



SCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, March 5, 2021

Call to Order: 9:00 AM

Meeting Adjourned: 10:00 AM

Officers Present Virtually During Zoom Teleconference:

Cathy Conniff, Executive Co-President
Leslie Fleck, Executive Co-President
Janet Diaso, High School President
Markella Maliagros, Middle School President
Cathy Croce, Munsey Park President
Anna Oncel, Shelter Rock President
Tania Kapoor, Executive Treasurer
N. Christine Shah, Executive Secretary

Executive Co-President's Welcome – Cathy Conniff and Leslie Fleck

Pledge of Allegiance

Report given by Timothy O'Keefe, Accountant for the SCA, regarding the 2018-2019 audit of SCA's budget.

EXECUTIVE TREASURER'S REPORT – TANIA KAPOOR

- SCA's Auditor presented the 2018-2019 audit.
- Given the circumstances and increased needs in the community, the SCA has agreed to increase its annual contribution to Project Share from \$765.17 to \$4,500. This brings Project Share's total budget for 2020-2021 to \$8,234.83, including the last year carryover on the books of \$3,734.83.
- The SCA is looking to minimize expenses where possible to allow for funds to be used to support the community and offset the decreased revenue from fundraising.
- Proceed checks from Photo Days for all three schools are expected to be received this month.
- Expenses related to Secondary School Directory printing and postage are expected to be received this month.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT – N. CHRISTINE SHAH

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion made to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2021 SCA Open Executive Board Meeting. Motion approved by the SCA Executive Board.

HIGH SCHOOL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JANET DIASO

Plans for all **senior events** are currently underway. The Grade 12 Grade Level Chairs (GLC), Frolic Committee, Dr. Schlanger and I have been meeting weekly (and will continue to meet) to plan details for senior sendoff, the frolic and graduation. Graduation and frolic are set to be held on Friday, June 25th, the date originally scheduled in the district calendar. Senior prom will be held on Tuesday, June 22nd. There are still ongoing discussions regarding details and all parties are making attempts to gain more clarity of NYS guidelines before making any specific plan.

GLCs for the **class of 2022** kicked off their spirit-wear fundraiser, which was a big success. The class sold t-shirts, sweatshirts and signs all with the "Class of 2022" logo. All proceeds go to the Class of 2022 Frolic Fund

and the website is still open for donations. Many thanks to Jill Pullano and Chris Whitaker making this happen. Check your email for pick up times and dates... Also check your junk mail...

The **"Fall" sports season** has begun this week. Weekly testing is required for high risk sports, which includes football, volleyball and competitive cheer. We wish our athletes the best of luck this season.

Grade 10 Parent Night, sponsored by the Guidance Department, was held on February 10th. Some of the topics included were: Introduction to Naviance, Career and College awareness and Health and Wellness issues. A copy of the powerpoint presentation is available on the Guidance page of the School Website.

The **Mock College Interview Program**, also sponsored by Guidance, was held on Tuesday, March 2nd. This year, the program took on a different format— which was a panel discussion with representation from college admissions and alumni professionals. Thank you to the panelists, including our board of education members who donated their time.

After today, our next meeting is Friday, April 9th....

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MARKELLA MALIAGROS

Announcements/Reminders:

Junior National Honors Society Event 1/20/21

The event was held on a full remote platform the evening of 1/20/21. Over one hundred students inducted this year. We look forward to returning to an in person platform for this event next year.

Incoming 7th Grade Parent Night 3/4/21

This event was held by Dr. Schlanger and the guidance department via zoom. The session was well attended and informative.

6th Grade Transitional Parent Panel 4/27/21

This SCA driven panel will be scheduled through zoom this year. We will put together a parent panel to answer questions from one parent to another regarding the transition of 6th grade into the Secondary School Building.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon 5/19/21

The committee co-chairs Paula Chiarucci and Kristen Connolly will begin meeting next week to prepare for this special day for our teachers and staff.

