



## **SCA Open Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Friday, January 10, 2020

**Call to Order:** 9:04 AM

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10:00 AM

**Officers Present:** Cathy Conniff and Leslie Fleck, Executive Co-Presidents  
Janet Diaso, High School President  
Michele Longobardi, Middle School President  
Christine Schwartz, Munsey Park President  
Anna Oncel, Shelter Rock President  
Jill Pullano, Executive Treasurer  
Christine Shah, Executive Secretary

**SCA Executive President's Welcome** – Cathy Conniff and Leslie Fleck

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Executive Committee Updates:**

### **SCA EXECUTIVE TREASURER'S REPORT – JILL PULLANO**

- Expenses for the Halloween Parties are all in. Munsey Park and Shelter Rock each came in on budget. The Middle School was over budget by approximately \$900.
- Project Share was once again the beneficiary of the MPWC Fun Run and received a donation of \$12,000. Year to date, we have met almost \$6,800 in Project Share student assistance.
- The Saturday Series fall session has ended earning about \$11,000, which is approximately \$3,000 under budget. This is primarily due to lower than expected enrollment.
- Munsey Park Extended Extras Fall Session earned almost \$11,000. And Shelter Rock Extended Extras earned almost \$4,500. Both are slightly down from last year. Enrollment in these classes is highly sensitive to teacher and class offerings.
- Munsey Park and Shelter Rock Spiritwear sales are doing very well, earning approximately \$11,000 year to date for each school versus full year projected earnings of almost \$3,000 for each school.

### **SCA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT – N. CHRISTINE SHAH**

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

- Motion made to approve the minutes from the Friday, November 1, 2019 SCA Open Executive Board Meeting. Motion approved on Friday, January 10, 2020.

#### **Report of Interim Votes:**

- The proposal to pay \$4,454.00 to Arena Sport & Graphics for 6<sup>th</sup> grade Munsey Park sweatshirts has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Tuesday, November 12, 2019.
- The proposal to pay \$2,246.98 to Noreen LaBenne for the purchase of items for the gift baskets raffled at the SCA Luncheon has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Monday, November 18, 2019.
- The proposal to pay \$6,590.75 to MSCA Ways and Means for credit card transactions from the SCA Luncheon that were collected from Squareup by the MSCA on behalf of the MSCA Ways and Means has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Monday, November 18, 2019.
- The proposal to pay \$2,000.00 to the Manhasset School District for Shana Corey's author visit for Munsey Park and Shelter Rock Elementary Schools' 3rd grade enrichment on November 8, 2019 has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Wednesday, November 20, 2019.

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- The proposal to pay \$2,883.34 to Intuit for annual Quickbooks subscriptions for the SCA and Ways and Means (for which \$1,394.79 will be reimbursed by Ways and Means) has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Wednesday, November 20, 2019.
- The proposal to pay \$7,535.00 to North Hempstead Country club for the remaining balance for the SCA Fall Luncheon has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Friday, November 22, 2019.
- The proposal to pay \$9,658.75 to Shelter Rock teachers listed in request for Shelter Rock Elementary School's Fall 2019 Extended Extras has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Sunday, December 1, 2019.
- The proposal to pay \$19,200.00 to the teachers listed in request for the Munsey Park Elementary School Fall 2019 Extended Extras 8 week program has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Monday, December 2, 2019.
- The proposal to pay \$2,085.37 to Lisa Engellis for Fall 2019 Musical Theater expenses has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Monday, December 16, 2019.
- The proposal to pay \$2,950.00 to the Manhasset School District for the Munsey Park Elementary School 4th grade enrichment presentation by Journey's into American Territory has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Wednesday, December 18, 2019.
- The proposal to pay \$3,580.99 to Manhasset School District for transportation of 5th grade Munsey Park and Shelter Rock Elementary School children to and from Project Adventure for 5th grade enrichment class trip has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Wednesday, December 18, 2019.
- The proposal to pay \$2,000 to the Manhasset School District for Munsey Park and Shelter Rock Elementary Schools' 2nd grade enrichment in the form of a school visit from the children's book author, Suzy Kline, has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Friday, December 20, 2019.
- The proposal from the Guidance Department to sponsor one deserving Manhasset High School 10th grade student, who will be awarded money (\$360) to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Program (HOBY Program), after being selected through an application and selection process, has been approved but the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Thursday, January 9, 2020.

### **SCA HIGH SCHOOL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JANET DIASO**

The Senior Banquet was on Monday, Nov. 4th @ Leonard's and was a big success. Many thanks to Annie Vetrone and Lori Kearns for all of their hard work putting together such a well-attended event for our seniors. Thanks also to the junior parents who volunteered that night so the senior parents could enjoy the evening.

