



SCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, April 9, 2021

Call to Order: 9:03 AM

Meeting Adjourned: 10:03 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

General Announcements:

- We want to give our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Madame Diane Bollen, a Manhasset High School French Teacher, and Ms. Coleen Gerardi, a Nurse at Munsey Park Elementary School.
- SCA General Membership Meeting, May 11, 2021 at 7:30pm (Zoom link to follow)
- Last call for SCA Plant Sale, deadline today of April 9, 2021.

EXECUTIVE TREASURER'S REPORT – TANIA KAPOOR

- Proceed checks from Photo Days for all three schools are still outstanding.
- Expenses related to Secondary School Directory printing and postage have been paid in the amount of \$4,633.55.
- Frolic fundraising has begun through Square stores.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT – N. CHRISTINE SHAH

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion made to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2021 SCA Open Executive Board Meeting. Motion approved by the SCA Executive Board.

Report of Interim Votes:

- The proposal to pay \$4,633.55 to Minuteman Press for printing and mailing the Manhasset Secondary School Directory has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Thursday, March 18, 2021.

HIGH SCHOOL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JANET DIASO

Return to School

On March 15th seniors and 7th graders returned to school full time. "Welcome Back" signs and balloons were donated/provided by grade 12 parents. Many thanks grade 12 GLCs, Pam Giaccobe and Jennifer LoPinto, for their help in organizing!

On Friday, March 19th the SCA provided cookies in the Senior Spa from Manhasset Bagels to welcome back our seniors. It was nice to see the students gathering in the SPA with some sense of normalcy. We hope it brought a smile to their faces.

Secondary School students will return to full-time instruction (for those who choose that option) as follows: Grades 8 & 11 — April 12th and Grades 9 & 10 — April 19th

If you have an 8th or 11th grader, don't forget to fill out the survey form from Adam Kuranishi with regard to choosing remote or in-school instruction starting next week. The form is due today @ noon.

Sports

The fall sports season continues...2 spectators per athlete are allowed to attend games. Feedback with regard to games and spectators has been positive so far. JV & Varsity Spring Sports will begin on April 22nd.

AP Exams

Registration for AP exams was due to District Office on April 2nd. AP exams will be held in person during the 2 weeks from May 3rd through May 14th. Students have the option to take the exams in-person in May or digitally in June. Most in-person exams will be held at Leonard's on Northern Blvd. If you have any questions please contact Adam Kuranishi.

Upcoming Events

World Languages Honor Society Induction April 28th at 7 PM. There will be a Zoom "premiere" then families will be able to view the Power Point Presentation along with the digital program.

All Senior Events are still in the planning stages... A frolic committee has been formed and they are actively seeking donations and volunteers to assist in the event planning. Prom details are still being worked out with the hope that some of the restrictions will lift in the next few weeks.

The Class of 2023 spiritwear fundraiser kicked off last month. Although the website is closed for merchandise orders, there is still time to make a donation. Merchandise is expected to be in mid to late April.

The Class of 2024 has a spiritwear fundraising website up and running. They're offering lots of items: sweatshirts and t-shirts and signs. An email with a link to the store was sent out yesterday from the Grade 9 GLCs.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MARKELLA MALIAGROS

Announcements/Reminders:

6th Grade Transitional Parent Panel 4/27/21

This SCA driven panel will be scheduled through zoom this year. We have selected our parent panel to answer questions from incoming 7th grade parents regarding the transition of 6th grade into the Secondary School Building. Still need to speak to Dr. Schlanger to update some of these events and how they will be held given the new Covid restrictions.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon 5/19/ 21

The committee co-chairs Paula Chiarucci and Kristen Connolly are working to plan a special day for our secondary school staff.

Middle School Sports

Middle School (modified) Fall sports have begun as of 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. So far all seems smooth. Still some questions regarding locker rooms.

