



## **SCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Friday, March 15, 2019**

**Call to Order: 9:05 am**

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 am**

**Officers Present:** Marybeth Accurso, Nancy Schlaefer, 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**

**Important Dates:** April Recess – April 18th – April 28th; school reopens April 29<sup>th</sup>

**SCA Fair – Saturday, May 4th**

### **Treasurer's Report: Jill Pullano**

- Saturday Series winter session has had receipts of approximately \$50,000 and had paid out half of contracted instructional fees of approximately \$17,000. The balance of the instructional fees and the custodial costs are still outstanding.
- Student Assistance made payments totaling \$2,700 for Drivers Ed and the junior Prom at the High School level as well as \$1,400 for Saturday Series for Munsey Park.

- The Munsey Park and Shelter Rock book fairs each had gross receipts of approximately \$20,000. Expenses are expected to be submitted next week.
- The winter session of Extended Extras has kicked off. Numbers are expected next week for Munsey Park. Shelter Rock has posted revenue of \$36,000 and expenses are expected to be submitted next week.
- Proceed checks from Photo Days for all three schools are expected to be received this month.

## **Executive Secretary's Report – Lucy Puma**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

- **Motion to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2019 SCA Open Executive Board Meeting.**

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

- The proposal to pay minute man \$5,176.95 for the directory has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Tuesday, January 15, 2019.
- The proposal to pay \$1,012 for HS Student Assistance for 4 students for Drivers Ed has been approved by the SCA Executive board via electronic email on Monday March 4, 2019
- The proposal to pay \$1,750 for the Junior Prom student assistance has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

## **President's Reports**

### **High School – Beth Miller**

The Soph was held Saturday February 2. Thanks to Christy Wepler and Maria Frankis for selling tickets and thanks to the administration for putting on a fun and fabulous event for the Sophomore Class. Thanks to Christy and Maria again for hosting the Soph Frolic Fundraiser at Port Yacht Club while the students were off to the dance. It was a great night!

On Saturday March 2, 2019, the Class of 2020 had their Junior Prom. Thanks to Paula Gaccione and Mary Felman for organizing the ticket sales and to the school for delivering a wonderful evening. While the Junior class was at the prom, the parents gathered at the home of Alexandra and Nick Colombos to celebrate and raise funds for the Frolic. Thanks to Alexandra and Nick for hosting and Paula and Mary for organizing.

For the Class of 2020, any juniors interested in the Summer Studies Awards program should apply as soon as possible. The deadline is March 29 and details can be found on the SCA website.

The Senior Prom will be on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be sold Thursday March 21 and Friday March 22 from 3<sup>rd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> period outside the SPA. There will also be a Frolic Fundraiser at the home of Mia and Kent Hitchcock the night of the prom for the parents of the class of 2019. Details are on the SCA website.

Next SCA Meeting Friday April 12 at 10 am.

## **Middle School – Michelle Longobardi**

### **Middle School “Dance for the Cure” Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:30 in the MS/HS Gym we will be holding the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bubble Soccer Event for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. \$5 donation suggested. All proceeds will help support the MWCABC. Students have been selling pink athletic socks a few days this week and will continue next week to raise more money.

### **SCA 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Parent Panel - Shelter Rock 7:00PM Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

We will be preparing for this Power point Presentation and meeting. I will secure the volunteers and coordinate with the necessary people at SR to ensure a successful event.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade gift and acknowledgement of “Graduation”**

We are currently discussing how to celebrate the current 8<sup>th</sup> graders (rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders). In the past T-shirts have been made and gifted but instead thinking about a two-page photo of the class in Manhasset Press. Still not confirmed.

### **Munsey Park – Christine Schwartz**

#### **Extended Extras:**

Our second session of the 8-week Extended Extras began the week of February 25<sup>th</sup> and is in full swing with 14 classes currently running. Thank you once again to chairs Kristin Perfetto and Elizabeth Spinelli, for leading the charge of this very successful SCA program. Some incredible new classes are OZOBOT, which immediately filled, and is taught by computer teacher Ms. Costello. In the OZOBOT class, children have the ability to operate and code with a robot. Also, Mornings on the Mat, which combines story and yoga, and Kitchen Science, were examples of our new extremely popular classes. Other new classes include the Wizarding World of Harry Potter, Gifts of the HeART, and Debate Club. Once again Running Club and Kindness Club were filled to capacity.

#### **Guess Who’s Coming to Read?**

On January 31<sup>st</sup>, Munsey Park welcomed over 30 guest readers to share their love of reading with children in grades K-4. From firefighters and police officers to a yoga instructor to bakers and chefs, the guest readers came from many, varied backgrounds. Thank you to Joanna Austin and Trish Dessi, who co-chaired this favorite, annual event.

#### **Joint Parent Council Meeting:**

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, there was a Joint SCA Parent Council Meeting @ Munsey Park at 9:30 am. Our invited speakers were Dr. Chowske, who presented on the Teacher’s College Program in the Elementary Schools as well as Allison Rushforth and Gary LaFemina who presented on the ICT Classrooms in the Elementary Schools.

#### **Book Fair:**

Co-chairs, Caroline Smith and Anna Vomvolakis and their dedicated committee spent months of planning and bringing to life the wonderful “Enchanted Forest” Book Fair from March 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Our Book Fair took place in the Multi Purpose Room, instead of the library this year, because the

library at Munsey Park houses a classroom, which would have been disruptive. Though the multipurpose room is a very different space, it worked out wonderfully. It was larger, easier to decorate, and parents entered in and out of the multipurpose room doors, which did not cause any disruption to the hallways. A Family Night event kicked off the week, after the delayed opening, and welcomed many Munsey Park families and guest author, Yona Zeldis McDonough (who authored *The Bicycle Spy* and several *Who Is? Books*). Ms. McDonough also gave a presentation to the 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students on the Monday of Book Fair week. Toward the end of the week, younger Manhasset children attended a preschool event at the Book Fair. Book Fair sales were up from last year, Scholastic has reported, which is always great news. Most importantly, it was a week to remember for all the children, their families, teachers, and the community.