In November, the High School musical, "Grease" was a huge hit. It ran for 4 performances to a nearly sold-out crowd each time. Congratulations to Dr. Hale, Mr. Fessler and the cast and crew on a fun production.

11th grade Parent Night was held on Thursday, November 7th and was well-attended. Parents who were unable to make the meeting can obtain all information from the guidance website.

In December, the Secondary School held a wonderful celebration to recognize their receipt of the Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award. Secondary School faculty, staff and administrators came together to recognize this significant achievement. The SCA was well-represented at the gathering and all were happy to take part in the festivities.

On December 4th, Guidance had their annual Standardized Testing Overview. The meeting was well-attended with many parents asking pertinent questions regarding the process and new changes regarding the ACT and SAT. Dr. D'Anca did a great job of helping parents navigate these changes and the tests themselves.

The returning Grad Panel, which is usually held in January, has now been combined with College 101. The panel will be incorporated into the June program during one of the Seniors' last days of school. Current seniors will have a chance to ask students from the Class of 2019 questions about their first-year college experiences.

Last call for tickets to the Frosh/Soph dance for this Friday night, January 10th... It will be held at NHCC from 8:00-11:00pm. So far it looks like there will be a great turnout, with over 230 tickets sold so far. All students who have sports or extracurricular conflicts will be granted permission to arrive late. Please contact Dr. Schlanger if your student wishes to attend and has not purchased a ticket. The Frolic Fundraiser for the freshman will be held at the Petrucelli house and at the Moss's home for the sophomores. A big "thank you" to both families for hosting.

The 2020-21 Course Catalog has been distributed via email and is currently on the Secondary School webpage. A scheduling assembly to select elective courses will be held on Tuesday, January 14th during the school day.

Mid-terms begin on Monday, January 21st and end on Friday, January 24th.

For our next meeting, the SCA will host Terence Houlihan, a witty, funny and engaging speaker who has worked with adolescents for over 25 years as a teacher, counselor and administrator. Please join us at this special evening meeting which will be Wednesday, February 5th at 7:30pm in the High School Auditorium. His "Timely Tips For Parenting Your Teenager" presentation will promise to be a light and informative talk for anyone who has a tween or teen.

### **SCA MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MICHELE LONGOBARDI**

#### **Blue Ribbon Celebration:**

Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> was the Blue Ribbon celebration and the auditorium was a packed house! That day students were given T-Shirts to commemorate the day. Many speakers including local congress and footage from the ceremony

#### **Holiday Concerts:**

Middle School Holiday Concerts were very well attended and put all in the holiday spirit! Divided into 2 nights. 12/12 and then 12/18. The positive was the auditorium was comfortable, concert not long and parking was awesome! The negative was that the students would leave throughout the later performances so it was very disruptive.

#### **SCA Secondary School Directory:**

Secondary School directories should be completed and mailed out within the next 7-10 days.

#### **8th Grade Parent Night:**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent night was held on 1/8 at 7:00PM and detailed the transition from Middle School to High School. The first 15 minutes before the general meeting began there was a quick Advanced Social Studies meeting for parents of student that may be interested in that. The students themselves can also attend a similar meeting in the morning of this week. Yesterday morning and this morning.

#### **SCA HS/MS February Meeting:**

For the next meeting we will hold an evening meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. We will be hosting Terrence Houlihan who will be presenting "Timely Tips for Parenting Your Teenager."

#### **Fundraiser Dance 3/20/20:**

Lisa Russell and I will plan with Eric Shapiro and MS Student Council. He was thinking of hiring an "Escape the Room" and we will discuss other options with the GLCs.

### **MUNSEY PARK PRESIDENT'S REPORT – CHRISTINE SCHWARTZ**

#### **Extended Extras:**

Our 8-week Extended Extras finished before the December break. Thank you once again to chairs Claudine Fini and Melissa Napolitano, for a very successful program. The Spring Session is slated to begin the Monday after February break, and will run for 8 weeks. The chairs are busy at work communicating with teachers about returning and new classes. Stay tuned.

#### **Enrichment:**

- 3rd grade received a visit from author Shana Corey on November 8th.
- 2nd grade received a visit from author Suzy Kline on November 13th.
- 4th Grade received a visit from Journeys Into American Indian Territory on November 21st and 22nd.

