



**SCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Friday, January 13, 2017

**Call to Order:** 9:10am

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10am

**Officers Present:** Lisa Grygiel, Katie Lane, Leslie Fleck, Whitney Godfrey, Jeannette Reilly and Kathleen Broderick.

**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 18, 2016, SCA Open Executive Board Meeting.

**Report of Interim Votes:**

- The proposal to pay \$24 to assist three, 1st graders with the \$8 cost of a field trip to the Conklin House was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Monday, December 5, 2016.
- The proposal to pay \$8 in student assistance for one 1st grader to participate in a field trip to the Conklin House was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Tuesday, December 6, 2016.
- The proposal to pay North Hempstead Country Club \$8,995.50 for the SCA Luncheon which was held on November 16, 2016, was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Monday, December 12, 2016.
- The proposal to pay the teachers and amounts listed below for teaching in the Extended Extras Program for the Fall Session at Munsey Park was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Monday, December 12, 2016:

Jacqueline	Williams	8	960.00
Caryn	Levine	10	1,200.00
Monica	DeCicco	10	1,200.00
Deborah	Cernuto	10	1,200.00
Lisa	Morales	10	1,200.00

Kathleen	Olwy	10	1,200.00
Kim	Viscovich	10	1,200.00
Michael	Putnam	10	1,200.00
Melissa	Muller	16	1,920.00
Michael	Quartararo	18	2,160.00

- The proposal to pay Spectrum Design \$307 to reprint 6th grade sweatshirts was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Wednesday, January 11, 2017.

### **Treasurer’s Report – Kathleen Broderick**

- Financial results as of December 31, 2016 are available for your review. There are copies in the back for anyone that needs.
- Fall Saturday Series did very well, making approximately \$21,000 of net income compared to budgeted net income of \$11,000, resulting in a \$10,000 positive variance.
- Project Share is running approximately \$8,000 over budget. Historically, the funds raised from The Munsey Park Fun Run have been donated to Project Share. They are very hopeful that they be the beneficiary again. Worst case scenario, which no one is anticipating, Project Share does have a \$10,000 reserve, representing previous years unused restricted contribution .
- The Shelter Rock, Munsey Park and Middle School Halloween Dances all came in within budget.
- I would like to remind everyone that the SCA is a 501© (3) tax exempt entity and we are not required to pay sales tax. If you are making any purchases on behalf of the SCA please be sure to use our EXEMPT PURCHASE CERTIFICATE. I have copies if anyone needs.

### **President’s Reports**

#### **High School – Jeanette Reilly**

- The High School has had an extremely busy few weeks...  
On December 12<sup>th</sup> the SCA assisted Laura Petras, the MHS National Honor Society Advisor, with the induction of over 80 new students. Thank you to Nancy Kiley, the 11<sup>th</sup> grade NHS Parent Liaison, who assisted me with the ceremony setup.  
The departments of Social Studies, Math, and Science also held their individual honor society induction ceremonies. Congratulations to all inductees!

- The High School social season is officially off and running...  
The FROSH was postponed due to inclement weather, but the Class of 2020 did finally celebrate together on January 21<sup>st</sup> at MHS.  
The SOPH will take place on February 4<sup>th</sup> at MHS.  
The Jr. Prom will take place on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the North Ritz Club in Syosset.  
The Sr. Prom will take place on April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City.

The SCA’s role in these district events is to assist with ticket sales, and to confirm and collect the required paperwork. The 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade GLC’s and additional parent volunteers will also setup and breakdown the “Promenade” for the Jr. and Sr. Proms.

- On January 9<sup>th</sup> the SCA hosted Mr. Frank Bruni at our annual evening HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting. Frank Bruni is a NY Times Op-Ed Columnist, Chief Restaurant Critic,

White House Correspondent, and Best-Selling Author. In his book, “Where You Go Is Not Who You’ll Be: An Antidote To The College Admissions Mania,” Bruni examines the increased frenzy about getting into a “good” college and proposes a different way of thinking about education and success. The event was well attended and feedback was extremely positive. Bruni’s book was available for purchase as well as an opportunity for an author signing. There are still books available for purchase (\$10.00). Contact: Jeannette Reilly ([bjbc40@aol.com](mailto:bjbc40@aol.com)) if you’d like to purchase a copy.

- On January 12<sup>th</sup> I attended the CASA Sector meeting held in the HS Library. In the thread that, “It takes a village...” the group included a broad selection of attendees: the CASA Executive Board, a SCA representative, two MHS student representatives, MHS staff and administrators, and individuals representing local businesses, media groups, law enforcement, religious organizations, civic and volunteer groups, healthcare professionals, and various organizations involved in reducing substance abuse and chemical dependency. Senator Jack Martins was honored for his support and commitment to CASA. Kym Laube, Executive Director of HUGS – Human Understanding & Growth Services, gave a thought-provoking presentation on underage drinking and positive alternatives for parents.

