



MANHASSET SCHOOL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

SCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, September 17, 2021

Call to order: 9:02 am

Meeting Adjourned: 10:00 am

Officers Present Virtually During Zoom Teleconference:

Kim Haggerty, Executive President

Rachel Harley, High School President

Markella Maliagros, Middle School President

Cathy Croce, Munsey Park President

Susan Siris, Shelter Rock President

Tania Kapoor, Executive Treasurer

Kristi Wede, Executive Secretary

Executive President's Welcome – Kim Haggerty

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of SCA Executive Board:

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General Announcements:

Welcome to our first Executive Board meeting of the 2021-2022 school year. The SCA is very excited to be back and wish to welcome all returning and new families to the district. Our goal this year is to restore all of our programs and events. We missed them! We may need to modify them but we will work with the schools and the administration to bring back as many of our events and programs. Look out for our Senior Banquet, Extended Extras, Family Theater, Saturday Series, School dances & parties, and of course the SCA Fair! Now that we are back, there will be plenty of volunteer opportunities and we would love all of your help!

Introduction of Executive Committee Chairs & Liaisons:

Community Education – Margaret Palmadessa

Educational Grants – Marybeth Accurso

Enrichment – Lucia Delmonaco (MP) & Elena Vases (SR)

Health & Safety – Kate Mesqita (MR), Luciana Pereira (MP), Leonaora Lau (SR), Caroline Va (SR), Marietta Frangiskatos (HS/MS)

Historian – Christine Schwartz

Legal Counsel – Vincent Albanese

Membership – Rosanna Massaro

Nominating Chairs – Liz Collard & Tara Gibbs



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Planet Manhasset – Aimee Rudic & Becky Tountas
Project Share – Heidi Franchetti (HS), Paula Chiarucci (MS), TeriAnn Quinlan (MP), Priyanka Puri (SR)
Saturday Series – Jie Huang & Jingjang Li
Senior Frolic – Linda Gurino
Summer Studies – Chhavi Katyal & Priyanka Puri
Webmaster – Kristin Stevens
SCA Fair – Tricia Dessi & Christine Lucchese
Fall Fundraiser – Laura Dworkin & Noreen LaBenne
Ways & Means Treasurer – Susan Powers
CASA Liaisons – Lisa O’Connor (HS/MS), Angelic Durante (SR)
PASE Liaisons – Angela Krug (HS/MS), Raveena Jagwani (MP), Kristy Sweeney (SR)

The membership drive is underway, thank you to Rosanna Massaro! The information on how to pay dues is on our website.

Executive Treasurer’s Report – Tania Kapoor

Overview of last fiscal year:

Given the circumstances of last year, we did very well financially. We honored our pledge to CASA, we increased Project Share funding although they didn’t use all of it, we did have a couple of programs that went under budget while others went over. For example, the enrichment program went under budget which supported the college essay workshop which went significantly over budget.

The SCA Budget Committee approved the 2021-2022 budget on June 23rd, 2021. Full Year Budget is available for viewing on SCA website.

MP School Book Fair proceeds from Scholastic for \$5,746.43 are still outstanding. Scholastic sent a check a couple of times with incorrect information on it. The amount is not reflected in MP School EOY financial results.

Frolic 2021 Committee still has outstanding expenses such as custodial gratuities and expense reports to be submitted.

The balance in the 2020 Frolic account will remain in the account and used as determined by the Frolic 2020 Committee.

We haven’t had a chance to discuss the balances in the 2018 and 2019 Frolic accounts are still due to be cleared in accordance with the Bylaws.

As of September 14:

We have started strong with membership and spirit wear. The finance forms are on the SCA website. SCA is a tax-exempt organization and we have to use tax exempt forms.

Highlights of 2021-2022 budget are we anticipate more membership money to flow in to support our programs. We have MP and SR budgeted conservatively. They will have only one Saturday series. School enrichment program has been increased to \$40,000, and we have budgeted to honor our pledge to CASA of \$10,000.

Executive Secretary’s Report – Kristi Wede



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Approval of Minutes:

Motion made to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2021 SCA Open Executive Board Meeting. Motion approved by the SCA Board.

