



**SCA HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting Minutes  
Friday, September 11, 2015  
Manhasset Secondary School Auditorium**

**1. Welcome Back**

- **Kim Haggerty, MS SCA President**
- **Jeannette Reilly, HS SCA President**
- Thanks to all volunteers; GLC's and committee chairs were introduced and recognized
- Always a need for additional volunteers; watch for opportunities in the weekly SCA Highlights

**2. SCA Summer Studies Awards Program - Anita Gould, Chairperson**

- The SCA has been offering grants to students to apply towards a Summer Studies Program. Several criteria are used; awards are not based solely on academics (student's enthusiasm, the suitability of the program, etc. are taken into consideration.)
- Seven recipients were awarded \$1,000 grants in 2015. Two students presented:
  - Elizabeth Boyle - attended a two week program in Notre Dame on Theology and Social Justice
  - Julia Henry - attended a Physics Program at the University of Pennsylvania
- The students talked of their incredible experiences, challenges, learnings, etc. General consensus is that this program is extremely worthwhile and valuable to all its recipients.

**3. CASA Update - Caryn Sawyer, Executive Director**

- October is Substance Abuse Prevention and Awareness (look for mailing)
- Upcoming Programs:
  1. Active Parenting
  2. Stop Then Send (Internet Safety)
  3. Shed The Meds - September 19th
- Introducing 'CASA Coffees' - smaller group discussions. First meeting is October 21 at 7:15. Topic: Turbulent Emotions. More info to follow.
- New CASA Youth Committee Club. Tracey LeDour is the advisor.

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

- Four mini college fairs are scheduled this year with a total of 120 schools, representing a good section of schools
- Forty individual college visits
- Impressive list of schools all around
- Boot Camp held to prep for college applications
- Monthly Reminders will be going out again this year
- Scheduling individual meetings with 278 Seniors (up from 242)
- 42 new students (11 MS, 31 HS)
- )PSAT registration ends on Sept 22 - many 10<sup>th</sup> graders, lighter on the 11<sup>th</sup> graders
- Guidance office applied to host ACT Test and was turned down (enough capacity in this area)
- Preparing for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night and Orientation
- Feedback received on SCA Grant Program is very positive - recipients are 'happy and delighted'

- Two Career Nights will be hosted this year – one may have a specific focus, one may represent 20-25 careers
- MS Web site is being worked on

#### **5. Principal's Report Dean Schlanger- Principal, Secondary School**

- School year off to a great start. Hit the ground running, despite the heat.
- Introduction of the New Dean of Students Tjihala Miller. This position is designed to mentor and guide students (help make good decisions!)
- MS open House was well attended; very positive feedback; lots of excitement and enthusiasm
- HS Open House is next week
- New Code of Conduct introduced at Grade Level assemblies
- New initiative for Juniors and Seniors – collect cell phone numbers and email addresses – send appointment reminders and distribute passes, etc.
- Irvin Simon Photographers – new process will be on-line (no forms). Company has been very accommodating and is very detailed
- Work in progress for Homecoming (parade and game)
- 30 parking spots for seniors
- Clubs are getting ready to start; new Hellenic Society (funded by outside sources)
- Student Enrollment - 7<sup>th</sup> - 265, 8<sup>th</sup> - 312;  
9<sup>th</sup> - 282, 10<sup>th</sup> - 288, 11<sup>th</sup> 277, 12<sup>th</sup> - 278
- Total enrollment of 1,701 is up from 1,256 eight years ago!

#### **6. Charles Cardillo, Superintendent, Manhasset School District**

- 'Every child needs a Champion'
- Goal: 'Every child has a great day every day'

#### **7. Regina Rule, Board of Education**

- Looking for feedback; doors are always open
- Please attend Board Meetings. Next meeting is Thursday, September 24 and an update of the Facilities and District Services will be presented.
- Look for the Art Opening on Friday, September 25

#### **8. SCA Business.**

- **Photo Days** are Thurs 9/17 and Fri 9/18 during PE classes
- **Halloween Party** – Michelle Stollsteimer and Janet Hayes will be chairing this event. Please contact them to volunteer.
- **Middle School Welcome Back Dance** – Friday, September 25. Ten dollar donation will go towards T-Shirts for the pep rally.
- **Homecoming** – Parade and floats but no dance.
- **Reminders:**
  - HS Open House (9/16)
  - HS Mini Fairs – 9/21,9/28.and 10/5
  - Pumpkin - 10/3
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night - 10/7

**Next HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting, October 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00am in MS Library**