



SCA HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 16, 2012; 9:30am

Manhasset Secondary School Boardroom

Welcome- Lisa Belinsky, HS SCA President

- Thank you to all the teachers and staff that volunteered their time after school for the extended days program following Hurricane Sandy

Holiday Gift Giving Program- Monica Zenobio and Lisa Middleton

- Still time to send in forms
- Please email Chairs if interested in donating to the program, any amount is helpful
- All money donated goes directly to families in Manhasset
- Can also donate gift cards to King Kullen, Target, etc.
- Modell's coupons available save 15% between 11/23-12/20 and Project Share gets 5% back on all your purchases

Guidance Update- Kim Cosenza, HS Guidance Department

- 78% of seniors applications are in, both regular and early action/early decision
- Department was set back 2 weeks because of storm but no students were penalized
- All documents were submitted on time; many school granted extensions
- 10th grade meetings to discuss careers will be rescheduled
- 7th grade class push-in's will be rescheduled as well
- Nov. 27th and Nov. 28th the 9th grade will be meeting in small groups to discuss graduation requirements
- Jan. 4th there will be a **Returning Graduate Panel**; 5-6 2012 Manhasset graduates will speak about the college application process, getting response letters from colleges, their first semester at college, etc.; parents invited 10:00-11:15 students 11:25-12:50
- PSAT results will be mailed out mid-December, you will receive results and test booklet to help students prepare for SAT
- Nov. 27 7:30pm **Financial Aid Night** in Black Box
- Nov 29 7:30pm **Standardized Testing Presentation** in Auditorium
- All students taking ACT and SAT need to have a photo ID uploaded to website for security purposes before taking test

School Board Report

- School District needs 180 instructional days in order to receive state aid
- We missed 8 days of school due to Hurricane Sandy and the Nor'easter
- Board is discussing many options and is looking for community feedback at this time
- Please email the School Board by 11/29, their decision will be announced that evening at the board meeting
- Some options they are considering:
 1. Having school on Monday 3/25 during March break
 2. Having school on Monday, 4/1 during March break
 3. Eliminating midterm week at High School/Middle School, making it a regular, instructional week
 4. Eliminating February break, but concerned about attendance, need 80% attendance district wide to count as an instructional day

Principals' Report- Dean Schlanger

- 1st quarter is extended to Nov. 16
- 1st quarter grades will be posted to the Parent Portal and mailed on 11/26 at 4:00pm
- The 2nd quarter will be one week shorter, its dates will not change
- 2nd quarter progress reports will be mailed on 12/14 and the quarter will end on Jan. 25
- There will be no conferences on December 5th; please reach out to teachers now if you have questions, if there is an issue or a problem
- Teachers have been instructed to put additional comments on the report card and upcoming progress report if necessary
- Midterm Week is still in discussion; teachers will not be able to give a midterm during class time just a regular unit exam at the end of the quarter. Teachers will adjust grading to reflect loss of a midterm
- Have asked for minimum interruption to classroom instruction for example less field trips
- AP Exams:
 1. All material will be covered in time for the exam
 2. College board considering extending date of AP exams
- Music rotations have been adjusted for certain classes based on time lost due to storm
- Seniors will send mid year grades to colleges they have applied to, no midterms will be posted on their transcripts
- Nov. 19 **National Honor Society Induction** at 7:30pm at Munsey Park Auditorium
- All other Honor Society Inductions that were cancelled due to storm have been postponed to December and January

MEA Representative Update on APPR- Ed Vasta

- All teachers were happy to volunteer after Hurricane Sandy to staff the labs and libraries for the extended hours
- Our district is following Kim Marshall's plan for teacher and administration evaluation; it is comprised of a rubric with 6 domains and it closely resembled the existing observation and evaluation process that was already established in the district.
- The one aspect that the teachers object to with the new process is the pre-assessment and post- assessment that they must now administer to the students. The teachers feel the extra testing is unnecessary and directly affects the children.
- The district will be conducting 10 unannounced mini lesson observations of each teacher; untenured teachers will have a combination of announced and unannounced.
- At the end of the school year the teachers and administration will meet to evaluate the process to discuss if felt if was successful and how can improve process going forward.

SCA Business

- **SCA Senior Banquet**
 - New date for banquet- 11/28, rescheduled because of Hurricane Sandy
 - Still need auction items
 - Contact chairs if interested in donating
- **Sandy Aftermath**
 - Many Manhasset teachers were affected by the hurricane, they lost homes, cars, etc.
 - The SCA is establishing the **Manhasset Sandy Fund** anyone can give to the fund and any donation amount is greatly appreciated. It will assist our teachers and staff affected by the storm.
 - Charlie Cardillo, Superintendent; Ed Vasta. President of MEA; Ray Scaclossi, President of MASA and Fran Shackel, President of MESPA will serve as administrators of the fund.
 - Please make checks payable to "Manhasset Sandy Fund" and mail to Manhasset Sandy Fund, c/o Manhasset SCA PO Box 33 Manhasset, NY 11030
 - **Project Share** is helping Manhasset families that were affected by the storm, they especially need King Kullen gift cards at this time
- **Halloween Parties**
 - The Middle School will move the money for the Halloween party to other MS parties and Friday Night Lives planned for this year.

- Munsey Park and Shelter Rock will hold parties in February instead
- **High School Musical; Gypsy- December 6-9**
- **Champions for Charity, Nov. 29- Dec. 1**
 - Don't forget to register for a card and select SCA as one of your charities
 - www.championsforcharity.org
- **MS Play; February 1-2**

****Next MS/HS Joint Parent Council Meeting 1/16/13 7:30pm in the Black Box****