



SCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, January 11, 2019

Call to Order: 9:00 am

Meeting Adjourned: 10:15am

Officers Present: Marybeth Accurso, Nancy Schlaefer,
Beth Miller, Michele Longobardi, Christine Schwartz, Victoria
Grassano, Jill Pullano, Lucy Puma, Tonia Zacharia

**Executive President's Welcome – Marybeth Accurso and
Nancy Schlaefer**

Pledge of Allegiance

Treasurer's Report: Jill Pullano

- Enrichment completed programming for SR and MP grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 as well as MP Grade 5 which came to approximately \$8,000.
- The Membership drive is under way and applications are still trickling in. We have collected approximately \$28,600 net of expenses. Membership Dues for this school year are budgeted to be \$30,000.
- Project Share received a very generous donation from the Munsey Park Women's Club Fun Run of \$12,000. To date, students in need have been the beneficiaries of over \$3,700 of this amount.

- Saturday Series is running close to budget and has earned over \$58,000 with expenses of approximately \$38,000. We are still waiting for the billing of the custodial fees.
- In December, Shelter Rock Student Assistance paid \$1,750 in expenses toward last year's Summer Center session, which represents a timing difference for this year's budget.
- The expenses related to the elementary school directories have been paid and we are awaiting invoices for the secondary school directory.
- Extended Extras is wrapping up at MP and SR earning roughly \$18,000 for both schools combined for the fall session.

Executive Secretary's Report – Lucy Puma

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2018 SCA Open Executive Board Meeting.

Report of Interim Votes:

- The Proposal to pay \$1,750 to SCOPE for Munsey Park and Shelter Rock children to be sponsored by the SCA for summer center 2018 has been approved by the SCA Executive Board on November 5, 2018
- The Proposal to pay the invoice of \$2,000 for the author presentation has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on November 13, 2018
- The proposal to pay \$9,370.00 to North Hempstead for the SCA Luncheon expenses has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Tuesday, November 20, 2018.
- The proposal to pay \$14,400 to the teachers listed below for instructing in the Shelter Rock Fall 2018 Extended Extras Program for the 8 week session has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Monday, November 19, 2018.

Breakdown:

Michael O'Brien - \$ 960 X 2= \$1920

Michael Christy - \$960 X 2 = \$1920

Lisa Greenwald - \$960x 2=\$1920

Victoria Lundin - \$960X2=\$1920
Farran Palma - \$960
Matthew McGrane - \$960
Kasey Faltings - \$960
Dina Merolesi - \$960
Sarah Duke - \$960
Amy Rowland - \$960
Rachel Tripi - \$480
Kimberly Pleines - \$480

- The proposal to pay the invoice from Suzy Kline for her presentation to Shelter Rock and Munsey Park Schools on November 13, 2018 to second graders in the amount of \$2,000 has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Monday, November 26, 2018.
- The proposal to pay MP extended extras to teachers totaling \$17,280 has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Tuesday, November 27, 2018.
- The proposal to pay \$2750 for the Enrichment program for SR/MP has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Tuesday, December 4, 2018.
- The proposal to pay a charitable contribution totaling \$32,500 for Manhasset CASA which is comprised of the annual CASA contribution of \$10,000 plus a one time contribution of \$22,500 to fund the Executive Director's salary has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Saturday, January 5, 2019
- The proposal to pay the payment of \$2,500 to O'Keefe CPA has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Thursday, January 10, 2019.

President's Reports :

High School – Beth Miller

The Senior Banquet was held on Wednesday, November 7th at Leonard's. Thanks to Erin Kurkjian and Katie Lane for chairing and to all the Senior parents and the Administration who worked so hard to put together a wonderful evening for our Seniors. Thank you also to the Junior Parents, led

by Lori Kearns and Annie Vetrone who worked the night of the event, so that Senior parents had a chance to enjoy the evening.

The High School Musical was on the weekend of November 15. Cinderella was an amazing production.

On November 28th, Guidance had the Annual Standardized Testing meeting. Jane Grappone did a great job helping parents understand the myriad of testing options available to our students.

We had two wonderful Holiday concerts in December and as usual they were superb.

