

**Minutes**  
**SCA Munsey Park**  
**Parent Council Meeting**  
**September 23, 2009**

Christy Wepple, SCA Munsey Park President welcomed everyone back to school. Dr. Kendall then introduced our new faculty and coordinators. First, Melinda Smith is our new 6<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts/Social Studies teacher. Ms. Glicksman is Munsey Park's new Art teacher. Deborah Kirshner is the leave replacement for Ms. Jappell. Diane Smith is the new gym teacher working part time at Munsey Park and part time at Manhasset High School. Ellen Strano is working in the front office. Ray Scacalossi is the math coordinator. Patrick Reilly is the language arts coordinator. Sean Adcroft is the technology coordinator. Theresa Curry is the science coordinator. Jodi Shapiro is the district coordinator for pre school and elementary special education. Arlette Siffer is the coordinator for world language or foreign language.

Kathy Murray will once again be the teacher representative for the SCA. Dr. Kendall also welcomed back returning teachers Ms. Ioannou, Ms. Padala and Ms. Klein. She then discussed some improvements made to the school and the curriculum. There is a new reading program that has been implemented in grades K-3. Smartboards have now been placed in every classroom that can accommodate them thanks to donations from the Tower Foundation and SCA. There is an FM sound system for Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Stimulus money was given to select teachers to focus on the new reading program. Dr. Kendall also discussed that new teams have been formed to help reduce, reuse and recycle. The cafeteria is now being called the dining room and music will now be playing. The hope is that the students will treat the cafeteria with greater care and keep it cleaner. And finally, Dr. Kendall mentioned that the new Gifted and Talented program is taking place as an after school program. There is also a new 6<sup>th</sup> grade accelerated Math program.

Christy then introduced the school nurses, Ms. Miritello and Ms. Fontanetta, who spoke about how to protect our children from the dangers of germs and in particular, the swine flu. They handed out a Q & A flyer with tips on how to stay healthy. Regarding the swine flu, there is a coordinated effort in the state, county and country to keep the spreading of the virus to a minimum. The H1N1 flu, or swine flu, is a subtype of the seasonal virus and is unpredictable. It seems to be hitting younger people, ages 5-24, as opposed to the seasonal flu affecting mostly the elderly. The flu vaccine is mandated for health care workers, hospital and clinic workers. The school will be monitoring absenteeism this fall. You should leave your child home if they have a fever of over 100 degrees and flulike symptoms. The nurses will be following up with sick children as well. Preventative steps should be taken such as hand washing, avoiding touching eyes, nose or mouth. The schools will be cleaned every evening in order to prevent the spread of germs. There are hand sanitizers all around the school. There is an upgrade in the cleaning of the cafeteria as well.

Christy next spoke about last year's donations by the SCA to the school. There are now class sets of cameras, VCR's and video equipment in all classes. There is also \$20,000 being allocated for new playground equipment. The SCA's new committee chairs were then introduced. They are as follows:

Allergy Team – Estelle Kim  
Safety/Emergency Preparedness – Colleen Bock  
Book Fair – Jill Murray  
Character Matters – Pam Kenlon, Wendy Cozzens and Mollye Fahey  
Community Service - Annette Spina, Lisa Sciarrino  
Enrichment – Laura Tranchina  
Extended Extras – Arlette Siffer and Lily Wong  
(This will be an after school foreign language class for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders)  
Family Theater – Kathy Panzone  
Fundraising - No Chair  
Guess Who's Coming to Read – Kristen Perfetto  
Health and Wellness – Susan Urban, Donna Terjesen  
Holiday Gift Program – No Chair  
Ice Cream Social – Kim Haggerty  
International Day – Lisa Sciarrino  
Lunch and Recess – Tricia Cash, Margie Suga, Liz Tomaselli, Susan Urban  
Membership – Mollye Fahey  
National Library Week – Laura Petras, Lisa Meyer  
Newsletter – Maryann Jones  
Photo Day – Laura Tranchina  
Publishing – Kristen Perfetto  
Planet Manhasset – Vivian Thatos  
Red Ribbon Week – Kathy Magliulo, Rosa Stein  
School Directory – Amy Keogh, Lauren Barrett  
Spirit Wear – Dana Malvey  
6<sup>th</sup> grade promotion – Loretta Abbracciamento, Eileen Cuneo  
Splish Splash – Jen Damico, Karen Barnes, Nancy Paganucci, Rosemary Varnas  
Yearbook – Kelly Morgano, Laura Tranchina  
Staff Appreciation – Kristin Miller, Penni Sodi  
Technology – No Chair  
Website – Maria Cizmarik  
Finance Chair – Victoria Parisi

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.