#### **Munsey Park Book Week:**

MP Book Week took place the week of November 18th. Grades K-3 enjoyed guest readers and parents dressing up as literary characters to surprise the classes. Mercy Watson, Martha, Arnie the Donut, and Bad Kitty were the guests of honor this year. Grades 4/5 partook in a game of literary Pictionary in the libraries with parent volunteers to assist. Many thanks to Co- chairs Tara Gibbs and Jean Hogan for planning this fun event alongside our librarian, Mrs. Olwy.

**Photo Day Retakes/6th Grade Sweatshirts:**

Munsey Park Photo Retake Day was November 14<sup>th</sup>. Also on this day, our 6th graders received their class sweatshirts and wore them on the playground for the big group photo that will appear in the yearbook. Be on the lookout for proud 6th graders sporting their newly received sweatshirts around town.

**Orchestra Concert:**

At the Band & Orchestra concert on December 9th, parent volunteers helped Mr. Van Boxel and Mrs. Goldberg bring the first ever “Hot Chocolate Bar” to life, by helping serve hot chocolate with a choice of toppings (mini marshmallows, whipped cream, and crushed candy canes) in mini tasting cups to all of the children performing and any guest who wished to enjoy the treat as well, before the concert. Ingredients were sent via email to all families within the needed time frame in order to follow the district wellness policy. What an absolute hit and such a fun addition to put everyone in attendance in the holiday spirit!

**Support Staff Luncheon:**

On December 11th, we hosted a luncheon in the Munsey Park Teachers’ Lounge to thank all of our support staff. All who attended enjoyed wraps, salads, fruit, and desserts, with a silver and gold holiday theme. We received many appreciative words from our loved and appreciated support staff at MP.

**UPCOMING SCA EVENTS**

**Health & Wellness Week 2020:**

From January 13-17, Munsey Park’s Annual Health & Wellness Week will focus on three pillars of wellness: nutrition, physical activity, and mindfulness. Some highlights from the week will include: a healthy snack challenge, mid-day move challenge, and mindful moments. Throughout the week, gym teachers will also continue the celebration of wellness with Olympic themed games, stations, and mindfulness activities. We are encouraging all children to participate. The class with the most completed challenge sheets will be awarded a “Healthy Choice Prize Box” filled with stress balls, mindfulness challenge cards, inspirational kindness rocks, etc. Many thanks to our Health & Wellness Chairs, Kate Mesquita and Luciana Pereira for their creativity and efforts throughout the week. We were also proud to work side by side with our Shelter Rock counterparts, Health Chair Paula Chiarucci and SR President Anna Oncel — our combined group working together for the goal of a week of overall wellness for our elementary children.

**Guess Who’s Coming to Read?**

Guess Who’s Coming to Read, a favorite, annual event, where surprise members of our local community share their love of reading with children in grades K-4 will take place on January 30th. Chairs, Maria Herrington, Jodi DiTore, and Trish Dessi, are hard at work securing guest readers for this exciting and fun event.

**Joint SCA Parent Council Meetings:**

- On January 17th, there will be a presentation on the NWEA Assessments by Dr. Gaurav Passi and the Administrative team at Shelter Rock at 9:15 am. All elementary parents are welcome to attend. An email flyer will be distributed to families.
- On February 5th, there will be a Joint Parent Council Meeting at Shelter Rock at 9:15 am. Our invited speaker will be Dr. Christopher Hale, who will present on the music and arts programs in the Elementary Schools.

**Online Spiritwear Store:**

Munsey Park will be offering some of the favorite sold-out items and new items through an online spirit wear store. Look out for the link to shop, which will be emailed to families over the next few weeks.

We are looking forward to all of these upcoming events!

## **SHELTER ROCK PRESIDENT'S REPORT – ANNA ONCEL**

### **Annual Support Staff Luncheon**

Our annual Shelter Rock Support Staff Luncheon was on Wednesday, December 11. Thank you to Victoria Grassano for putting together this amazing event. The Shelter Rock Conference Room was transformed into a winter wonderland complete with holiday music. There were many smiles that greeted our staff and laughter filled the room. We are very grateful for our wonderful support staff.

### **Spirit Wear:**

The Shelter Rock Spirit Wear Chairs were excited to launch a week long online holiday pdf catalog of SR spirit wear. Items were easy to purchase via email at shelterspirit@gmail.com. We generated a lot of interest and sales. Thank you to Selina Lin and Brenda Kim for a successful week.

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Fall Extended Extras:**

Shelter Rock Fall Extended Extras 8-week session wrapped up this week for a few classes that had make ups. I want to thank Debbie Machare our Extended Extras Chair for helping with the registration process and to the teachers who taught both morning and afternoon classes. Our next session will begin on January 27 and run for 8 weeks. This session, we are able to offer classes that include Kitchen Science, Study Skills, Music Song Writing, Coding and Kindness Club. A special thank you to the teachers for making this possible for our children.