This past weekend was the Frosh. Thanks to Cathy Conniff and Kristin Perfetto for selling tickets and thanks to the administration for putting on a fun and fabulous event for the Freshman Class. Thanks to the Moss family for hosting the Frosh Frolic Fundraiser in their home while the students were off to the dance.

Midterms are coming up the week of January 21. Schedules are on the District website.

The next Middle School – High School SCA meeting will be Wednesday February 3rd at 7:30 pm. Please join us for Rebecca Chowske, who will review the English Curriculum and Adam Kuranishi who will speak about Mindfulness in the classroom.

Middle School – Michelle Longobardi

Holiday Concerts:

Middle School Holiday concerts were performed throughout December and were very well attended and definitely put everyone in the holiday spirit!

8th Grade Parent Night: Thursday, January 3rd

A successful evening in the HS Auditorium run by the Guidance Department and Jane Grappone and as always was very informative.

SCA Secondary School Directory 2018-2019:

Directories are all printed and bound and should be mailed out today (if they have not already been mailed). There was a slight delay because we send out one directory per household and the incorrect data was supplied to Minutemen so we had to resend them the correct one and then they were closed for 2 weeks as well. Stronger than ever argument for a paperless directory online. We are looking to see the best way to set that up for success and hoping to have that ready to roll out for the beginning of the next schoolyear.

Middle School Dance for a Cure: Friday, March 15th:

Plans are underway for the March Middle School Event. Instead of a Dance, this event will be a fun-filled **Bubble Soccer** for the Cure! This has been a successful event in the past few years and we are working hard to secure it again for this year. We are in the process of working with Dean Schlanger and Peter Vercessi to help plan. I will be visiting with the Middle School Student Council in a joint effort to fundraise for the cure. We will possibly be selling socks again as in past years or the student council may come up with something new and fresh for this year's efforts.

Joint MS/HS Parent Council Meetings: Wednesday, February 6th 7:30 pm

We have exciting speakers planned for all of the MS/HS Joint Parent Council Meetings. So far since the beginning of the schoolyear we have had Laura Tallerine – New Math Coordinator, Tom Elkins- Science Coordinator and also Sean Adcroft -Library and Instructional Technology Coordinator. Do not have meeting in January. Coming up in the February MS/HS Joint PC Meeting will be Rebecca Chowske – English Language Arts Coordinator and Adam Kuranishi who is a Social Studies teacher but has done extensive work in the health and well-being and mindfulness study. All presentations are video-taped and on our website.

Board of Ed Meeting: January 24th:

This meeting will be held at 8:00pm at the district office and all are welcome and strongly encouraged to discuss the Capital Reserve and the various projects the money can be used for.

Munsey Park – Christine Schwartz

Extended Extras:

Our 8-week Extended Extras finished before the December break. Thank you once again to chairs Kristin Perfetto and Elizabeth Spinelli, for a very successful program. The Spring Session will begin the Monday after February break, and run for 8 weeks. The chairs are busy at work communicating with teachers about returning and new classes. Stay tuned.

Enrichment:

- 3rd grade at both schools received a visit from Author Shana Corey on November 8th. The children were engaged and truly enjoyed her visit. She spoke about her writing process and answered many questions.
- 2nd grade at both schools received a visit from favorite author Suzy Kline on November 13th.
- On November 27th and 28th 4th graders at both schools enjoyed American Lives: Presents Revolutionary Times, to coincide with their colonial times unit. Also, our 1st graders during the same two days enjoyed American Lives: Presents Now & Then to coincide with the olden times curriculum study.
- On December 4th, 5th graders at both schools enjoyed a Birds of Prey presentation.
- **Some upcoming Enrichment visits include:**
- Simple Machines by Science Museum of LI to 3rd Graders on January 15th
- Electric Safety Town to PSEG to 4th Graders on January 22nd
- Sesame Street Let's Get Ready by PSEG to k-2 on January 24th @ SR and

January 25th @ MP.

Support Staff Luncheon:

On December 17th, we hosted a luncheon in the Munsey Park Teachers' Lounge to thank all of our support staff. All who attended enjoyed wraps, salads, fruit, and desserts, with a silver and gold

holiday theme. We received many appreciative words from our beloved support staff at MP.

