



SCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, November 2, 2018

Call to Order: 9:05 am

Meeting Adjourned: 10:15am

Officers Present: Beth Miller, Michele Longobardi, Christine Schwartz, Victoria Grassano, Jill Pullano, Lucy Puma, Tonia Zacharia

Executive President's Welcome – Marybeth Accurso and Nancy Schlaefer

Pledge of Allegiance

General Announcements: Champions of Charity 11/29 – 12/2
Launch Party at JCREW, Thursday 11/29
SCA Luncheon- November 14, 2018, North
Hempstead Country Club

Treasurer's Report: Jill Pullano
2017/2018 Audit is final

Accountant's Report: Tim O'Keefe CPA, LLC

Executive Committee Updates:

Family Theater : Saturday, December 1st @
MP 2:00pm

Saturday Series : Fall Session ends 12/8

SR 2:00pm

Executive Secretary's Report – Lucy Puma

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2018 SCA Open Executive Board Meeting.

Report of Interim Votes:

- The proposal to pay the SCA luncheon invite expense of \$2595 has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Friday, October 19, 2018.
- The proposal to pay \$5900 for the SR/MP 4th Grade Enrichment program has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Tuesday, October 23, 2018.
- The proposal to pay \$750 for the SR Halloween Party DJ has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Tuesday, October 23, 2018.
- The proposal to pay Spectrum \$3,774.87 for 6th grade MP sweatshirts has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Tuesday, October 29, 2018.
- The proposal to pay \$3,000 retainer for the audit for the year ended August 31, 2018 to be performed by O'Keefe CPA has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Wednesday, October 31, 2018.

President's Reports :

High School – Beth Miller

Senior Parents have received information about the Senior Banquet on Wednesday November 7 at 6:30 at Leonards. Thanks to Erin Kurkjian and Katie Lane for chairing the Senior Banquet. Please contact them to volunteer or donate. 11th grade parents are volunteering to help out that evening, so the Senior parents can enjoy the night. If any 11th grade parents would still like to volunteer, please contact me.

11th Grade Parent Night was last night. It was well attended and as usual all information will be on the Guidance Website. This year the SCA is rolling out a new Summer Program for 2019 for the rising seniors which will help students prepare their Common App essay. 11th grade parents will be getting a survey monkey to complete so we can gauge the level of interest in the program. We hope to have Rebecca Chowske present this new SCA funded program at our February Meeting. Summer Studies, which is also for rising seniors, will be changed from years past and we will update you all on those changes once the committee has completed its work.

Art for a Cure happened on Tuesday October 30 and was a great success. There was a High School Community Service Fair on October 24th and CASA sponsored Taylor's Message presented by Kathi and Chris Sullivan for the High School students and parents on October 25th. Thanks to the Coaches and teachers who encouraged students to come and hear their poignant story and about binge drinking and substance abuse.

Middle School – Michelle Longobardi

Photo Retake 10/18

Any student who missed photo day or wanted to retake their photo, did so then. Everything is done online and Irvin Simon will be sending out proofs and the ordering will be done there.

Halloween 10/31

The MS Dance was just this past Wednesday night from 7-8pm. There were 215 kids in attendance and they all stayed the entire night! There were 180 - 7th graders out of approximately 250 in their class (72%) and only 35 - 8th graders out of a total of 255 in that class (14%) Rula Baki and Nouzha Zouak were the chairs of this incredible and fun filled night! The kids all seemed to have an amazing time and there were many activities such as the DJ, MC and Dance floor, Photo Booth, Step and Repeat. There were also 4 rented games that were crowded all night long. The gym was also half open for actual basketball playing. Lots of food - Pizza, Dominick's chicken and soft large pretzels. We did not overdo the desserts and candy since they already went trick or treating! We used so much of the decoration from last year's party and we were able to store it all

again in the Halloween Closet again. No complaints or problems have been reported to date.