#### **Guess Who's Coming to Read:**

Guess Who's Coming to Read will take place on Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> for grades K-3. We have new and exciting line up of readers for the kids this year! Thank you to Susan Siris and Sondra Gottleman for chairing this event.

#### **Health & Wellness Week:**

January 13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> is Health and Wellness week. We encourage SR students to explore three areas of Health and Wellness (1) nutrition, (2) physical activity and (3) mindfulness. Mr. Roder has sent a parent resource packet with health and wellness information via Blackboard Connect to parents and teachers. Children will complete a daily worksheet. The class with the greatest number of challenge sheets returned will receive a class prize. The physical education coaches have planned fun filled physical activities. Thank you to Paula Chiarucci for chairing this event.

#### **Joint SR/MP Parent Council Meeting:**

Our SR/MP Joint Parent council meeting will be on Friday, January 17 @ 9:15am at Shelter Rock. Dr. Gaurav Passi, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Adam Kuranishi, Administrator of Assessment and Data Analysis, Dr. Rebecca Chowske, District Coordinator of English Language Arts K-12, Ms. Lauren Tallarine District Coordinator for Mathematics K-12 will be providing an overview of the NWEA assessment.

#### **Enrichment Programs:**

Our Enrichment Programs at Shelter Rock has had many wonderful in-house presentations. Thank you to Annie Yeung for scheduling the presentation with teachers and administration. Programs from our last meeting in November through January included by grade:

- **First Grade:** Brenner's Farm: Colonial Art program, 11.6.2019
- **Second Grade:** Author Visit, Suzy Kline, 11.13.2019
- **Third Grade:** Author Visit, Shana Corey, 11.08.2019
- **Fourth Grade:** Brenner's Farm: Colonial Art program, 11.6.2019
- **Fifth Grade:** Birds of Prey: 12.20.2019

#### **CASA Update – Jennifer DeSena and Connie Bruno:**

- **NSTV (PATV) 6 week studio class**

The students will receive training on all studio equipment and learn how to be both crew and talent in creating programming and promotional videos and PSA's for Manhasset CASA. This program is open to Manhasset middle school and high school students, and the studio is located at Lake Success on Marcus Avenue, and runs from 4-6PM, with pizza for the 1<sup>st</sup> ½ hour. Currently there are 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students that are participating.

- January 15, 2020, Screenagers The Next Chapter at the Manhasset Public Library at 7pm.  
The film addresses teen mental health, stress and resilience. Dr. Joy D'Anca, Director of Guidance will facilitate.
- January 17, 2020 Vaping Educational Assemblies at both Elementary Schools.  
LICADD will be presenting to 6<sup>th</sup> graders at both Elementary Schools, a presentation discussing the dangers of vaping. Prior to this year, the focus was on high school students, but this year CASA chose to focus on 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in order to reach them before substance use begins. Most 6<sup>th</sup> grade students have smartphones with social media so they have been exposed to images of vaping and are familiar with it. Once they are in middle school and they are around friends that are vaping, it becomes more difficult to speak negatively about it; the kids are less receptive to negative discussions about the effects of vaping by middle school. Therefore the 6<sup>th</sup> grade presentation will focus on the importance of being aware of substance use; the presentation will break down the components of devices and try to deal with coping, mental health issues, social issues, including LICADD resources.
- January 27, 2020 Parent Volunteer meeting, 1pm.  
Know Yoga, Know Bliss on Plandome Road with yoga and meditation.
- January 28, 2020 Prevention Starts with All – The Chris Herren Story  
Student assembly for 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> graders. Community presentation at 7:30pm. A free ticket is required from Eventbrite. Parents of 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> graders are strongly encouraged to attend this or an alternate Chris Herren documentary. Student assembly for 11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders will include a presentation by Eric Kussin called "We're All A Little Crazy" The Eric Cussin's presentation will focus on the idea to get behind mental fitness. Everyone needs mental fitness to handle trauma that we will all be faced with. Focus will be on sleep, nutrition, fitness and relationships with friends to help with mental fitness.
- February 12, 2020 Community Vaping Educational Presentation 7:30pm, location to be determined.  
Dr. Fagan, MD FAAP, from Cohen Children's Medical Center will conduct a presentation that will focus on speaking to parents. There was a request that the presentation include samples of devices that can be shown to adults to help recognize if children are in possession of vaping devices.

**Respectfully submitted,**

N. Christine Shah

**SCA Executive Board Secretary**