

SCA HS/MS JOINT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 5, 2018, 7:30PM
Secondary School Auditorium

I. **WELCOME**- Whitney Godfrey, MS SCA President and Beth Miller, HS SCA President

II. **PRINCIPALS REPORT** - Dean Schlanger-Principal, Secondary School

- Report cards for Quarter Two were released last Friday
- Update on Midterms - all went relatively smoothly for the most part. Any and all feedback is welcomed and encouraged. Please contact Dean Schlanger with comments and suggestions. Overall the tests seemed to mirror most students' performance in their classes.
- Cafeteria project complete and looks beautiful. T.V. monitors in the cafeteria do not have external speakers but set to News 12.
- "Frosh" was held in early January and "Soph" was held last weekend, both events were well done and well attended. No issues to report.
- Junior Prom is slated for March 3rd. As with every dance, the students attend an assembly the Friday prior to go over code of conduct and rules etc.
- Preliminary course recommendations for next year have been made by teachers.

III. **ENGLISH DEPARTMENT** - Dr. Rebecca Chowske - District Coordinator for English Language Arts & Reading K-12

- 1st year in Manhasset School District - exciting time to be here
- Literacy is all connected.....Literacy skills-engagement-social/emotional development
- Looked at the sequential map for English thought the secondary school. Students are not tracked and therefore have a chance to move to Honors each year if they meet the criteria.
- Over 70 members in the English Honor Society, many helping as peer responders within the school
- K-6, currently reevaluating the literacy program-looking at 4 different programs. Selecting a program early next school year and hoping to implement the following year.
- NWEA - universal screener that tracks a students growth in a more efficient manner. Implementing next year.
- All presentation slides and info can be found on school website.

IV. **GUIDANCE UPDATE** -Jane Grappone - Directory of Guidance/Counseling 7-12

- Revising some of our current programs. For the 10th grade, career awareness program is two days (one day is career piece and second day is college side/

resources etc). Got positive feedback on this from students. The last 10th grade parent night is tomorrow night.

- PSAT was in October and Pre-ACT was in January. Approximately 210 students took both exams. Students have their results already.
- 11th grade - Post secondary meetings - two day program in which all students created a common application account. The second day the students were walked through the Naviance program. (www.naviance.com)
- Mock college interviews will take place after the winter break-where students can interview with two adults and will receive feedback
- 8th/9th grade - end of year conferences are beginning to take place
- Letter for AP registration will go out in early March
- 82% of seniors applied to schools early (action/decision)
- Average number of schools being applied to has risen from 8 to 12
- Approximately 55/60 percent of early decisions applicants were accepted
- 2019/2020 school year- new rule that all 6th grade students must have a one on one academic counselor meeting

V. **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** - Dr. Vincent Butera - Superintendent

- Prioritizing for the new year - still getting to know people, preparing for turnover over the next 3-5 years (new English coordinator, search for Shelter Rock principal, new Math coordinator)
- Making an assessment of the system and connections
- Developing a comprehensive survey (K through 12) for teachers, students and parents to help with this assessment. Slated to launch in mid-March

VI. **BOE Update** - Regina Rule

- Budget building is in process and BOE meeting on Saturday March 10th will be first look, all are welcome to attend
- Budget vote date is Tuesday, May 15th
- Please contact a member of the board with any concerns or complaints-We WANT to hear from you

VII. **CASA UPDATE**

- Please see website for new developments and programs
- Looking for new sources for funding programs

VIII. **TOUR OF NEW MUSIC ROOM**

NEXT HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting, Friday March 9th at 10am in the Charlie Cardillo Community Room