



## **SCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Friday, March 11, 2016

**Call to Order:** 9:15am

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10:15am

**Officers Present:** Lisa Grygiel, Kristen Ryan, Katie Lane, Jeannette Reilly, Cathy Conniff, Kim Haggerty, 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 November 13, 2015 SCA Open Executive Board Meeting.

Report of Interim Votes:

- The proposal to spend \$4,755 for Munsey Park Spirit Wear was approved via electronic communication by the SCA Executive Board on Tuesday, December 1, 2015.
- The proposal to pay \$6,320 plus the cost of busing for 5th graders at both elementary schools to attend a team building field trip at Project Adventure was approved via electronic communication by the SCA Executive board on Thursday, December 3, 2015.
- The proposal to pay \$2,601.27 for the busing for Shelter Rock field trips for the month of October was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Saturday, December 5, 2015.
- The proposal to approve a payment of \$3,000 to David Adler for an enrichment program at both Shelter Rock and Munsey Park was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Wednesday, December 16, 2015.
- The proposal to pay \$12,000 to 8 Munsey Park teachers for the extended extras program was approved by the SCA Executive board via electronic communication on Wednesday, December 16, 2015.
- The proposal to transfer \$2,500 from the Enrichment budget to fund the MS/HS Speakers Bureau/Parent Council Meeting was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Sunday, January 10, 2016.

- The proposal to pay a \$7,000 speaking fee to Jessica Lahey for two presentations was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Saturday, January 16, 2016.
- The proposal to spend \$900 for three student assistance requests to attend Saturday Series was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Wednesday, January 17, 2016.
- The proposal to spend \$2,500 for the second family theatre performance, "Skippyjon Jones, Snow What", was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Wednesday, January 20, 2016.
- The proposal to spend \$2,640 in student assistance for 10 Munsey Park students to attend Saturday Series was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Friday, January 22, 2016.
- The proposal to fund \$940 in HS Student Assistance in order for four students to participate in Driver's Education was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Thursday, January 22, 2016.
- The proposal to pay \$1,465 in student assistance including, \$470 for two students to participate in Driver's Education and \$995 for three students to attend the New York State Theatre Association field trip (\$398 per student but one student paid half of the fee of \$199) was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on January 29, 2016.
- The proposal to pay \$300 in student assistance for a Munsey Park student to attend Saturday Series was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on February 5, 2016.
- The proposal to pay approximately \$2,300 for Planet Manhasset's installation of an irrigation system at Shelter Rock's garden was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Wednesday, March 9, 2016.

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

- Financial results for the fiscal year ending February, 2016, are available for review.
- Going over the financial results there are a few things to note:
  - Under sources of funds, Membership Dues continues to be received from the recent membership post card mailing. The SCA has received over \$36,000 in membership dues, which is greater than the budgeted amount of \$33,000 and an increase over last year.
  - Saturday Series generated a profit of approximately \$19,000 this year. There was an increase in profit from both fall and spring sessions.
- Champions for Charity in December 2015, was a huge success! The event generated \$10,981.84, as compared to \$6,139.81 for the December 2013 event and \$8,319.33 for the December 2014 event.
- The audit for the Manhasset SCA's Fiscal year 2014-2015 is underway.
- Committee chairpersons are reminded to stay within their budgets.
- Tax-exempt forms are available.

## **President's Reports**

### **High School – Jeanette Reilly**

- On Thursday, February 4, 2016, the annual evening MS/HS Parent Council Meeting featured NY Times best-selling author and guest speaker Jessica Lahey. Prior to her 7:30pm parent presentation, Ms. Lahey spoke to the MHS staff, administration, and members of the BOE at their monthly staff meeting. Her presentations to both groups grew out of her experiences as an educator and a parent. Her conversation focused on extrinsic vs. intrinsic motivation, and guided parents and educators to look at their parenting and educating styles. There was a lively Q&A at both events, and her book, ***The Gift of Failure, HOW THE BEST PARENTS LEARN TO LET GO SO THEIR CHILDREN CAN SUCCEED***, was available for purchase.
- The High School social season has begun! The Frosh, Soph and Jr. Prom were all well attended and received rave reviews! The Senior Prom will take place at Crest Hollow Country Club on April 16, 2016. The SCA will support this district event with volunteers for ticket sales, Promenade setup and breakdown, and GLC chaperoning of the event.
- The SCA Summer Studies Awards applications are due on March 31, 2016. This is a firm deadline and does require teacher recommendations. For further questions, please contact Anita Gauld at agauld1@aol.com.
- SCA Student Assistance – the Senior Prom and registration for the AP exams are approaching. Please contact your guidance counselor or school social worker if financial assistance is needed.