Middle School Adventureland Outing

The date of Tuesday June 8th has been booked. Will work on finding a chair for this event or creating a sign up genius to announce to 7th and 8th grade students and soliciting volunteers. Still need to speak to Dr. Schlanger regarding possibility of offering a bus for transportation.

MUNSEY PARK PRESIDENT'S REPORT – CATHY CROCE

Over-view:

Parents are grateful to have 6th grade back in school full-time with no evidence of Covid having spread within the school despite reduced social distancing. Sadly, Munsey Park Elementary and the district is grieving the loss of our beloved school nurse, Coleen Girardi. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

Happenings:

SCA Joint MP/SR Parent Council Meeting was held on Thursday, March 18th. The Elementary Science Program was the main focus and the SCA is grateful to Ms. Teresa McGrath, the District Coordinator of Science K-12, for her overview of the program as well as outlining 6th grade's transition to Middle School. The SCA is also thankful to Mrs. Viscovich from Munsey Park and Mr. O'Brien from Shelter Rock for giving parents a view into their children's weekly science classes. The event was well attended by over 80 participants.

Spirit Week kicked off with Pajama Day for Munsey Park on Monday, March 22nd. The students had fun celebrating our school throughout the week with jersey day, blue and orange day, dress as your teacher day and tie dye day.

The **6th grade returned to school full-time** on Monday, March 22nd. Over 90% of our students were happy to be back in the building attending in-person every day.

On March 22nd, the district hosted a **Kindergarten Parent Orientation**. Nearly 120 parents joined the zoom meeting to hear from Munsey Park and Shelter Rock support staff. The meeting was extremely informative and gave new families information on things like kindergarten screening, the nurses office, health and mental wellness as well as busing and arrival. Anna Oncel, SCA President at Shelter Rock, and I provided an overview of the SCA's role in the community as well as at our respective schools.

As part of our **Enrichment Program**, the second graders heard from author Suzy Kline on Friday, March 26th. Ms. Kline is the author of the popular Horrible Harry Series and spoke about ideas being "seeds" and how she uses a notebook to record ideas for her stories.

Look Ahead:

Spiritwear online store – open 4/12 – 4/21

Go Green Week: 4/19 – 4/23

SCA Joint MP/SR Parent Council Meeting: 4/28

Book Fair: rescheduled to 5/12 – 5/21

Staff Appreciation Lunch: 5/19

SHELTER ROCK PRESIDENT'S REPORT – ANNA ONCEL

Joint SR/MP Parent Council Meeting:

Was held on March 18th, District Coordinator of Science K-12, Teresa McGrath, along with Mr. O'Brien, Science Specialist at Shelter Rock, and Mrs. Viscovich, Science at MP, presented to approximately 95 elementary parents an overview of Science Curriculum in grades K-6 and the look ahead to the middle school. Detailed information on the presentation can be found on the Manhasset School website under Curriculum and Assessment presentation. The SCA is thankful to Ms. McGrath, Mr. O'Brien, and Mrs. Viscovich for providing an overview of the science program.

Spirit Week:

Shelter Rock staff and students participated in a week of fun from March 15 through March 19. Students kicked off the week with mix-match day, favorite book character, wacky hair/hat, throwback Thursday, and ended with pajama day. Shelter Rock Spirit Week was special as sixth-graders determined the theme for each day, and everyone had a wonderful time participating.

Kindergarten Parent Orientation Meeting:

The incoming MP/SR Kindergarten Parent Orientation was held on March 22. It was very well attended with 118 participants. We welcome the incoming kindergarten families to their respective schools next year.

Go Green Week:

Go Green Week is next week. This year's theme is "Restore Our Earth," which focuses on planting and reducing our footprint. There are many fun and stimulating activities planned for the students. Students will kick off the week wearing green to school on Monday, April 19, to show their green spirit. Children will be challenged with daily earth-day challenges and write a letter to a local government representative to let them know you care about the environment! Challenge winners will have an opportunity to become green team leaders for their grades.

