

**MEETING MINUTES
SCA HS/MS JOINT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2022 - 10AM DISTRICT COMMUNITY ROOM**

1. Welcome

Jenna Post, MS SCA President

Rachel Harley, HS SCA President

- Welcome everyone! We will be having a short meeting today.
- Jenna is absent due to children's book week at Munsey Park.
- The Senior Banquet was an amazing success. Terrific participation from everyone. Valerie Bebber did a wonderful job as the chair of the banquet raising funds for the frolic.
- The Secondary School Directory will be sent out shortly.

2. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Passi, Superintendent Manhasset School District

- The SCA Luncheon was beautiful. The students performed two terrific numbers from the Adams Family. Please come see the productions tonight, Saturday and Sunday.
- We are continuing to inform the community on the \$44M Budget Scope of work. There will be open forum meetings on Mon., 11/21/22 at 9am and 7pm for any questions. Building tours will be on 11/29/22 as follows at 4pm at the Secondary School, at 5:30pm at Shelter Rock and at 7pm at Munsey Park.
- The two focuses are on safety and security and academics. The safety and security issues are removing asbestos, upgrading the bathrooms, upgrading the electrical systems to support air conditioning and addressing the sinking parking lot at Shelter Rock and the parking and traffic patterns at the schools. The academic focus is on renovating the life skills room, creating additional classrooms from currently unused locker rooms, replacing the auditorium seats and renovating the stage and the Black Box Theater at the Secondary School. In addition the tennis courts and track will be resurfaced and the space behind the baseball field will be made into a multipurpose field.
- On Wednesday, November 23, 2022, there will be an Emergency Management Plan Early Dismissal.
- On Monday, December 5, 2022, there will be a lockdown drill.

3. Principal's Report - Dr. Dean Schlanger, Principal, Secondary School

- Report cards release today, Friday, November 18, 2022 on the Manhasset parent portal
- Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 7pm is sign up for parent teacher conferences through Teacher Reacher.
- Faulty smoke heads caused to fire drill yesterday, Thursday, November 18, 2022. Students and faculty handles everything well. The smoke heads are part of the budget upgrades this year.
- Dr. Passi and the faculty are working on Canvass observer accounts for parents and guardians. The launch date is January 2023.

4. **Joy Anne D’Anca, Director of Guidance/Counseling Grades 7-12**
 - Due to illness Ms. D’Anca was absent. Her report was given by Rachel Harley.
 - 93% of the Seniors have applied to college.
 - The parent meetings for all the grades are available on the Manhasset YouTube Channel.

5. **Presentation by District Director of Fine and Performing Arts - Dr. Joseph Owens**
 - Dr. Owens grew up in Mineola. He was a voice major in college where he met his wife. He received his doctorate from Teachers College in NYC.
 - Dr. Owens has spent his teaching career in Mineola. He has taught elementary through high school from band, orchestra, chorus to producing school musicals.
 - Before coming to Manhasset, Dr. Owens was the Supervisor of Fine Arts in Mineola. He has strong relationships with other Long Island school districts and the county and state.
 - He believes that the arts make the world a beautiful place and grading on effort not just talent.

6. **CASA update, Connie Bruno, Executive Director**
 - Red Ribbon week was the last week of October. The theme this year is Celebrate Life Live Drug Free. We are supporting good choices, the power of kindness, perspective and choosing to live healthy.
 - Currently, Fentanyl is a big problem in the United States. It is being marketed to children with the rainbow colored pills. The evening meeting was well attended with 90 students.
 - School faculty is being trained on Narcan.
 - Gambling on devices has made it normalized. Students discuss gambling openly in front of teachers and coaches. There is a connection with gaming and gambling.
 - The seventh grade transitions program is focusing on study skills and how to study less and learn more.
 - Health and wellness week for 7th and 8th grade gives the students access to information. The nurses staff the booths and are available for questions.

7. **Board of Education Update - Pat Aiken, President**
 - There is a BOE meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 7:30pm at Munsey Park.
 - On Friday, December 2, 2022, there is Board Policy Committee Meeting at 8:30am.
 - On December 8, 2022, the \$44M Bond will be presented at the BOE meeting. Please reach out to Dr. Passi and the BOE with any questions about the budget. All meetings will be live streamed.

8. Close of the Meeting - Rachel Harley

- Happy Thanksgiving! The next Joint Parent Council meeting will be on Friday, January 20, 2022 at 10AM.