



SCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, June 11, 2021

Call to Order: 9:07 AM

Meeting Adjourned: 10:02 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

EXECUTIVE TREASURER'S REPORT – TANIA KAPOOR

- MP School Book Fair proceeds are estimated at approximately \$34,000. The amount will be booked upon receiving of the check from Scholastic. The school used eWallet to make payments.
- SR School Book Fair proceeds are in the amount of \$15,570.20.
- MP and SR Schools Staff Appreciation Luncheons were held this month with net revenue of \$3,627.85 and \$1,817.31 respectively as of the day of this report.
- Planet Manhasset had a successful fundraising effort raising \$4,614 and rejuvenation school gardens.
- So far, the SCA has awarded \$4,000 in Summer Studies Awards. The awards will be paid during the week of June 14th.
- The College Essay Workshop was fully enrolled. Instructional Fees will be paid out over the summer.
- MP and SR School Supplies orders will be coming in the next few weeks.
- The balance in the 2020 Frolic account will remain in the account and used as determined by the Frolic Committee (letter to the Class 2020 parents was sent in May).
- Frolic 2021 Committee is preparing to host the Frolic 2021 event. Fundraising has been successful so far, raising over \$100,000 for the event.
- Frolic Committees 2022, 2023 and 2024 have started their fundraising effort.
- We are still awaiting the check from Irvin Simon for the proceeds from photo days. The amounts expected to be paid to the SCA are as follows:
 - Munsey Park - \$5,365
 - Shelter Rock - \$3,363
 - Middle School - \$5,507
 - High School - \$3,308
- Expenses related to Munsey Park School Enrichment Program are outstanding.
- Awaiting check requests for SCA Annual Custodial Gratuities.
- The SCA Budget Committee will approve 2021-2022 by June 25th, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT – N. CHRISTINE SHAH

Approval of Minutes:

- Motion made to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2021 SCA Open Executive Board Meeting. Motion approved by the SCA Executive Board.
- Motion made to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2021 SCA General Membership Meeting. Motion approved by the SCA Executive Board.

Report of Interim Votes:

- The proposal to pay \$2,021.52 to Butterflies & Blueberries for Planet Manhasset's Butterfly Kit fundraiser has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Wednesday, April 21, 2021.
- The proposal to pay \$6,400 for 160 Amazon gift cards at \$40.00 each for distribution to Shelter Rock Elementary School Staff on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 for Staff Appreciation Day has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Monday, May 17, 2021.
- The proposal to pay \$3,296 to Nassau BOCES Outdoor and Environmental Education for BOCES Project Adventure enrichment program for 5th graders currently assigned to Shelter Rock Elementary School (which includes all Shelter Rock 5th graders and Munsey Park 5th graders that are in the Shelter Rock School building for 2020-2021 school year) has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Saturday, May 22, 2021.
- The proposal to pay \$9,655.47 to Scholastic Book Fair for the Shelter Rock Elementary School Book Fair has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Thursday, May 27, 2021.
- The proposal to pay \$2,100.00 to Great Neck Games for the Middle School End of Year BBQ has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Thursday, May 27, 2021.
- The proposal to pay \$4,619.78 to Entourage Yearbooks for Munsey Park Elementary School 2021 graduates (166 yearbooks for students and staff) has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Saturday, May 29, 2021.

HIGH SCHOOL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – JANET DIASO

Senior Activities:

June 9th— was College T-shirt Day, Senior BBQ, Distribution of Yearbooks, Senior Awards @ 7pm—SCA, as in years past, awarded scholarships for the top 20 students in the Senior Class

June 18th— Last day of Classes for Seniors & College 101

June 21st— Senior Send-off Festivities 8:30-9:30pm—Football Field, Students are encouraged to bring a blanket to watch the Senior Send-off video

June 22nd—Senior Prom @ The Heritage Club at Bethpage, 7:30-11:30pm—guests are allowed

June 24th—Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal 10AM on Football field; cap & gown distribution

June 25th— Graduation @ 5pm Football Field

Frolic—held outdoors 8PM-1AM—students are encouraged to arrive hungry as lots of food will be served at the event.

Grade 11 GLCs will be seeking volunteers to monitor the frolic during graduation and clean up the morning after. Rising seniors can receive community service hours for the morning cleanup. If you wish to help, keep a lookout for an email from GLCs Jill and Chris that contains a sign-up genius.

