

MEETING MINUTES
SCA HS/MS JOINT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022 - 10AM DISTRICT COMMUNITY ROOM

1. Welcome

- **Markella Maliagros, MS SCA President**
- **Rachel Harley, HS SCA President**

2. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Passi, Acting Superintendent

- Overview of the Board of Education meeting on March 3, 2022. The capital reserves will focus on the athletic fields at the high school, middle school and the Shelter Rock school kindergarten playground.
- Cohen's Children's Northwell School Mental Health Partnership with the will provided the Manhasset community access to psychologists and psychiatrists. Many school districts on Long Island are already participating. (Please see BOE meeting on 2/17/22 for the presentation) Allison Rushforth is point person regarding Northwell Mental Health Partnership,

3. CASA Update - Connie Bruno, Project Director

- There is a mental health crisis among teenagers. Dramatic increase of 41% in depression and suicidal thoughts from 2011 to 2022
- Marijuana Today presentation on March 8, 2022. Marijuana looks different today from the 1980's and 90's. It is more potent by 90%. Often it is laced with psychedelics which alter the mind. Speaker on the dangers of Medical Marijuana. Her son was a high achieving student with anxiety. He used medical marijuana and ended up jumping off a building to his death. If marijuana is legal, why is it so dangerous?
- On Feb. 8, 2022, Building Resiliency Through Empowerment - Ryan's Story was attended by 130 students and 30 parents. Two main points came across clearly, "You are loved beyond belief" and "You can turn an ink blot into a butterfly".
- The Study Skill Webinar was a success. The focus is on how to reduce anxiety and stress without medication. There were 190 kids registered and all attended.
- SALT inducted 24 new members (all sophomore).
- Online gambling is an issue with high school students that needs to be focused on.

4. Manhasset Broadcasting Company - Dr. Matthew Coleman. Advisor

- Presentation on MBC and the opportunities for students to be in front of and behind the camera as on air talent, writers, editors, producers and directors.

- Students have the opportunity to take Broadcast Journalism I, Broadcast Journalism II and Broadcast Journalism III. The Journalism Club is welcome to all students as well.
- The journalism club promotes student autonomy, collaboration and peer monitoring,

5. Principal's Report - Dean Schlanger, Principal of the secondary school

- Thank you to Dr. Chowski and Dr. Coleman for the Broadcast Journalism program.
- Junior Prom tonight, Friday, March 4, 2022.
- Freshmen and Sophomores will have an event at Adventureland
- Masks will not be required on the bus or at any of the events
- The 6th grade orientation was held in person at the Secondary School and 130 people attended.

6. Joy Anne D'Anca, Director of Guidance/Counseling Grades 7-12

(Unable to attend the meeting. Report given by Dean Schlanger)

- March 16, 2022 Mock Interviews for Juniors
- On Feb. 10, 2022, Sophomores had their 10th grade information night
- 9th, 10th and 11th graders are having counselor meetings.
- April 28, 2022 College fair for Juniors
- 7th grade Transitions Class are meeting in the Wellness Center and library.

7. Board of Education Update - Pat Aiken, President

- The Capital Improvement projects are focused on asphalt, water main and athletics. The athletic turf will be redone.
- Presentation by Christine Monterosso: The Wellness Wing concept came out of the SCA Survey. Thank you to the SCA partnership for its partnership. Currently, new athletic directors are being interviewed.

8. Close of the Meeting - Rachel Harley

- Thank you to everyone for attending. The next Joint Parent Council meeting will be on Friday, April 8, 2022 at 10AM.