district children was approved by vote via electronic communication by the Executive Board on Saturday, September 5, 2015.

Executive Treasurer's Report – Liz Tsalikas

- Financial results for the Fiscal year ending August 31, 2015 are available for review. The year-end Munsey Park and Shelter Rock financial reports are also available.
- SCA budgeted income sources were up almost 5% over budgeted amounts.
- Going over the financial results there are a few things to note:
 - Interest/Dividend Income were higher than expected
 - Membership was down and we did not reach our goal
 - Photo Day Commission checks for Secondary School were higher with our new contract with Irvin Simon
 - Saturday Series Winter did better than the Fall Series
 - Educational Grants totaling \$41,249 were paid out in July
 - Summer Studies paid out \$7,896 in awards in July
 - Community Ed was over budget as we did not budget for the additional Bond Vote
 - Enrichment had funds remaining as they were only able to do one program per grade
- Committee chairpersons are reminded to stay within their budgeted amounts.
- Tax exempt forms are available.

School Presidents' Reports

High School – Jeannette Reilly

- On Monday, August 31st we hosted the Superintendent's Breakfast for the Secondary School Staff. The cafeteria was decorated with orange and blue...and, sunflower bouquets added to the festive environment. Our new staff mixed and mingled with our seasoned HS veterans, and the hour had great energy and enthusiasm. Following the event, we documented food offerings and portions, and will make adjustments for next year.
- Wednesday, Sept. 9th was the MS Open House. My HS team supported the MS Open House process by collecting membership dues and directory forms. As usual, Laura Petras and the student volunteers from the National Honor Society assisted parents in negotiating around the building.
- Sept. 17th & 18th are HS Photo Days. All ordering will be done online this year. You will be receiving a Connect ED call and a district email with ordering information. Students will not need to bring any forms or money to school the day pictures are taken. Students will take their pictures during gym class. Any HS questions please contact: Karen Barnes – karenbarnes@optonline.net
- 2015-2016 High School Grade Level Chairs are the following great ladies:
 - 9th Beth Miller & Nancy Schlaefer
 - 10th Mary Bellucci & Bianca DeGaudenzi
 - 11th Carol Conner & Amy Keogh
 - 12th Mimi Donohue & Lisa Ferraro
- Two groups have reached out to me regarding SCA financial support.
 - The HS Marching Band is requesting SCA participation in their annual fundraising journal.
 - Nicole Rinaldi, Kevin McAleer, and parents from Back Stage, have requested SCA assistance to help fund a new HS club – The Comedy Club. The money requested will cover the hire of the HS Advisor, Erin Mormando.

Both requests will be happily considered by the Executive Board... I'll keep you posted!

Middle School – Kim Haggerty

- Monday, Aug. 31st the HS/MS SCA hosted the Superintendent's Breakfast for the Secondary School Staff for over 175 teachers and support staff. It was a great way to kick off another school year. The SCA was happy to serve breakfast to the great staff at the Secondary School and welcome both new and returning staff back to school.
- Tuesday, Sept. 1 was the 7th grade orientation and Opening Day Picnic. Thank you to Maria Frankis and her committee for organizing a great event for the 275 students in the class of 2021!
- Wednesday, Sept. 9th was the MS Open House. Parents had an opportunity to get an overview of their child's school year and meet their teacher's. Thank you to Michelle Selby our MS Open House/Membership Chair and Margie Suga the HS Chair

for their help with the evening. Would also like to thank Laura Petras and the volunteers from the National Honor Society that acted as guides throughout the building to help parents.

- Sept. 17th & 18th are MS Photo Days. All ordering will be done online this year. You will be receiving an email with ordering information shortly. Students will not need to bring any forms or money to school the day pictures are taken. Students take their pictures during gym class. Any questions please contact Nancy Schlaefer at schlaefer1@mac.com
- Friday, Sept. 25th 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. Should be a great night! Thank you in advance to the evening's volunteers. Contact Lauren Barrett if interested in volunteering.
- Michele Stollsteimer and Janet Hayes are beginning to plan for the Halloween party. Contact Michele at michele_stollsteimer@yahoo.com if you'd like to get involved.
- I would like to thank all my GLC's and Parent Council Chairs for the 2015-2016 school year. The Middle School SCA is successful because of all your time and commitment that you are willing to devote to the Middle School this year. Thank you in advance. I look forward to working with all of you this year!

Munsey Park – Cathy Conniff

- August 31th: Superintendent's Breakfast -The SCA hosted a breakfast for the teachers and administrators.
- August 31st: Ice cream social - The ice cream social was well attended by about 40 new students and their families. A special thanks to Lucy Puma for making the event a success.
- Sept. 1st: First Day of School - We have 864 students enrolled with 40 new students.
- Sept. 3rd: Room Rep meeting for Grades K-6. We went over policies and procedures for open house, emails, class lists and food in the classroom.
- Sept. 8th: New Parents Welcome - This was an informative meeting for parents with children entering the school as students for the first time. This meeting was well attended. Munsey Park 6th 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.
- Sept. 9th and 10th: Grades K-1 and 6 Open Houses
- Dates To Remember
 - 9/14, 9/15: Schools Closed for Rosh Hashanah
 - 9/16: Munsey Park SCA Parent Council Meeting at 9:30am
 - 9/17: Open House, grades 2-3
 - 9/21: Open House, grades 4-5
 - 9/23: Schools Closed, Yom Kippur
 - 9/29, 9/30: Photo Days
 - 10/8: Joint SR/MP SCA Parent Council Meeting at MP, 9:30am