Manhasset HS Theatre Department's - Spring Production of **Disney's "HS Musical"** was performed on the HS stage and live-streamed on June 4th-6th. Congratulations to the cast and crew—Thanks to Mr. Fessler and parent volunteers who make the show special each year.

Last Day of regular Classes is Monday, June 21st. There are no final exams. **Regents exams** have been scheduled on June 17th and June 22nd through June 24th. On these specific testing days, students only come to school if they are scheduled to sit for a Regents exam.

This is my final meeting—so thank you to VP, Whitney Godfrey, MS President, Markella Maliagros and GLCs, all who have been the most helpful and collaborative team members. And thanks to Cathy & Leslie who have provided our leadership and many hours of support. It's been a pleasure working with everyone these past two years. I wish incoming HS President, Rachel Harley, the best of luck next year. She will be an amazing addition to the executive board.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MARKELLA MALIAGROS

Announcements/Reminders:

Marie Rogers/Building Tour 6/11/21

The incoming 7th Graders will be attending a building tour on Friday June 11 at the middle school. Shelter Rock and Munsey students will attend in 2 separate sessions. The MS SCA will be providing snacks and beverages for this event.

Middle School BBQ 6/16/21

Our Middle School BBQ will be held on the Football field under the lights. Our Co- chairs Annie Yeung and Claudine Fini have been working hard. They have secured dj and food vendors as well as an inflatable obstacle course and fun lawn games. We are very excited to have our first social event for the middle school. Even if it is on the last week of school.

8th Grade Gift

We want to Congratulate our outgoing 8th grade students and wish them the best of luck in high school next year. The MS SCA took out a full page ad in the Manhasset Press that will be issued on June 16th, listing the names of all the students in the grade and wishing them the best. We also purchased a small gift for them that we will distribute at the BBQ. We bought them silicone cell phone pockets personalized with the Manhasset logo as well as their graduating year '2025'.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon 6/22/21

The committee co-chairs Paula Chiarucci and Kristen Connolly have been underway in their plans to make the staff appreciation luncheon as special day for our teachers and staff. It will be held on Tuesday June 22 from 11:15am-1:30pm at the secondary school Cafeteria. It will be a BBQ and a sign up genius will be going out shortly with invites to volunteer to donate desserts and beverages, as well as, raffle prizes for the teachers. I am sure this will be a fun day for our teachers. We want to thank them for all their hard work during this year.

Last Day of school

Last Day of school will be Monday, June 21st!

MUNSEY PARK PRESIDENT'S REPORT – CATHY CROCE

Over-view:

The school has felt more normal over the last 4 weeks as Covid restrictions have lessened and with the return of our entire 6th grade to school full-time. Teachers are making an effort to have more outdoor time with their students as well as providing additional extended mask breaks.

Munsey Park families and I wish to thank our retiring Executive Presidents, Cathy Conniff and Leslie Fleck. We thank them for their leadership and support during an unprecedented challenging year. They will both be greatly missed.

Happenings:

SCA Joint MP/SR Parent Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 11th. Dr. Hill gave an overview of the Music Program which was well attended by over 60 people. The SCA thanks Dr. Hill for his thorough presentation and continued dedication to provide our children with music education despite Covid.

The **SCA Scholastic Book Fair** kicked off on Thursday, May 13th and ran through Friday, May 21st. This year's theme was appropriately named, "It's a Jungle out there!" The Multi-purpose Room at Munsey Park was decorated with plants and animals and the children and parent volunteers were elated to have a traditional event during Covid. The fair was contactless and utilized EWallet instead of cash to ensure ongoing student health and no co-mingling occurred. The fair grossed close to \$34,000.00 which is incredible given that there was no family night or Pre-K school visits due to Covid. A huge thank you to our hardworking SCA Chairs, Holly Wilson and Karen Baumbach. They both worked tireless to make this event happen and had only 2 months to execute something that ordinarily takes 6 months of planning. Without their perseverance, the SCA Scholastic Book Fair would not have come to Manhasset.

Tandem to the Book Fair, 15 boxes of books were collected by students and donated to **Book Fairies**.

All for Books also took place during the week of the Book Fair. It raised \$1,217.00 which is the most collected to-date. Awards were given to one class in grades 1 through 5 that had the highest student donation participation

(number of donations not the dollar amount of the donations). The winning classes were able to purchase \$80.00 of books for their class. The sixth grade class with the highest participation rate won a dodgeball game and pizza party with Mr. Altman and Mr. Nolan.

