



**SCA HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting Minutes  
Friday, October 9, 2015  
Manhasset Secondary School Library**

**1. Welcome**

- **Kim Haggerty, MS SCA President**
- **Jeannette Reilly, HS SCA President**

**2. Minutes from September 11, 2015 High School / Middle School approved**

**3. CASA Update – Michelle Selby**

- October is Substance Abuse Prevention and Awareness month
- Upcoming Programs:
  1. Active Parenting scheduled for 10/29, 11/5 and 11/12 @ Manhasset Library
  2. Stop Then Send (Internet Safety Program) on 11/2 (given by Nassau County DA's office 3:30 at the school)
  3. Take Back Event – 11/8 – ToNH's STOP – Stop Throwing Out Pollutants (take back unwanted and unused meds)
- 'CASA Coffees' at Michelle Selby's house on December 2. Topic: Emotional Roller Coaster of Teens. Use Sign-up Genius on CASA Website to register.

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

- Middle School – Smooth transition of students, likely due to all the events and programs leading up to start of school
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation – 'push-in' program completed by the counselors
- Meetings with students that are new to the district were held for introductions (and pizza)
- 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Nights are complete
- College Mini-Fairs were very well attended by juniors and seniors. Impressive list of schools. Presentations also well attended (UCLA, Duke, Fordham, etc..)
- Progress reports out today
- Three Hundred sixty-five students will be taking the PSAT next week. Discussion of Wednesday vs. Saturday as a test day. Wednesday is a school day and many logistics would need to be worked out.
- Introduction of NACA – National Association of College Admissions – a coalition of 80 schools not happy with the current admissions process. Process to allow those underserved better access to colleges; opens another portal for communication between student and school; process to start as early as 9<sup>th</sup> grade. More information to come; many changes to guidance procedures/processes to follow
- Applications for Financial Aid is moving up to October 1 from December 1

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

- Q1 Progress Reports will be available at 4:00 today on the Parent Portal; Nov. 6 is end of Q1.
- Sr. Portraits – retake day is next week. Favorable feedback received on new photographer, Irvin Simon

- All underclassmen photos on-line. Notifications going out today; retake if not happy. Packages are actually cheaper. Tried to maintain the same options as previously offered.
- Spirit / Senior Week – Events planned for each day. Dress up days, etc – ending with Spirit Day on Friday. Parade on Saturday, football game to follow.
- Pumpkin Fundraiser was a huge success – raising over \$7,000 all going to charity.
- Marching Band Competition- excellent!
- Lock-down drill conducted – ran by Peter LaDuca (Nassau County BOCES). Four fire drills will also be conducted throughout the year.

**6. Pat Aiken, Trustee, Board of Education / Regina Rule, President, Board of Education**

- Next Board meeting will include an update on the construction at Memorial Field. (Should be completed by Dec.). All are encouraged to attend a meeting.
- Need for volunteers on the Audit Committee and the Citizen Advisory Committees. Looking for more applications.
- Upcoming Meeting Agenda items: School Counseling Plan, Coding Presentation (postponed), Course GAP Analysis, World Languages at Elementary level
- October 14 – League of Women Voters is holding a meeting. Senator Martins and Assemblywomen Schimel expected to attend. Full court press to restore funding to 2010 / 2011 levels. All invited

**7. SCA Business.**

- Halloween Party – will be held Saturday, October 31 from 7:00 – 9:00pm in the gym Michelle Stollsteimer and Janet Hayes are chairing this event. Please use the Sign-Up Genius to volunteer your time or to make donations.
- Communications from GLC's will be going out this weekend.
- Spirit Day – Oct. 23. Students will be given T-Shirts on Oct 22 during English Classes
- Photo retakes Oct. 22
- Directory in Edit Stage – should be printed by end of October.
- Homecoming – no dance this year. DJ in gym from 1-4. Parade at 2:00. Game at 2:30; volunteers needed.
- October 20 – Art for A Cure Auction
- Wheatley Plaza Shopping Fundraiser - Thursday, Oct 15 thru Sunday October 18

**Next HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in MS Library**