### **Middle School – Whitney Godfrey**

- Holiday Concerts: Middle School Holiday Concerts were performed throughout December and were very well attended and definitely put everyone in the Holiday Spirit!
- Superintendent Search: 12/7 - Took part in past/present Executive Board Member meeting with the search firm that has been tasked with gathering information and finding applicable candidates for Charlie Cardillo’s successor.
- MS Basketball Bash: 12/9 - Unfortunately this event was not very well attended. There seems to be a lot going on at this time of year. Does this warrant any kind of re-valuation of the event? Do we try again next year for the same thing? Thoughts? We over-ordered pizza. Is there a way to pre-poll kids to see if we can get a better idea of how many kids may show up at an event?
- 8th Grade Parent Night: January 4th - A well-attended evening run by Jane Grappone/Guidance Department. Extremely informational.
- Joint HS/MS Parent Council Meeting: 1/9 - This month’s PC Meeting was an evening meeting during which we hosted Frank Bruni, author of “Where You Go is Not Who You’ll Be”. Well over 100 people were in attendance, and it was a great evening. (See HS President’s report for more information). Successful email blasts through GLCs and postings on SCA Highlights made for good publicity for the event.
- MS Dance for a Cure: 3/17 - Plans are underway for the March Middle School event. I have been in touch with Eric Shapiro, Dean Schlanger and Peter Vercessi. Bubble Soccer has been secured for the date, as it was a big hit with last year’s Middle School students. I will be visiting with the Middle School Student Council in a joint effort to fundraise for the cure. We will most likely be selling socks again (as per last year), unless the kids have a different idea and feel strongly about it.
- Update: At the last GLC meeting, Peter Vercessi made an announcement over the PA that students will no longer be able to use certain areas for gathering spots (i.e., MS Common Area, area at top of stairs behind Main Desk) during class times, as it has become a distraction to the teachers who are conducting classes in and around those areas. I stopped up to see him, in an effort to try to help amend the situation and see why we have not been made aware of the problem. He stated that it was not MS students (as they are all in classrooms and they are not “wandering hallways unattended during class periods”), but HS Students just looking for a place to socialize with their

friends. He assured me it was nothing “bad” that the kids were doing, but that noise was just inevitable, and the teachers were having a hard time teaching over the noise. I have not heard anything further about it, so I assume these kids found a new place to hang out. No harm, no foul.

### **Shelter Rock & Munsey Park – Leslie Fleck**

- Health and Wellness Week - January 17-20. The theme is “Commit to be Fit”. Activity and nutrition logs have been handed out to students to be returned at the end of next week. There will be a fitness challenge amongst the classes and the class with the most points will earn a “healthy” reward. Thank you to Monita Mendiratta and Laurie Zephyrin for chairing this event.
- Guess Who’s Coming to Read - January 25<sup>th</sup>. Anna Oncel and Kathleen Martelli are planning this fun event.
- Kindergarten Registration Dates - January 18<sup>th</sup> (4-7pm), January 24<sup>th</sup>(4-7pm), January 26<sup>th</sup> (4-6pm). Registration will be held at the District Office this year.
- Joint MP/SR PC Meeting - February 8<sup>th</sup> at MP @9:30am. Parents will get a chance to sample the food that is offered to our children in the cafeteria.
- Winter Extended Extras - Classes begin the week of January 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are offering many new and exciting classes to grades 1-6 this session including Sports and Games, Intro to French, Candy Chemistry, Music Club, Drawing and Painting, Speaking Spanish Through Literature and Bringing Literature Alive Through Drama.
- Book Fair Coming up - March 6-10

### **CASA Update – Jen DeSena**

- ASA Sector Meeting at MHS. Kym Laube, Executive Director, HUGS, Inc. provided a special presentation regarding underage drinking not being a rite of passage and the importance of positive alternatives in the prevention of risk behaviors.
- There was a large turnout for a presentation by Elaine Pasqua after school yesterday. Elaine spoke about the dangers of underage drinking. All sports were postponed until after the program and all athletes were instructed to attend. She performed good exercises with the students and provided great examples.
- CASA is trying to bring Chris Herren back to speak. Chris is a former professional basketball player who speaks to students about his struggles with substance abuse.
- Dr. Dewey is going to speak on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Dewey is an addiction specialist who speaks about the effect of drinking and drugs on the teen brain.

### **Superintendent’s Update – Charlie Cardiollo**

- The new administration building is coming along. The administrative offices are on target to relocate to the new space during the beginning of February break.
- Conversion of the art room will begin on March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- The administration decided to cancel the Frosh and all activities last weekend due to the winter storm.

### **Principal’s Update - Dean Schlanger**

- January 27<sup>th</sup> is the end of the second quarter. Report cards will be posted on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation is coming up.
- Parent/Teachers conferences will be held on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Board of Education Update – Regina Rule**

- There was an overview of the writing program at the Board of Education meeting on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Search for a new Superintendent is going well. Response to the online survey was great! Very solid and constructive feedback was given. Interviews will begin at the end of January. The process is moving along well.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Lane  
SCA Executive Board Secretary