**Enrichment:**

- Simple Machines by Science Museum of LI to 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders on January 15<sup>th</sup>
- Electric Safety Town to PSEG to 4<sup>th</sup> Graders on January 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Sesame Street Let's Get Ready by PSEG to k-2 on January 24<sup>th</sup> @ SR and  
January 25<sup>th</sup> @ MP.
- Science Museum of Long Island In House Ecosystem – Tropical Rainforest to  
2<sup>nd</sup> Graders at both schools on March 12 and 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Some upcoming Enrichment visits include:**
- Theatreworks production of *Cat in the Hat* to MP/SR Kindergarteners on  
March 19<sup>th</sup>
- Science Museum of Long Island Reptiles and Amphibians to MP 1<sup>st</sup> graders  
(SR had their presentation in the fall) on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Other upcoming SCA Events include:**

Go Green Week during the week of April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Shelter Rock – Victoria Grassano**

### **Winter Extended Extras Update**

Our winter session for extended extras started on January 8 and will continue to run for 10 sessions. We are offering many fabulous classes this session including: Junior Journalists, Kitchen Science, Cartooning and Animation, Music Composition, French, Coding, Fun With Physics, Bringing Literature Alive Through Drama, Sports and Games and much more! We have 19 classes running with many classes having more interest than spots! Classes end the end of this month and they are going great! Thank you to our chair Kathleen Martelli!

### **Health and Wellness Week**

Health and wellness week was January 16-19. The theme this year was “Be An Olympian.” The focus of the week was on experiencing the joy of effort, learning to play fair, practicing respect for oneself and others, the pursuit of excellence and living a balanced life of body, will and mind. Students were encouraged to explore five areas of Health & Wellness that are key to being an Olympian in life: (1) Physical Activity, (2) Good Sportsmanship, (3) Healthy Eating Habits, (4) Mindfulness/Stress Management and (5) Limiting Screen Time. A worksheet and handouts were delivered via backpack express and Mr. Geczik sent a parent resource packet with health and wellness information via Blackboard Connect. We had a great response with all classes handing in daily worksheets where the students each colored in the Olympic rings that supported their completed goals. There was a winning class in each great. The gym teachers also incorporated Olympic themed activity stations into all gym classes. Thank you to Anne Chun and Laurie Zephyrin for chairing this event.

### **Guess Who’s Coming to Read**

Guess Who’s Coming to Read took place on January 24 for grades K-3. We had an all new line up of exciting surprise readers for the kids this year! From a former rockette to a professional violinist to Dr. Butera the kids truly enjoyed the excitement of this day. Music and acting and dancing could be heard from many classrooms with children singing and acting along with their surprise readers. Thank you to Anna Oncel and Kathleen Martelli for chairing this event.

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

Our joint parent council meeting was on February 7 at Shelter Rock. Dr. Rebecca Chowske and Dr. Leone provided an overview of our K-6 English Language Arts programs. They discussed the current reading and writing programs in use in each grade level as well as the changes to the curriculum that are ahead. Reading specialists from both Shelter Rock and Munsey Park were in attendance to answer any questions parents may have. The meeting was very well attended despite the snowy weather and widespread flu. Dr. Chowske and Leone stayed for quite some time to answer all parent questions. Parent feedback was that they would like to see meetings on the ELA programs more frequently.

### **CogAT Meeting and Test**

This year our district moved from the In View test to a new cognitive abilities assessment, the CogAT. Informational meetings were held on January 11<sup>th</sup> at both schools, one in the morning and one at night. The CogAT was administered online on February 15<sup>th</sup> to students in both schools. There were several issues with the administration of the test and most children were unable to complete the test which led to a decision by administrators that the test results would not be used as criteria for the determination of placement.

### **Shelter Rock Meeting on Student Placement Process**

On Thursday, March 1st at 9:30am in the Shelter Rock Auditorium, Mr. Geczik gave a presentation explaining the process that will be followed in placing the students in classes for the 2018-2019 school year. The meeting was very well attended. The meeting was repeated in the evening on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **“Paws for Books” Book Fair**

Our Shelter Rock Book Fair was this week, March 5-9. We kicked off the week with Family Night on Monday, March 5 from 5:30-8:30. It was a huge success! We had two visiting authors. Sayantani DasGupta who wrote "The Serpent's Secret: Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond." Dr. DasGupta did a presentation for grades 4 and 5 during the school day on Monday that was engaging and inspiring and thoroughly enjoyed by the children. She signed books at the book fair later that night. We also had with us on Family Night children's book author Jason Carter Eaton. He did a reading for the children in the library atrium and signed books for the children. The night was

packed with families that enjoyed fun games and raffles, the fantastic authors as well as a special visit and photo ops with Mr. Geczik and Mrs. Williams in costume. A big thanks to Jenny Bordieri and Renee DiGiorolomo for all of the time, work and energy they put into making this event truly amazing.

**CASA Update:**

Jen DeSena, Executive Director, CASA

- 3/1 – SALT event for Middle School
- 4/5 – Dance and fitness event
- CASA survey results

**Principal Update:**

Junior Prom was a great event !

4/6 – Senior prom

**Superintendent Update:**

Vincent Butera, Superintendent of Schools

- Capital projects
- Capital reserve proposition
- Visitors Policy 3/28 Board meeting
- Budget meeting 4/11

**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, April 12, 2019 at 9AM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Lucy Puma**

**SCA Executive Board Secretary**



