

SCA HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 26, 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

- Middle School Report- Caitlin Finley
 - Starting to meet individually with 7th graders to get to know them
 - Will be starting lunch groups as needed
- High School Report- Jennifer Landman
 - 11/1 and 11/15 early decision and early action deadlines approaching
 - 80% of seniors are submitting early action and early decision applications
 - Most faculty used the NAVIANCE system to submit recommendations
 - We are finished with college fairs and a only a few college visits left next week
 - 11/9 and 11/13 the 10th grade will be meeting to discuss careers
 - 2/27 11th grade Mock Interview Night 6:30- 9:30, looking for volunteers to conduct interviews, please contact guidance department if interested
 - 3/6 Guidance Career Night, "Trends in Law" at 7:30pm in the Black Box

III. CASA

- 11/8 CASA Coffee 9:30am in HS Boardroom
 - Geared to parents in grades 7-9
- 104 parents attend the CASA presentation on 10/18, it will be available to view online soon

IV. Principals' Reports

- Middle School Report- Peter Vercessi
 - Friday Night Live on 10/19 was a success, @ 100 kids attended, had a Color War theme
 - 11/16 next Friday Night Live
 - 11/9 is the end of the 1st quarter, now is the best time to contact teachers if you have any concerns regarding your child's progress
- High School Report- Mark Sippin
 - 88 new members inducted in Exemplars Honor Society
 - 10/31 there will be a Blood Drive
 - 11/19 National Honors Society Induction at 7:30pm
 - Bulletin Board next to auditorium is regularly updated with Community Service opportunities
 - 10th-12th graders that have more than 100 hours of community service are eligible for the Presidential Community Service Award

- Secondary School Report- Dean Schlanger
 - 11/21 Will be an early dismissal drill for all students 7-12, they will be dismissed 15 mins early but then can return for regular after school activities.
 - 12/5 Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - 11/14 www.teacherreacher.com sign ups will open online at 7:00pm
 - It is recommended that you register online before sign ups begin
 - Each teacher has @20 conference spots and they will fill up in about 15-20 minutes so have a list of priorities
 - You do not need to meet with every teacher, if your child is successful and doing fine you do not need to meet with the teacher.
 - Please feel free to email and contact any teacher at anytime if you have a question or a concern

V. Superintendent's Report- Charles Cardillo

- Keeping an eye on Hurricane Sandy to determine if need to cancel school on Monday
- Munsey Park and MHS have generators
- Reviewed APPR; how conducting observations; administrators role in process
 - Each teacher will have 10 unannounced observations throughout the year
 - Observations will be conducted by principal or assistant principal in elementary schools and department heads or coordinators in the secondary school

VI. SCA Business

- Middle School Halloween Party
 - 10/31 at 7-9 pm in the Gym
 - Still need baked goods and water
 - Still need volunteers for the haunted house and games
- SCA Fall Luncheon
 - 11/14 need donations for the auctions
 - All welcome to attend
- Senior Banquet
 - 11/7 at 6:30pm
 - Last fundraiser for the Frolic
 - Still looking for donations
- SCA Speaker- Rosalyn Weisman
 - 10/29 7:00pm in Munsey Park Auditorium
 - All parents and community members strongly encouraged to attend
 - 5th-8th graders will have a presentations on 10/30 in school
- Champions for Charity
 - 11/29-12/1 at Americana Manhasset
 - Need to register and designate Manhasset SCA as one of your charities
 - 25% of purchases will go to SCA
 - 10% of gift cards purchased will go to SCA
- Project Share Holiday Gift Drive
 - Unfortunately no coat drive this year
 - Holiday drive is underway, please submit form by 11/9
 - Forms are available on the SCA website

VII. School Board Report

- All are welcome and encouraged to attend school board meetings.
- Topics at upcoming meeting are:
 - 11/1 – Financial; 8pm at Munsey Park
 - 11/15 ELA; 8pm at Shelter Rock

****Next MS/HS Joint Parent Council Meeting is Fri., Nov. 16th, 9:30-11:00am in the Board Room****