Middle School Sports

Middle School (modified) Fall sports begin March 22, 2021-April 30, 2021. Fall sports for the middle school include Boys: Football, Soccer, Cross Country and for the Girls: Soccer, Field Hockey, Cross Country, Tennis and Swimming.

Secondary School Directory

The 2020-2021 Secondary School Directory went out this week. Thank you to Michele Longobardi for working to get that out. Please reach out to myself, Janet or Michele if you did not receive it.

MUNSEY PARK PRESIDENT'S REPORT – CATHY CROCE

Over-view:

Parents continue to be encouraged that Covid-19 does not seem to be spreading in the schools and to still have the children in school.

Happenings:

SCA Joint MP/SR Parent Council Meeting was held on Friday, January 25th. The SCA is grateful to Ms. Tallarine, District Coordinator of Mathematics and Business, who presented the **Math Program** from k-6th. Specifics surrounding testing, the Accelerated Program, and 6th grades' transition to middle school were also discussed. The event was well attended with over 100 people.

Due to the tremendous efforts of Connie Bruno, **Health and Wellness Week** successfully kicked off January 25th. Despite the challenges of hybrid learning, a week of fully remote district wide-learning and snow days, CASA in partnership with the Harlem Wizards lifted our children's spirits with a two week "Wizfit Challenge". A sincere thank you to Connie Bruno who worked tirelessly to make this first-time offering a success.

Another **SCA Joint MP/SR Parent Council Meeting** was held on Thursday, February 4th. The **ELA Program** was presented by Dr. Chowske, District Coordinator of English Language Arts and Reading K-12. Topics discussed included parent resources and home support, scope and sequencing for K-5th and upcoming program shifts. Many thanks to Dr. Chowske for such an informative discussion. This event was also well attended with nearly 70 attendees.

On Friday, February 26th, **The Munsey Park Enrichment Program** presented the Fifth Graders with the exciting "Birds of Prey" experience. This year it was conducted via zoom and was well received.

On Valentine's Day, the SCA gifted Munsey Park faculty and staff with a Hershey bar treat in appreciation of their ongoing efforts.

Look Ahead:

“Guess Who is Coming to Read?”: Cancelled

SCA Joint MP/SR Parent Council Meeting: March – Science Program

Book Fair: Postponed until Spring

SHELTER ROCK PRESIDENT’S REPORT – ANNA ONCEL

Joint SR/MP Parent Council Meeting:

Was held on January 22nd, District Coordinator of Math K-12, Lauren Tallarine, presented to approximately 100 elementary parents an overview of the revised Math In Focus 2020 edition that has been implemented in grades K through 5th. An Additional program that has launched this year in grades 2nd through 5th was Reflex Math that provided students reinforcement in math facts. Parents of current fifth graders that are interested in knowing more details about the accelerated math process as well current 6th grade parents whose child(ren) are transitioning to middle school can find the math presentation online on the Manhasset School website under Curriculum and Assessment presentations. The SCA is thankful for Mrs. Lauren Tallarine for providing an overview of the math program.

Joint SR/MP Parent Council Meeting:

Was held on February 4th. Dr. Chowske, District Coordinator of English Language Arts along with Mrs. Elizabeth Watts, Literacy Specialist at SR, and Ms. Sarah Isaacson, MP Literacy Specialist provided the elementary parents with an overview of the Kindergarten through 5th-grade scope and sequence to the Teachers College Reading and Writing Program (TCRWP). The presentation provided an overview of the K through 2nd writing program, unit overview per grade, and parent resources for information and home support. Upcoming program shifts that are in discussion are for sixth grade. Detailed information on the presentation can be found on the Manhasset School website under Curriculum and Assessment presentation. The SCA is thankful to Dr. Chowske, Mrs. Watts, and Ms. Isaacson for overview of the ELA curriculum in the elementary school.

Spirit Wear:

Shelter Rock launched its third Spirit Wear Sale on January 29th -February 11th. The initiative to move to an online store has been successful this year. Thank you to the Shelter Rock families for their support and the co-chairs Brenda Kim and Selina Lin. There will be an upcoming Spring Sale.