### **Middle School – Kim Haggerty**

- Janet Lahey, author of, “The Gift of Failure”, presented at the HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2016. The meeting was very well attended.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Middle School parent orientation was held on March 2, 2016. The transition process will continue with the Transition Parent Panel, which will be held at Munsey Park on April 19, 2016, beginning at 7PM. There will be 5 parent volunteers as well as administrators to present and answer questions.
- The MS 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dance for A Cure was held on Friday, March 4, 2016. Instead of a traditional dance, it was sports night where the students played bubble soccer, basketball and ping pong. The students that attended had a great night, but only 150 students came.
- MS Health and Wellness Week is March 14 through March 18, 2016.
- MS spring sports begin on Monday, March 29, 2016.
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the New York State ELA exam on April 5 through April 7, 2016 and Math exam on April 12 through April 15, 2016. Middle School students will follow a revised schedule on those days.
- The next HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting will be held on Friday, April 15, 2016 at 10AM.

### **Munsey Park – Cathy Conniff**

- Guess Who's Coming To Read, January 28th - Mystery guests read to our K through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Thank you to Kelly Smith, Karen Solon and Abi Kazalakis.

- MP/SR Joint Parent Council Meeting, February 4<sup>th</sup> – Police Officer Sharon Galvin from the Nassau County Police Department gave her presentation to parents on internet safety and cyber-bullying.
- Family Theater presented, “Skippyjon Jones: Snow What” - February 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Jodi DiTori.
- In February, Munsey Park Trivia Challenge teams won first place in the Trivia Challenge Finals. SCA purchased pencils for the celebration. Congratulations!
- This week was the Munsey Park Book Fair. The theme was Peace, Love, Books. Family Night was a success. Our guest reader was Lauren Tarshis, the author of the “I Survived” series. Thanks to Sharon Messina and Kristin Stevens, the co-chairs, and their huge committee.

Upcoming Events:

March 15<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> grade Maturation Night.

March 17<sup>th</sup>: InView Tests for grades 4-6

Schools closed March 24-28

April 5-7: ELA exams

April 11<sup>th</sup>: MP Kindergarten Parent Orientation Meeting, 7pm at MP.

April 13-15: NYS Math exams

April 19<sup>th</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Panel at MP, 7pm.

**Shelter Rock – Leslie Fleck.**

- Guess Who’s Coming to Read? was January 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Kathleen Martelli and Anna Oncel for chairing this event.
- Book Fair-“Peace, Love, Books”-March 7-11<sup>th</sup> -Thank you to Whitney Godfrey and Tonia Zacharia, Book Fair Chairs. Family Night was Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:30pm. The visiting author was Michael Northrop who wrote the NY Times best-selling author of the Tombquest series. There was an opportunity for students to get books signed and take pictures with Mrs. Williams, who was all dressed up in her “groovy” attire. The library was busting and parents and children seemed to have a great time. All in all, the week went well and the book fair seemed to be a big success.
- In View Tests Grades 4-6 are next Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Grade 5 Maturation Night has been moved from March 14<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Parent Teacher Conferences (by appointment only) have been moved from March 17<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Career Day for 6<sup>th</sup> graders at Shelter Rock will be next Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Family members have been invited to come in and speak about their careers/jobs.
- Tower Foundation Dinner Dance is Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. It is now sold out.
- SCA Fair is celebrating 65 years. We have reached out to parents to ask if they would consider placing an ad or becoming a sponsor this year.
- Internet Safety Presentation – Shelter Rock and Munsey Park are working on inviting Officer Sharon Galvin from the Nassau County Police Department back to talk to our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders about internet safety including cyber-bullying and inappropriate texting. We are looking at a date in the next few months.
- Box Tops for Education- We raised over \$1,400 in box tops this year alone.