Health & Wellness Week 2019:

From January 7-11, Munsey Park's Annual **Health & Wellness Week** focused on activities to promote a combination of physical, social, and emotional wellness. Our children were encouraged to participate in a **Screen Free Week** allowing for more time to play, talk, relax, and spend time with family and friends, away from "screens". Children who hand in the signed pledge to their teacher will receive a no homework pass!

Here are highlights of some daily activities that took place:

Monday: A "**Brain Break**" took place during the school day with music over the loudspeaker to provide the children with an opportunity to get up and get moving!

Tuesday: "**Get Caught Eating a Vegetable**" Students were encouraged to bring in vegetables for lunch and/or snack. Photographers "caught" students eating vegetables; images will appear on monitors in the cafeteria to reinforce all the happy vegetable eaters.

Wednesday: Shelter Rock teachers and Retired Police Officer Sharon Galvin led a parent presentation, "**Parenting in the Digital Age: Raising A Digitally Responsible Citizen**" focusing on social media and gaming safety & etiquette from 9:00-10:30 AM at Shelter Rock. Galvin presented on this most relevant topic to our 3rd-6th graders today (also to 2nd grade at SR). Thank you to CASA for arranging this informative speaker for both our parents and children.

On the nutritional front, a **Nutrient Soldiers Campaign (Iron day)** began, brought to us by MP Parent and Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, Luciana Pereira. A **Nutrient Soldier** was announced each morning and information was featured on the cafeteria screen. Vitamin C and Calcium were also highlighted.

Thursday: "**Board Game Day & Night**" Students were encouraged to bring in a board game to play at recess and also encouraged to play board games with family and friends at home as a screen free alternative activity.

Throughout the week, gym teachers celebrated the week with fitness games, stations, and mindfulness activities.

We also provided our parents with information on setting parental controls on various sites, apps, and games, in addition to a link to a site for those interested in limiting social media until 8th grade.

Many thanks to our Health Chair, Tara Gibbs for her creativity and efforts throughout the week. Also, thank you to our Safety chairs, Maria Herrington and Cindy White for being a part of the planning. It was a nice collaboration to decide on a speaker with our SR counterparts and CASA – all working together for the goal of a week of reflection, action, and overall wellness from children to parents.

Other upcoming SCA Events include:

Guess Who’s Coming to Read? – A favorite, annual event, where surprise members of our local community share their love of reading with children in grades K-4. Chairs, Joanna Austin and Trish Dessi, are hard at work securing guest readers for this exciting and fun event, set to take place the morning of January 31st.

On February 6th, there will be a **Joint Parent Council Meeting @** Munsey Park at 9:30 am. Our invited speakers will be Dr. Chowske, who will present on the Teacher’s College Program in the Elementary Schools as well as Allison Rushforth who will present on the ICT Classrooms in the Elementary Schools.

Book Fair – Co-chairs, Caroline Smith and Anna Vomvolakis are knee deep in planning the annual Book Fair scheduled to take place March 4-8th. This year’s theme is the “Enchanted Forest” and we have a new location at Munsey Park, because our library now houses a classroom, and it was best not to disrupt the classroom. Our Book Fair will take place in the Multi Purpose Room, which is a very different space, but may prove to be easier to navigate and better to accommodate classes and visitors. We are looking forward to all of these upcoming events!

Shelter Rock – Victoria Grassano

Extended Extras

Shelter Rock Fall extended extras 8 week session wrapped up this week for a few classes that had make-ups. I want to thank Kathleen Martelli our Extended Extras Chair for helping with the registration process and all of the teachers who taught both morning and afternoon classes. Our next session will begin on January 28th and run for 10 weeks. Thanks to robust teacher participation we are able to offer many new and exciting courses this session including Science programs for grades 1-6, French and Spanish for all grade levels, Intensive Coding, Cartooning and Animation, Videography and much much more.