As part of our **Enrichment Program**, the third graders heard from popular children's author David Adler on May 14th via zoom.

On Friday, June 4th, the SCA and Munsey Families showed their appreciation with our Annual **SCA Staff Appreciation Luncheon**. This year's theme was "Rainbow of Hope" and the staff were gifted custom Munsey Park shirts, gift cards and prizes while enjoying a catered lunch. While Covid required hosting this event outside, this year was especially fun as the staff was treated to gourmet specialty food trucks. The trucks included one which made personal brick-oven pizzas, a taco food truck and a coffee and donut truck. Staff were able to relax outside with their food on comfortable lounge seating. In Memorandum of beloved nurse Coleen, a rose bush was displayed that will be planted outside the nurses' window. Co-chairs, Christine Schwartz and Jodi DiTore outdid themselves with their creativity and hard work. The SCA cannot thank them enough for all their hard work and care.

On Monday, June 7th, I hosted our last **Grade Level Chair Meeting** for the year. This was the first time since March of 2020 when Munsey closed its doors due to Covid, that the SCA could meet in person with Munsey administration on school grounds. In addition to Mr. Altman, Dr. Passi and Mr. Adcroft attended. Canvas was one of the main topics discussed. Parents offered perspectives on the use of Canvas at the elementary level and what take-aways and learnings we have from this year of learning amid Covid.

Also on June 7th, the **New York State Science Test** was administered to fourth grade students.

Once again, Munsey Park is offering our **School Supplies Fundraiser**. Request forms are due back during the last week of school. Thank you to Reese Lum for organizing.

Look Ahead:

Music on the Lawn: Monday, June 11th

6th Grade Kickball Championship Game and Pizza/Pop Party: Tuesday, June 12th

Enrichment for 5th grade "Project Adventure": Friday, June 18th

5th Grade Dodgeball Tourney and Pizza/Pop Party: Tuesday, June 22nd

6th Grade Promotional Ceremony: Wednesday, June 23rd

6th Grade Promotional Party: Friday, June 25th

SHELTER ROCK PRESIDENT'S REPORT – ANNA ONCEL

Joint SR/MP Parent Council Meeting:

It was held on April 28th, "Updates on the Elementary Level" Shelter Rock, Principal Rich Roder, and Munsey Park, Principal Chad Altman provided an update on the accomplishments of the school year, provided insight of the month ahead. Superintendent, Dr. Butera provided an overview of the District. CASA Project Director, Connie Bruno provided upcoming CASA events. In addition, Board of Education President Pat Aiken and VP Christine Monterosso provide families with updates. The meeting was well attended by SR and MP parents. The SCA is thankful for your hard work and dedication to keeping our students safe.

Spring Spirit Wear:

It was held on April 12th -21st. It was a huge success. Thank you to Selina Lin and Brenda Kim for all their time and dedication. To all the families for supporting Spirit Wear. It was beautiful seeing the children wearing the apparel.

Book Fair:

It was held on May 10th -14th. The much-loved Book Fair returned this year with parent volunteers, and the theme was "Welcome to the Jungle!" The little gym was transformed into a jungle that placed a smile on all the children's faces for the entire week. That had two evenings for remote students to attend. Here was an outline of the events for the Book Fair:

- Book Fairies Used Book Drive- May 3rd through 12th. over 35 boxes of used books were collected
- Scholastics Virtual Book Fair- May 5th to May 18th
- Virtual Mystery Reader was Mr. O'Brien- May 6th at 7 pm
- Special Virtual Guest Author Visit for grades 3-6 on May 10th with Chris Grabenstein, best-selling author of the *Lemoncello* series and *The Smartest Kid in the Universe*.
- The teacher wishlist was virtual this year. Parents can make optional donations to any teacher's link.

Big thank you to Dana Dignam and Amy Martella for all of the time, work, and energy for making this event truly unforgettable for all our students, parents, and staff at Shelter Rock.