SCA Secondary School Directory

Directory forms all in since the extended date. Directory Chair Penny Stefanakis is entering information every day. Beth and I will meet with her to triple check each entry before it is sent off to print. We will be sending one per household home and working on a paperless directory online. Possibly on the SCA Webpage or even an app of some sort.

SCA Middle School Parent Council

Still looking to fill End of Year BBQ Co-Chairs and Planet Manhasset Chair positions for the Parent Council.

Munsey Park – Christine Schwartz

Munsey Park Book Week took place October 15-18. Grades K-4 enjoyed visits in the library from favorite book characters including Biscuit, Curious George, Baby Mouse and Geronimo and Thea Stilton. Fourth and Fifth Graders took part in a game of Pictionary where they had to draw and guess various children's books and characters. A big thank you to chairs Tara Gibbs and Jean Hogan for coordinating the week.

Extended Extras:

Our 8-week Extended Extras program began classes on October 22nd. We had a very successful fall registration. Some of our popular classes include Kindness Club, STEM, Creative Crafts, and Running Club. Many of the classes were filled with no spots left. Thank you to chairs Kristin Perfetto and Elizabeth Spinelli.

Red Ribbon Week:

Our Joint Parent Council meeting took place on October 23rd at Shelter Rock. The Red Ribbon Week guest speaker was Rich Specht from the Reespect Life Foundation. His powerful presentation was about Cultivating Kindness and his life's mission to pay it forward after his family experienced a tragedy. Our 3rd-6th graders at both elementary schools heard a student presentation on the power of paying it forward using kindness. Our K-2nd grade children had a visit from School Assembly Magic that promoted being kind through various characters and magic tricks. It was very interactive and there were many children volunteers to help with the magic show. Thank you to CASA for bringing these wonderful speakers to our school district

and thank you to Trish Dessi, our Munsey Park chair for helping decorate our school inside and outside. The hallway bulletin boards were filled with messages and drawings of kindness, as all children were encouraged to Travel with Kindness. It was a great week. Many teachers commented on how the presentations were the best they've seen.

Lunch/Recess Volunteers:

A meeting was held at Munsey Park for all interested volunteers on October 22nd. Approximately 175 parents attended the meeting (we offered a morning and evening option.) Our principal Mr. Altman, was in awe of how many parents are interested in volunteering. Many thanks to our chair, Veera Purani who is taking over this big job this year and already has had new ideas and made improvements to the scheduling.

Halloween Festivities:

Both Elementary schools hosted 5th & 6th grade Halloween parties on Friday, October 26th. They were very successfully attended and as always, the kids had a blast! The move from Halloween night to the Friday before Halloween was very well received by parents, who could now enjoy Halloween without the stress of leaving younger children on the holiday. The Friday party was terrific. Many thanks to our chairs: Nazli Diba and Carolyn Conkling for 6th and Jill Della Ratta and Susan Mooney for 5th.

Munsey Park had its first Pumpkin Decorating contest on Halloween. There was an adorable very creative display of decorated pumpkins. Coach Muller, Mr. Dillon, and Mrs. Olwy coordinated the judging. Parent volunteers organized the pumpkins by grade. It made for a festive Halloween!

Enrichment:

Some upcoming Enrichment visits include:

3rd grade at both schools will receive a visit from Author Shana Corey on November 8th.

2nd grade at both schools will receive a visit from favorite author Suzy Kline on November 13th.

On November 27th and 28th 4th graders at both schools will enjoy American Lives: Presents Revolutionary Times to coincide with their colonial times unit.

Other upcoming SCA Events include:

On November 8th at Shelter Rock, Dr. Leone will be giving an overview of K-6 assessments through a presentation to parents. All our invited to learn about all in school assessments and testing and what they are used for. It should be a very informative meeting. Hope all can make it.

Munsey Park Photos Retake Day is November 15th. Thank you to Amy Keogh and Missy Leder for finishing up another successful photo day. Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 16th and November 30th.

4th Grade Chorus Concert will be December 14 at 9:15

5th & 6th Grade Band/Orchestra Concert will be December 11th at 7:30.