Thank you to Erika Shum for chairing this event, and it was wonderful to collaborate with MP Chairs Becky Tountas and Jackie Renton.

Book Fair:

Shelter Rock Book Fair Chairs Dana Dignam and Amy Martella are already hard at work preparing for this year's "Jungle" theme book fair at Shelter Rock. The book fair will take place from the week of May 10th through May 14. More information is coming out this week.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation:

Shelter Rock Chairs Danielle Carroll and Roula Tsoumas are doing a fantastic job chairing this event on May 19th. More information will be coming out in the coming week.

Enrichment Update:

Currently, grades 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th have all had an enrichment program. The Enrichment Chair, Annie Yeung, is finalizing schedules 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:

- **Spirit Wear:** Spring Sale will run from April 12-21st.
- **SCA Joint MP/SR Parent Council Meeting:** April 28, 18 at 9:30 am. Updated report on what is happening in the Elementary building presented by Dr. Butera, Mr. Roder & Mr. Altman Elementary School Principals and Pat Aiken & Christine Monterosso, Board of Education.

CASA UPDATE

Jennifer DeSena, Executive Director, CASA

Connie Bruno, Project Director, CASA

There are many upcoming events that we have planned. There is a Vaping Education event for 6th graders scheduled for next week, April 13th and 14th. Beyond the Huddle is scheduled for April 15th at 7:30pm. This event features a Long Island student athlete from Riverhead that made one post, a single post, and lost her scholarship. This presentation will last 1 hour and focuses on being socially responsible and more aware of the impact of words and actions. This is a presentation for students. We are targeting April 21, 2021 for a presentation called "If They had Known." This is a presentation for older kids and it is a documentary about an accidental mixing of prescription drugs and alcohol that led to death. On May 25th at 7:30pm we have a presentation for parents called "Bringing Up Boys" which focuses on boys between the ages of 5 to 12 years old. The presentation looks at factors that affect young boys and the things that influence their development. During this program we will discuss how adults can help boys transition successfully into adolescence and eventually into adulthood. On June 15 at 7:30pm we have a presentation called "Raising Healthy & Confident Girls" which focuses on the messages girls receive in our society that influence their self-image. We will look at how these messages can be balanced by the adults in a girl's life and the role adults have in helping girls grow into healthy and confident young women. This is a presentation for parents. Also, the Set-Connect Club is working on a new program at the Secondary School to promote a sense community by creating a Rock Garden that will feature painted rocks with positive messages of kindness, encouragement and positive words or images.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – DR. VINCENT BUTERA

The transition back to full in-person has been going well. However, it has been a difficult time within in the school community due to the recent death of Ms. Bollen and Ms. Girardi. Our Mental Health Team has been working on making sure we address any issues that may come up with the students that are affected. With regard to the question raised on how to address the impact on the Munsey Park Elementary School, Dr. Danca will address the steps that have been taken. We recently had the 2nd Formal Budget Meeting to receive feedback from the community. The budget is under the cap restrictions at an increase of 1.6. We also have the following capital

projects included as a proposition which are: 1) redesign of the parking lot to create better traffic flow, which includes replacing a 100 year old waterline, 2) creation of a Broadcast Journalism Suite, 3) creation of a middle Munsey playground, and 4) a necessary new roof for the Shelter Rock Elementary School.

BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE

Pat Aitken (President of BOE)

Christine Monterosso (Vice President of BOE)

The budget vote is upon us, and we are pleased that the proposed budget remains under the cap. Although we believe the budget is non-controversial, we hope that people come out and vote. We are happy that we have been able to have no cuts to any programs, and the class sizes are below guidelines. Please note that the Manhasset Public Library Budget will be on the same ballot, which has been included this year to save resources and money by not requiring the Library to conduct a separate community vote.

Respectfully submitted,

N. Christine Shah

SCA Executive Board Secretary