

SCA HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 21, 2012

- I. Welcome
 - Lisa Belinsky- HS SCA President
 - Beth Miller- HS SCA Vice President
 - Michaela Sheridan- MS SCA President
 - Jill Ridini- MS SCA Vice President

- II. Guidance Update- Jane Grappone
 - Introduced new staff
 - HS Guidance department now has 5 counselors to cover the increased enrollment of students at Secondary School
 - Had successful orientation meetings and presentations to all students in grades 7-12. Reviewed new legislation, Dignity Act to all students
 - Guidance department has met with the senior class and will be meeting with each student individually regarding applications, interviews, etc.
 - All college fairs and visits are listed on the school website under "Counseling"
 - The 1st Mini Fair is Monday, September 24th at 9:00am
 - In order to visit at a mini fair or with an individual college visit students must download a pass from the Counseling department website. This pass must be presented to your scheduled teacher and returned to that teacher before the end of the period. Please be sure to have pass sign by attending counselor.
 - College fairs are open to Seniors. Juniors may attend 3 but may be able to attend more
 - The October College Mini Fairs are
 - Monday, October 1 at 1pm
 - Tuesday, October 9th at 1:00pm
 - Monday October 15 10:30-1:00
 - Check the Counseling Website for the list of individual college appointment
 - Local College Fairs:
 - St. Mary's 9/26 at 7:00pm-9:00pm in Marist Hall
 - Fall 2012 LI National College Fair 9/30 11:00am Nassau Coliseum
 - 9th Grade Parent Meeting 10/11 at 7:30pm
 - 11th Grade Parent Meeting 10/25 at 7:30pm
 - In the process of registering students for PSAT exam which is 10/20

- III. Summer Studies Awards Program- Isabel DeSousa, Chairperson
 - 10/25 at 7:30pm a presentation about the Summer Studies Award Program
 - Open to juniors
 - Applications will be mailed home

IV. Principals' Reports

Dr. Dean Schlanger- Principal, Secondary School

- Increased enrollment at the Secondary School, as of 9/21:
 - 257- 12th
 - 227- 11th
 - 240- 10th
 - 271- 9th
 - 291- 8th
 - 298- 7th
- Had a great opening this year
- Introduced new secondary school staff
- Had well attended, successful Middle School and High School Open Houses

Mr. Mark Sippin- Assistant Principal, 10-12

- Spirit Week 9/24-9/28
 - Monday- PJ Day
 - Tuesday- Clash Day
 - Wednesday- No School
 - Thursday- Copy Cat Day
 - Friday- Orange and Blue/ Spirit Morning
 - All parents received a letter regarding this year's revised spirit morning. All HS students are to gather at 7:15am in the HS gym to decorate an area assigned to each grade. A senior student DJ will provide music. There will be bagels and juice for seniors.
 - Friday will be an X Day
 - A Pep Rally will be held Friday at 1:48-3:08 in the HS Gym for 9-12 students and MS Gym for 7-8
 - Saturday 9/29-
 - Homecoming Parade at 1pm
 - Football Game at 1:30pm
 - Will announce float winners and Spirit Week winners at halftime
- Senior Parking
 - Every carpool has received a spot,
 - There are no solo spots
 - If a senior does not have a spot this Fall he/she will have priority in the Spring.
 - Senior parking is now in the rear, by the gym
- Driver's Ed
 - As of 9/21 32 students enrolled, 2 spots left
 - Class meets before school with driving portion after school
 - Open to seniors and juniors over 16 with a learner's permit
 - Course will be offered again in Spring
- Community Service
 - Seniors are required to complete 15hrs of community service in order to graduate

- These hours are not part of the 85 hours through guidance
- Seniors must submit the form found online on school website to Mr. Sippin
- The deadline has been extended to submit for community service completed this summer. You must submit by the end of September.
- 10/17- Community Service Fair will be held during lunch periods
- President Volunteer Award
 - Need 100+ volunteer hours from Jan 2012-Dec 2012
 - Contact Mr. Sippin for additional information

Mr. Peter Vercessi- Assistant Principal, 7-9

- Any questions please email him at anytime
- Any concerns about your child's progress suggested you wait until 1st week of October then email his/her guidance counselor
- Students will wear Spirit Day t-shirts Friday 9/28

V. SCA Business

- Homecoming- Sat, 9/29
 - Lauren Baranello, chair
 - 1pm parade, 1:30 game
 - 7:30-10:30 dance
 - Tickets sales 9/24-9/28 during lunch
 - Cannot buy tickets at door
 - If interested in volunteering at dance please contact Lauren at laurenb33@verizon.net
 - A solo parking space will be raffled off to a senior at the end of the dance, need to be present to win the spot!
- Directory
 - Last Call to hand in directory forms
 - All 7th grade students and new students that would like to be in directory must submit a form to Laura Tranchina, tranchinas@msn.com
 - Students in grades 8-12 only need to submit a form if they have changes from last year's entry
- Planet Manhasset
 - Will be presenting a proposal at the next Executive SCA meeting 10/12 to plant an edible garden at each school in Manhasset.
- Website
 - www.manhassetzca.org
 - Can sign up for SCA membership online
- Lord & Taylor Fundraiser
 - Contact Lori Downey downeylc@aol.com for tickets
 - Selling at all the open houses
 - Event is Tuesday, Oct. 2 tickets are \$5 each
- CASA Speaker
 - 10/18 7:30pm at HS Dr. Stephen Dewey
- SCA Speaker

- 10/29 7:00pm at HS Rosalyn Weisman, author of Mean Girls
- Will be speaking to students during school day as well
- Middle School Friday Night Live
 - Welcome Back Dance 9/21 7:30-9:30
 - Friday Night Live 10/19 7:30-9:30

VI. School Board Report- Regina Rule and Pat Aitken

- Meetings are every other Thursday, all are welcome
- Next meetings are 10/4 and 10/18
- Manhasset has been deemed a Focus district by the State Education Department due to the low achievement of economically disadvantaged students on the grade 3-8 ELA and Math 2011 assessments. This is a group of 32 students that the district is committed to and a plan is in place to provide support and intervention for each student. The test scores from 2012 from this group showed gains on both the ELA and Math assessments
- A budget revision of \$400,000 was done over the summer due to increased enrollment at Shelter Rock, 4 additional sections were added
- The School Board is projecting that they will need a super majority vote this Spring for the budget vote which will be 5/21/13
- The Board is seeking Manhasset residents to serve on its Citizen Advisory Committees:
 - Legislative, Affairs, Technology and Athletics
 - Appointed for a 3 year term
 - Meetings held monthly or bimonthly
 - Applications can be found on school website

**Next MS/HS Joint Parent Council Meeting is October 26th, 9:30-11:00 in the Board Room*