

Manhasset Secondary School SCA Meeting

Date: Friday, November 19, 2010

Title of Meeting: MS/HS Joint Parent Council Meeting

Location: Secondary School Board Room

Welcome and Opening of Meeting

Jeanine Toes, High School SCA President, and Laura Tranchina, MS SCA President, opened the meeting and welcome attendees. The next Joint Meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2011, at 8:00 pm in the Black Box Theater during the book fair with a planned kick-off speaker.

The Board of Education rededicated the High School auditorium on Thursday November 18, 2010 prior to the High School musical production of "Into the Woods". The SCA made a donation toward the restoration of the auditorium seats. The secondary school directory is complete and will be mailed out to all families in the secondary school who completed a Directory Permission form. Diane Stefan is the coordinator and over 1,000 hours of work went into the production of the directory at no cost to the families.

Holiday Gift Giving Program

Lisa Middleton and Monica Zenobia, co-chairs, discussed the challenges that they are facing this year. The number of children listed has more than doubled with half of the volunteers from past years. The elementary and the secondary list are not combined.

Guidance Update

Kimberly Cosenza, High School Guidance Counselor

Report cards were mailed November 12, 2010. Counselors are in the process of meeting with students who are considered "at risk".

7th and 8th grade: Attended Rachel's Challenge assembly November 18, 2010. The assembly was sponsored by the SCA and discussed with the students ahead of time by the guidance counselors in their health and foreign language classes. A follow up with all of the students was held in their 9th period classes. If parents had any concerns about their child and the impact of the assembly, they should contact their child's guidance counselor.

9th Grade: Counselors are meeting individually with all students. After Thanksgiving, November 29 and 30, counselors will be meeting with all 9th graders in small groups to discuss and review the 9th grade orientation guide.

10th Grade: Last week the counselors held a two-day career workshop with all 10th graders and packets would be mailed home.

12th Grade: 80% of the senior class has submitted college applications to the counseling center.

Principal's Report

Dean Schlanger, Secondary School Principal, discussed the on-line program Teacher Reacher being used for Parent Teacher Conference sign up.

The 8th graders are in Port Jefferson today to see a theatrical production of A Christmas Carol, a required reading for all 8th graders.

The Middle School and Adventures in Learning have started a "bridge program" here at the secondary school building. The Plandome Women's Club provided a grant to purchase snacks for these students.

The middle school students have seen a new presentation of Rachel's Challenge, which has been edited for the middle school audience.

Ryan's Story which is a bullying presentation will be presented in school on February 14, 15 and 16, 2011. There will also be a presentation, for parents, which is scheduled for February 16, 2011. This program is being brought to the school by CASA.

District Math Coordinator

A presentation on the District's Math Curriculum, was given by Ray Scacalossi, District Coordinator. A similar presentation was presented to the Board of Education at its November 18th meeting.

Meeting concluded at approximately 11:30 a.m.