### Upcoming Events:

- NYS ELA Exams Grades 3-6-April 5-7
- Kindergarten Parent Orientation Meeting- April 11 at 7pm at SR
- NYS Math Exam Grades 3-6-April 13-15
- SCA 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Transitional Panel-April 19th at 7pm at MP
- Go Green Day-April 22nd

### **Update on BlackBoard Connect Emergency Text Messaging Plan- Sean Adcroft**

BlackBoard connect is a mass notification system that will now be used in emergency situations only. It is a texting system rather than email so it is more immediate. The cell numbers for juniors and seniors will be input so that if they were off campus and a lockdown was implemented, the students would get a text not to return to school. The administration is asking all parents to, "say yes to the text". If you don't opt out of this new notification system, then you're in! Going forward, lockdown drills will be more authentic because teachers will only be notified of the date of a lockdown drill, rather than the date and time.

### **Executive Committee Updates - Lisa Grygiel**

- **SCA Fair** - The SCA Fair, the SCA's biggest fundraiser of the year is coming up. Please support the SCA by purchasing a journal ad, sponsoring a booth or providing a donation for the grand raffle. We need to finalize all donations by March 30, 2016.
- **SEPTA**- April is autism awareness month. SEPTA and PASE are helping to spread the word in a coordinated effort.

### **CASA Update - Caryn Sawyer, Executive Director of CASA**

- CASA is now going to focus on students use of marijuana. On April 16, 2016, a speaker will make a presentation to both the faculty and students about the dangers of marijuana use.
- The Power of Parenting series has been very well attended. The last program on March 31, 2016, will discuss how to develop better communication with our kids.

### **Superintendent Update - Charlie Cardillo**

- **School Budget** - The 2016-2017 school budget will be unveiled tomorrow. The budget increase is 1.23% which is lower than last year's 2% increase. School districts across the State of New York have low allowable tax cap increases this year. Nonetheless, the administration will be able to maintain a high standard of quality in academics, art, after school activities and electives. There will be a slight increase in staff in grades 7 through 12 to address the needs of students. Specifically, a new high school guidance counselor will be added to reduce the number of students per

counselor from 230 to 190. The administration will be adding more integrated co-teaching classes and 4 new teachers at the elementary schools. The administration is able to add new positions and maintain a high level of course offerings despite only a 1.23% allowable budget increase.

- Enrollment - Enrollment at Munsey Park will be flat next year. Shelter Rock enrollment will have a slight decline so the number of classes will be reduced by 2 sections. Overall K-12 enrollment will be down slightly.
- Athletics- Crew will be added at the middle school level next year. Intramurals have had a low level of enrollment.
- Bond Project – The Memorial Field projected is winding down. A flag, a light and perimeter landscaping will be put in soon. Nonetheless, the field will not open until the fall of 2016, so the sod has time to settle. Renovation of the bus garage has been delayed. Late summer, a bid will be put out for projects at all schools including the bus garage. The plan is to begin construction in the fall of 2016 and continue through all of 2017. The majority of the work should be completed during the summer of 2017.

### **Board of Education Update – Pat Aitken**

School Budget – The Board of Education is relieved that they can accomplish what needs to be done for the students while staying within the allowable tax cap. School budget hearings will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup>. Adoption of the budget is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>, another budget hearing is on May 5<sup>th</sup> and the budget vote on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Please come out to vote. In the past, there has been a sense of apathy when there is nothing controversial about the school budget.

### **Manhasset Press Fundraiser – Lisa Grygiel**

Beginning now through June, the SCA will receive a percentage of the cost of a new or renewed subscription to the Manhasset Press. Purchase a subscription for yourself or college kids going back to school. The Manhasset Press is a great way to stay informed and support your school system at the same time.

### **SCA Bylaws Revision – Renee Press, Historian**

In October, the Executive Board called on the Revisions Committee to amend the existing SCA Bylaws to ensure that the SCA Bylaws were in compliance with the New York State Nonprofit Revitalization Act of 2013. The SCA's Bylaws covered most of those requirements but it was decided that an Audit Committee be established. The changes to the SCA Bylaws pertain to the creation of an Audit Committee. At the meeting, the SCA Executive Board unanimously approved the proposed changes to the SCA Bylaws.

**The next SCA Open Executive Board Meeting will be held on Friday, April 15, 2016.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie Lane  
SCA Executive Board Secretary