Health & Wellness Week:

Health and Wellness concluded on February 10 with a Live Grand Finale via Zoom with the Harlem Wizards. The theme this year was to inspire good habits, healthy movement, teach life skills and foster a sense of community all while having fun! Students watched six fun interactive videos led by Harlem Wizard stars Swoop and Broadway. SR Principal Mr. Roder, Assistant Principal, Mrs. Williams, and Teachers: Mrs. Weiss-Begley, Ms. Mauro, and Mr. Longo participated in the Harlem Wizards WizFit Shuffle. A special thank you to our wonderful SR Coaches for their continual support in promoting the program during gym time. A big thank you to Connie Bruno, CASA for organizing and all the effort that went to make this event wonderful.

Appreciation:

On February 10th SR SCA showed their appreciation to the staff for “making the impossible possible.” There was no better way to express our gratitude by decorating the whiteboard with hearts. Each heart represented each grade, support staff group, specialist, and administration. We marked the occasion with Hershey bars that were labeled “Wishing you a sweet day & good fortune!” Also, fortune cookies were given to the staff with three unique messages “When it’s not possible you make it happen! We are moved by your thoughts and actions! Thank you for making the impossible possible!” All messages ended with Shelter Rock Strong. A big thank you to all the staff for all that they are doing to make this year possible.

Enrichment Update:

Currently, grades 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th have all had an enrichment program. The Enrichment Chair, Annie Yeung is finalizing programs for grades K, 3rd, and 6th. A big thank you to Annie Yeung for making the Enrichment program possible this year for all the children.

Upcoming Events:

- **SR Spirit Week:** March 15-19
- **SCA Joint MP/SR Parent Council Meeting:** March 18 at 9:30 am with District Coordinator K-12 of Science Ms. Teresa McGrath
- **Kindergarten New Parent Orientation:** Monday, March 22 at 7 pm via Zoom.
- **Book Fair:** Postponed for May

CASA UPDATE

Jennifer DeSena, Executive Director, CASA

Connie Bruno, Project Director, CASA

The Wizard's program went well. There were many challenges to overcome regarding the program due to the schools going full remote the week it was supposed to launch and the full remote snow days. The custom encouragement videos produced by the Wizards included a clip from the game held here in Manhasset last year and one video featured the elementary Principles and Assistant Principles along with some teachers doing the WizFit Shuffle. We are in the process of distributing the gifts earned by the kids that participated.

CASA conducted the Bach/Harrison Survey in grades 8, 10 and 12. The survey questioned the behaviors of our kids and looked at factors that influence these behaviors. The results will be shared once they are made available.

We hosted a parent workshop called "Raising Resilient Children. There were approximately 65 parents that participated and it was very informative. For anyone that was not able to participate in the workshop, a summary of the information shared at the workshop will be included in the next CASA newsletter.

The Middle School SetConnect Club is in the process of putting displaying photos of famous people that have mental health challenges, to help people feel comfortable dealing with such challenges.

Thank you to the SCA for continuing to support CASA with financing as well as providing an opportunity to work with the community, the board of education and the school administration.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – DR. VINCENT BUTERA

As a result of the recent survey, the administration and the Board have started discussing a Re-Entry plan for the community so that we can work through a safe return to school for those families that want a return to everyday in-person learning. Many of the faculty also want to have the kids return to school. We are examining returning to school in phases. There will be an upcoming board meeting this Tuesday, March 9th, to discuss this further with the community.

BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE

Pat Aitken (President of BOE)

Christine Monterosso (Vice President of BOE)

- A board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 to discuss a phased return to full in-person learning. An announcement for this meeting will be going out soon to the community.
- There will also be a board meeting on Thursday, March 11, 2021 where discussions will begin for the 2021-2022 school year budget.

Respectfully submitted,

N. Christine Shah

SCA Executive Board Secretary