Joint SR/MP Parent Council Meeting:

It was held on May 11th. Dr. Hale, Director of Music and Fine Arts, presented on the Arts and Music in the Elementary School and Beyond. Parents were given a review of the arts program over the past year, end-of-year activities, and a look ahead next year. Sixty participants attended this meeting. The SCA is thankful to Dr. Hale for providing an overview of the Art and Music program.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation:

It was held on May 19th. The theme this year was "It's Been a Wild Ride." It was a whole day celebration with stations of breakfast, lunch, and dessert with a soft server ice cream truck for all to enjoy. Each staff member received a \$40 Amazon gift card, and there were also raffle baskets. The Shelter Rock families are incredibly appreciative of the teachers and staff who not only taught our children the curriculum and helped them grow as individuals but made them feel safe during a scary time. Danielle Carroll, along with Roula Tsoumas, did a fantastic job chairing the event! The teachers and staff are still raving about the luncheon as the chairs truly outdid themselves.

Enrichment Update:

I want to thank Annie Yeung for making the Enrichment program possible this year. Annie coordinated and scheduled presentations with teachers and the administration. Thank you for all your time and dedication to enriching our children.

- Fifth Grade: Project Adventure on May 14th.
- Third Grade: David Adler on May 21st.
- Kindergarten: Fire Truck Visit on June 1st.

School Supplies 2021-2022:

School Supplies Square Store is open till June 18th. We are thankful to continue the partnership with RaindeW. Thank you to Debbie Machare and Patti Rudner for all your hard work.

5th and 6th Grade Festive Picnic Luncheon:

It was held on June 8th. Shelter Rock 5th and 6th-grade students had their Festive Picnic Lunch Celebration. It was the first time each grade had lunch outside together. The SCA generously provided the DJ along with Icee's. It was a fun-filled day. Thank you, Vanisha Shah (5th-grade Chair), Kristy Sweeney (6th-grade Chair), and all the parent volunteers for all your time and dedication to making this event memorable for the 5th and 6th graders.

Kindergarten Moving Up Celebration:

It was held on June 9th. The Shelter Rock Kindergarteners graduated outside in the Kindergarten playground. The SCA provided decorations for the moving up ceremony. Congratulations to all the Kindergarteners.

Upcoming Events:

Concert/Chamber Orchestra Showcase, Wednesday, June 16th. The concert band & orchestra and the Chamber Orchestra and Jazz Band will be showcasing all of their hard work for the rest of the school outside on the SR field. The SCA has provided sunglasses and water to all student performers.

Six Graders have a lot in store for them this month:

- Marie Rogers/Building Tour, Friday, June 11th, 6:30-7:30 pm
- T-shirt distribution, June 16th, Thank you to Kathleen Martelli for designing the 6th-grade t-shirt this year.
- The Promotional Assembly is Friday, June 18th, with a rain date on June 22nd.
- Yearbook distribution, June 22nd Thank you to Kathleen Martelli and Ginny Young for taking on the massive task of putting together the 6th-grade yearbook.
- The 6th Grade Promo party is on June 23rd from 6:00 pm-8:30 pm. Thank you to Alexandra Beshel, Roula Tsoumas, Dina Camera, and Shannon Wilson for all the time and effort they have put into this event!

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Allison Rushforth delivered a positive message emphasizing that there is a hopefulness in the coming days as things improve. The kindergarten moving up ceremony will be held shortly, there are 34 individuals retiring. Rosemary Johnson, Gaurav Passi and Allison Rushforth will work together in the coming months focusing on different aspects needed for the school district.

BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE

Pat Aitken (President of BOE)

Christine Monterosso (Vice President of BOE)

The Board of Education sends a thank you to the outgoing SCA Executive Board, especially to Cathy Conniff and Leslie Fleck's leadership, thank you to Anna Oncel, Christine Shah and a thank you to the Frolic Chairs.

CASA UPDATE

Jennifer DeSena, Executive Director, CASA

Connie Bruno, Project Director, CASA

CASA kicked off the May CASA Sector Meeting discussing the increased accessibility of gambling in New York and the issues that come from increased accessibility. AJ spoke at the Frolic Meeting. The presentation for parents called "Bringing Up Boys," which was held in May was very successful with 66 parents attending. The presentation is being brought back for next week due to requests from parents. Unfortunately, the 2nd presentation of "If They had Known" was not well attended even though the presentation provided very useful information. The presentation "Beyond the Huddle" featuring a Long Island student athlete from Riverhead that made a single post that resulted in a loss of her scholarship will be brought back for a 2nd time to present next week. 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

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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. AJ will present at the College 101 event for seniors on the last day of classes. Lastly, CASA is looking for people that are interested in joining the advisory panel.

Respectfully submitted,

N. Christine Shah

SCA Executive Board Secretary