5th & 6th Grade Chorus Concert will be December 18th at 7:30.

Shelter Rock – Victoria Grassano

Extended Extras

Extended Extras started the week of October 22 and will run for 8 sessions. We had a great response from teachers again this year and are offering a number of new programs for the kids. We have coding, creative writing, singing, music composition, kitchen science, getting to know the masters art club, sports classes and much more. We have 14 classes running in total this session.

Coffee with the Principal: Mr. Roder hosted his first coffee with the principal on Wednesday, October 17 @ 9:15am. The coffee was very well attended and parents welcomed the opportunity to take part in productive discussions about Shelter Rock.

MP/SR Joint Parent Council Meeting

Our MP/SR Joint Parent Council meeting was on Tuesday, October 23 at Shelter Rock School. Rich Specht, www.cultivatekindness.org, shared his moving story of how kindness changed his family in the wake of a terrible tragedy; providing parents with an overview of the student presentation and reminding us that we too can make the world a kinder place.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week ran from October 22-26 . The event, chaired by Marietta Frangiskatos and Elena Vases included two programs for Shelter Rock Students on Thursday, October 25th .

- **K-2 Student Presentation: ‘Take PRIDE!’** Using the art of magic and illusion, Robert McEntee from www.SchoolAssemblyMagic.com inspired learning through wonder; motivating students with life changing character education for Promoting respect, Responsibility, Independence, Determination & Empathy (PRIDE).

- **3-6 Student Presentation: Cultivating Kindness, Rees Spect Life Foundation:** Rich Specht's, www.cultivatekindness.org, presentation combined the Specht family's story with Rich's unique science background and some interactive demonstrations to challenge students' perceptions of how powerful a choice kindness is – and why it is *always* the right one. He reminded the students of the importance of Community, Compassion and Respect; providing the proof that kindness is the world-changing superpower we all share.

5th and 6th Grade Halloween Party

Sandra Chen and Rosanna Massaro (6th Grade) and Sabrina Scheer and Markella Maliagos (5th Grade) worked incredibly hard on this fabulous event. The party took place on Friday, October 26 from 6:30pm-8:30pm. The party was a wonderful event for all that attended. The kids played games and enjoyed the DJ and Photo booth and made memories that will last a lifetime.

Enrichment Programs at Shelter Rock in October: There were three SCA sponsored enrichment programs at Shelter Rock during the month of October. All programs were interesting and engaging and very much enjoyed and appreciated by the children.

- Fifth Grade – Project Adventure – October 10.
- Fourth Grade – Journeys into American Indian Territory - October 12 and 13.
- First Grade – Long Island Science Museum - October 24

Upcoming Events:

Elementary Assessment Overview, Grades K - 6

Thursday, November 8, 9:15 am, SR Auditorium

Administrators will present an overview of the assessments students will come across in grades K - 6. For those who cannot attend this presentation, it will be videotaped and posted on the district website.

Coffee with the Principal: Mr. Roder will host his second coffee with the principal on Tuesday, November 13 @ 9:15am. _

Enrichment Programs:

- Third Grade – Author Visit – Shana Corey – November 8

- Second Grade – Author Visit - Suzy Kline – November 13.
- First Grade – American Lives Presents: Now and then – November 28.
- Fourth Grade – American Lives Presents: Revolutionary Times – November 28.

Photo Re-Take Day:

November 14

Parent Teacher Conference Days: November 16 and 30th.

SR Holiday Concerts:

5th and 6th Grade Choral Concert – December 5 at 7:30pm

4th Grade Concert – December 7 at 9:15am

Band/Orchestra Concert – December 18 at 7:30pm

CASA Update: Jen DeSena, Executive Director, CASA

Superintendent Update: Vincent Butera, Superintendent of Schools

Board of Education Update: Pat Aiken, BOE liaison to SCA
Christine Monterosso, BOE liaison to SCA

The next SCA Open Executive Meeting will be held on Friday, January 11, 2019 at 9AM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Lucy Puma
SCA Executive Board Secretary**