Shelter Rock – Leslie Fleck

- August 31st: Superintendent’s Breakfast - The SCA hosted a breakfast for teachers and administrators. The warm welcome back to school was much appreciated by all.
- August 31st: New Student Tour - Our new student tour was well attended with over 15 new families. A special thank you to Liz Collard for reaching out to our new students and organizing the tour. It was a big success.
- September 1st: First Day of School - Mr. Geczik and Mrs. Williams greeted students as they got off the bus to start their first day of school. We have 752 students enrolled with 41 new students.
- September 4th /9th: Room Rep Meeting for Grades K- 6 - We went over policies and procedures for open house, class lists, emails and food/allergy policies as well as 5th/6th grade dues.
- September 8th: New Parents Welcome - We had a good turnout of new parents to this meeting. A panel of 6th grade students spoke about their favorite classes/moments at Shelter Rock. The parents heard from Regina Rule and a panel of SR teachers/specialists.
- Lunch Volunteer Meetings:
September 9 at 6:30pm
September 17 at 6:30pm
September 18 at 8:45am
- Open Houses:
September 9- Grades K/1
September 10- Grade 6
September 17-Grades 2/3
September 21- Grades 4/5
- We have our first Parent Council meeting on 9/10 at 9:30am. Mr. Geczik plans to discuss enrollment, new teachers and improvements to Shelter Rock.
- Photo Days are 10/6 and 10/7. Whitney Godfrey and Connie Feiner will chair Photo Day.
- Red Ribbon Week starts 10/13. Miriam D’Orio and Celeste Sforza will chair this important event. They plan to give an overview of the week at our first parent council meeting.

SCA Executive Committees

- Lisa Grygiel, read the names of all Executive Committee Chairpersons.
- Planet Manhasset Chairperson, Angela Classi explained that Planet Manhasset has organic vegetable gardens growing at each of the three schools. The garden at the high school allows students to earn community service hours by taking care of the garden. All produce from the three gardens is donated to a local food pantry. The \$1,000 allocation from the SCA is not enough to maintain the gardens. The Womens’ Clubs of Flower Hill and Munsey Park donated an irrigation system for the gardens. Angela requested a \$2,000 increase to the current \$1,000 allocation so Planet Manhasset would have \$1,000 to spend on maintaining each garden. Secondly, Angela has been the chairperson for Planet Manhasset for the past 4 years and would like to find a replacement for herself for next year. Lisa Grygiel stated that the

SCA would consider increasing the SCA's funding to Planet Manhasset and begin to look for a new chairperson for Planet Manhasset.

- SCA Luncheon Chairpersons, Maria Herrington and Lauren Stipp are looking for volunteers to help with organizing the SCA Luncheon to be held on November 18, 2015.

Superintendent's Address –Charlie Cardillo

- The school year began before Labor Day for the first time and will likely again next year unless the school community would rather give up the winter or spring break.
- The number of teachers has rebounded after early retirements and others were let go in 2013. A lot of new staff has been added with 45 teachers eligible for tenure this year.
- Tenure is now 4 years rather than 3 years.
- Brian Nolan is the new Vice President at Munsey Park.
- A new Dean of Students, Taj Miller, was added at the Secondary School.
- Theresa Curry is an Assistant Principal who splits her time between Shelter Rock and Munsey Park.
- The addition of Brian Nolan, Taj Miller and Theresa Curry at the administrative level allows the Principals of all three schools to better monitor their teaching staff and spend more time in the classroom.
- Today's administrators are now more involved with the teachers and have a better pulse on what is going on in the classroom.
- The Superintendent's column in the Manhasset Press expressed the Superintendent's concern about the increasing pressure and anxiety of our students.
- Charlie recognized that it was the 14th anniversary of 9/11 and mentioned a memorial garden at the entrance to the secondary school that was created and dedicated in 2002.
- At the secondary school, an inclusion model for students was changed in order to provide maximum support for students. A special education teacher will join a content teacher in the classroom.
- We have another new State Education Commissioner. Every 3 to 6 years the State Education Commissioner position has turned over which is not good for New York State's education system. The Governor of New York has convened an education reform commission to review the level of state assessments
- The renovation of tennis courts at Memorial Field should be completed in early October.
- The School Board is still waiting for approvals to be able to convert the bus garage to offices for the school administration.
- The Manhasset Gallery of Fine Art will open on September 25th in the secondary school lobby. Art work for students from kindergarten through 12th grade will be on display. Mike Sansone and Anthony Ambrogio were responsible for the creation of this art gallery. At the art gallery opening, Mike Sansone, will be awarded a distinguished service award for 25 years of service in the Manhasset school district.
- Thank you to the SCA for all it does for the administration and students.

Board of Education Update – Regina Rule

- The Board of Education meets every other Thursday and all are welcome to attend.
- At the Board of Education’s meeting on Thursday, September 24th a facilities update will be provided.
- At an October Board of Education Meeting, Jane Grappone, District Coordinator for Guidance will review the state’s counseling program.
- All Board of Education meeting topics are posted on the school website.
- Pat Aitken thanked the SCA for all it’s hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Lane
SCA Executive Board Secretary