Enrichment Programs

Our enrichment programs at Shelter Rock have been better than ever this year. Our November programs included some new and exciting presentations including Shana Corey and American Lives. Every grade level has added programming this year for a truly remarkable educational experience for our children. I would like to thank Anna Oncel for implementing this new curriculum and coordinating and scheduling the presentations with teachers and administration. Programs from our last meeting in November through January include by grade:

- **KINDERGATEN:** PSEG Sesame Street Let's Get Ready, 01.24.2019
- **FIRST GRADE:** American Lives: Presents-Now and Then, 11.28.2018 and PSEG Sesame Street Let's Get Ready, 01.24.2019
- **SECOND GRADE:** Author Visit, Suzy Kline, 11.13.2018 and PSEG Sesame Street Let's Get Ready, 01.24.2019
- **THIRD GRADE:** Author Visit: Shana Corey, 11.08.2018 and SMLI In House Physical Science, 01.17.2019
- **FOURTH GRADE:** American Lives: Revolutionary Times, 11.28.2018 and PSEG Electric Safety Town 01.23.2019
- **FIFTH GRADE:** Birds of Prey: 12.20.2018

Annual Support Staff Luncheon

Our annual Shelter Rock Support Staff Luncheon was on December 13. Thanks to Leslie Fleck for putting together this amazing event. The Shelter Rock Conference Room was transformed into a winter wonderland complete with holiday music. The food was delicious and the staff commented how they look forward to this day all year long. Along with good food there were many smiles and laughs as we showed our thanks to our wonderful support staff.

Health and Wellness Week

Health and wellness week is this week January 7-11. The theme of the week is Social Media Awareness. On Wednesday, January 9th we hosted a special Joint SR/MP Parent Council Meeting sponsored by CASA in the Shelter Rock auditorium. The meeting included a panel of Shelter Rock teachers who worked in conjunction with the SCA to create a presentation that was targeted to the elementary families in our district and speaker retired police Officer Sharon Galvin discussing the topic of social media and gaming

awareness. The meeting was very well attended and lasted over two hours. Parents were very appreciative to have the opportunity to learn more about this very timely and important topic. Materials were given out to help parents navigate safety controls online. The students in grades 2-6 will see a similar presentation by retired officer Galvin during school today, January 11. The discussion will include social media (snap chat, instagram, you tube, twitter, etc.) and gaming (Fortnite, Roblox, etc). The goal of the week is to encourage students to spend less time on social media and video games and more time connecting with one another and to be aware of how their actions on social media and gaming affect them and others. We will also be sending out a pledge for students and parents today challenging students to participate in a screen free week (as determined by each family) beginning January 11 and continuing through January 18. Participating students will receive a homework pass. A huge thank you to Anne Chun and Liz Oliveri for chairing this event and for all of the hard work they put in to making the presentations such a success.

Upcoming Events:

Guess Who's Coming to Read

Guess Who's Coming to Read will take place on January 30 for grades K-3. We have a new and exciting line up of readers for the kids this year! Thank you to Anna Oncel and Kathleen Martelli for chairing this event.

Joint SR/MP Parent Council Meeting

Our next parent council meeting will be on February 6 @ 9:30 A.M. at Munsey Park. Dr. Rebecca Chowske will present on the Teacher's College Program and the meeting will also include a discussion about ICT classrooms in the elementary schools.

Book Fair

Shelter Rock Book Fair Chairs Jenny Bordieri, Renee DiGirolomo and Dana Dignam are already hard at work preparing for our "Enchanted Forest" book fair at Shelter Rock. The book fair will take place the week of March 4.

Guidance Update :

Jane Grappone

1/12 - PreACT 180 kids, all sophomores

2/7 – 10th grade parent night

CASA Update:

Jen DeSena, Executive Director, CASA

Thank you to the SCA for their tremendous donation to CASA

Superintendent Update: Vincent Butera, Superintendent of Schools
Encourage parents to visit website to look at capital reserve and current projects
1/23/2019 – Vaping presentation.

Board of Education Update: Pat Aiken, BOE liaison to SCA
Christine Monterosso, BOE liaison to SCA

The next SCA Open Executive Meeting will be held on Friday, March 15, 2019 at 9AM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Lucy Puma
SCA Executive Board Secretary**