



**SCA HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 13, 2015
Manhasset Secondary School Library**

1. Welcome

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

2. CASA Update – Lori Rowan, Middle School CASA Representative

- New program: 'CASA Coffees' will be hosted at Michelle Selby's house on December 2. Topic: Emotional Roller Coaster of Teens. Dr. Laurie Siegel will facilitate. Use Sign-up Genius on CASA Website to register.

3. Guidance Update – Jennifer Landman and Marcy Fogel, Guidance Counselors

- Middle School – MS Counselors completed push-ins on study skills, bullying and stress. Feedback on these topics were received via surveys and was helpful. Results will be compiled and shared.
- High School – 86% of Seniors have already applied to colleges. Students will be notified of early decisions/ early action this week, as well as 12/1 and 12/15. College mini-fare scheduled for 12/2. Visits from 48 individual colleges (for a total of 148 + US Navy).
- 11th Grade Parent Night, held on November 4th. was well attended.
- 10th Grade Career Awareness Program completed. Naviance also used to enter personality traits, etc. Feedback received suggests students found it helpful.
- Career Night – possible revisions to include multiple careers. Trying to identify those careers that have more interest. Asking 11th grade parents to participate in career night.
- Meeting completed with Seniors. Meetings with Freshman underway.
- December 1st – Financial Aid night – 11th and 12th grade parents are invited
- December 2nd – Standardized Testing Meeting- discussion of those that are available (Sat/ACT, etc.)
- January 7th – Returning graduate panel
- February 23rd – Mock Interview night
- March 16th - Career Night

4. Principal's Report Dean Schlanger- Principal, Secondary School

- Great Senior Banquet – over 550 people
- Q1 Report Cards posted at 4:00 today on the Parent Portal
- Message will go out about Q1 Report Cards and scheduling P/T conferences via Teacher Reacher (Nov. 18th at 7:00).
- Halloween was a fun and successful party; less group outfits and more costumes.
- School dances are changing, but MHS is keeping up (healthy social interactions)
- Spirit Week/Homecoming – went very well; fun and enjoyable
- Re-iterate the 'signing-out' process - parents must go to the attendance office and sign out their child.

5. Technology Presentation – Sean Adcroft, Director, K – 12 Instructional Technology

and Libraries

- Manhasset URL has changed - ManhassetSchools.org; old domain ends this summer.
- New log-in to the site – allows you to navigate more effectively (gets to know your preferences)
- Some highlights of new website include:
Parents can create a 'my view' and add teacher pages, calendars, etc', search engine, use of passkey (one password for all)
- Google Docs and Google Classroom – collaborative tools
- 360 chrome books
- VM ware – Virtual Machine
- Adaptive and CBT - computer based testing – in the future
- Issues to be aware of - Data security and use of 3rd Party vendors

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

- Capital Plans submitted to the State Education Department on Dec. 3, 2014. Approval process takes about 11 months (up from 11-12 weeks in 2014).
- Memorial Field will need to be idle for one season, Jim Amen working with youth groups
- 2016/2017 School Calendar looks to be more traditional than 2015/2016 (start after Labor Day, etc.)
- Thanks to all who supported and attended Charlie Cardillo's 10yr. Anniversary Party.

7. SCA Business.

- Halloween Party – Thank you to co-chairs. Michelle Stollsteimer and Janet Hayes on a very successful and well attended event.
- Conference Sign-ups – Wednesday, Nov. 18th at 7:00pm.
- SCA Fall Luncheon – Wednesday, Nov. 18th
- Middle School Dance – Dec. 18th from 7:30 – 9:30.
- Senior Photos / Photo Days – tweaking process
- Senior Banquet – wonderful and memorable event

Next HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting, January 13th at 7:30pm in the Black Box Theatre.