

SCA HS/MS JOINT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 6, 2019 7:30pm
Charlie Cardillo Community Room

- I. **WELCOME**- Beth Miller, HS SCA President and Michele Longobardi, MS SCA President

- II. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** - Dean Schlanger - Principal, Secondary School
 - Finished midterm week, which seemed to go well. Reminder that midterm grades WILL go on Seniors transcripts. Also met with student council and going do a survey on what worked and didn't
 - Working with staff on grading issues and practices. Touching on topics such as bumping vs. rounding; how extra credit is used; creating more uniformity across course ways
 - Quarter two just ended so now beginning second half of school year
 - Soph dance went smoothly
 - Selected and now submitted application to be recognized as a Blue Ribbon School (Secondary School).

- III. **GUIDANCE UPDATE** - Jane Grappone - Directory of Guidance/Counseling 7-12
 - Started pilot program - guidance went in to some 6th grade classes, working on transition to middle school
 - 7th grade-took an online career inventory and Naviance was introduced to 7th graders in home careers classes
 - Conferences for 8/9/10/11 are ongoing
 - 10th grade Parent Night is tomorrow
 - Representative from Method Test prep will speak
 - ACT vs SAT
 - Social and emotional wellness
 - UNC reached out in the fall-we were asked to be a recommender school - Morehead-Caine Scholarship
 - Organizing a faculty committee regarding senior letters of recommendation
 - Discussing option to allow students to request online-we have not done this in the past. Brainstorming other ideas
 - Cleaning up the website: adding to it items such as which schools want/don't want the essay
 - Need to create an external advisory board for the guidance department (whole guidance program, not just secondary school.) This is state required.

- IV. **SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE**-Rosemary Johnson, Assistant Superintendent
 - Discussion of potential projects going forward. Detailed charts available on website.

- New visitor policy to begin once security vestibules completed. Need to reduce access to the campus. No more food/beverage to be dropped off during the school day. Visitors allowed on campus by appointment only.

V. **ENGLISH DEPT UPDATE** - Rebecca Chowske, English Language District Coordinator

- English Program and Courses discussed in power point presentation, for details please see power point on website
- Testing new titles for summer reading lists
- Discussion of Regents vs Honors vs AP
- Writing Center - Open 7:30am-2:30pm everyday
- New Initiative-college essay workshop series
 - SCA sponsored
 - 75 seats
 - 38 people signed up already
 - \$50 for all three sessions
- Rising 7th graders-summer reading support will take place in August at the Manhasset public library

VI. **MINDFULNESS DISCUSSION** - Adam Kuranisis, Social Studies Teacher

- Incorporating mindfulness into his social studies classes, every class begins with 2-4 min of mindfulness meditation
- Other practices include:yoga, coloring geometric shapes, active listening, moment of silence, mindful rituals
- Apps- Calm, Headspace, Insight
- Full detailed presentation available on website

VII. **BOE UPDATE** - Christine Monterosso, Pat Aiken, Regina Rule

- Budget season begins after the February break

VIII.**CASA UPDATE**

- Prevention Needs Assessment Survey needs to be completed by 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students and parents. Response are voluntary and anonymous. Please find link on SCA website. It will only be available until March 1, 2019.

NEXT HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting
Friday, March 15, 2019 at 10am