Report of Interim Votes:

The proposal to pay \$2,060.00 to Nassau BOCES for the BOCES Project Adventure for Munsey Park Elementary School's 5th grade enrichment, scheduled to occur on Friday, June 18, 2021 has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

The proposed 2021-2022 SCA Budget has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Wednesday, June 23, 2021.

The proposal to pay \$34,250 in SCA Educational Grants to 27 Manhasset High School 2021 graduates and past graduates as approved by the Educational Grants Committee has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Thursday, June 24, 2021.

The proposal to pay \$3,300 to Aramark Service Inc. for food provided for the SCA sponsored Staff Appreciation Luncheon for Manhasset Middle School and Manhasset High School, held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Thursday, June 24, 2021.

The request for transfer of \$38,000 from the Ways & Means account to the Main SCA account has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Thursday, August 26, 2021.

The request for reimbursement to Candi Miletic for Munsey Park spirit wear in the amount of \$3,528.00 has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Friday, September 3, 2021.

The proposal to pay Arena Sports a deposit of \$3000.00 for spirit wear items has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communication on Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

The request for payment to Raindeew Plandome Ltd. For Munsey Park school supplies in the amount of \$6775.00 has been approved by the SCA Executive Board via electron communication on Monday, September 13, 2021.

Middle School President's Report – Markella Maliagros

Middle School Opening Day Picnic: On Wednesday, September 1, the first day of school, The MS SCA hosted an Opening Day Picnic for the incoming 7th grade students. Thank you to our Chair, Kristen Perfetto for organizing this event. Traditionally we have held this event outdoors in the Girl's Turf area, however, due to the rain that day we provided the student with their lunch in the Auditorium. We provided pizza from Villa Milano, waters, and ices. We want to thank all the parent volunteers who signed up to help. We had parents donate balloons, paper goods, waters, and ices. And an additional 8-10 parents helped to set up, distribute the food, and clean up.

Middle School Welcome Back Outdoor Dance Party: The Middle School SCA will be hosting a Welcome Back Outdoor Dance Party on Friday, September 17, 2021 from 7:30- 9:30 pm outside on the Girl's Turf. Traditionally, this dance is held indoors in the Gym. Due to covid restrictions and maske wearing mandates, Dr. Schlanger gave us permission to hold the party outside this year. We expanded the dance theme to incorporate more activities for the students. We will have a DJ with giveaways, an inflatable obstacle course, and carnival and lawn games. We will also provide pizza, refreshments, and a candy station. We want to thank Liz Collard whil is chairing this event. We also want to thank the almost 50 parents who signed up to volunteer for this event, whether through donation of good or of their time. We hope that it will be a fun night for our 7th & 8th graders!

Photo Day: Photo day for the MS will be Thursday and Friday, September 23 & 24. Thank you to Blanca McKenna for chairing this day and for organizing the over 20 volunteers who signed up to help check in our students for their photos.

Middle School Open House: rescheduled from September 14 to Tuesday, September 28, 7pm

Halloween Celebration: scheduled for Friday, October 29

High School President's Report – Rachel Harley

Welcome Back!



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Senior Portraits were completed this Tuesday and retake day is October 8th by appointment only. Senior parents should have received lots of information about the class events for the year, including senior parking, yearbook deadlines, and the Senior Banquet which will be held Monday, November 1st at 6:30 PM at Leonard's. A tremendous thank you to Valerie Bebbler for chairing this special event, which is always an amazing night that supports plenty of fundraising for the Senior Frolic! She has been working very hard with her team to create a memorable night for our Seniors. Special thanks to Barbara Ras, Susan Diskin, Sharon Messina, Cori Bayardelle, Jill Pullano, Bianca De Guadenzi and John Hyland.

We are finishing up Spirit Week at the High School, which is always a lively time up at school. This morning we held a special Senior breakfast on the softball fields, and in the afternoon Spirit Week culminates with a pep rally on the football stadium and a DJ. Homecoming is tomorrow, the 18th. The homecoming parade starts at 1:30 PM and then the football game begins at 2PM.

Our College Essay Workshop was an enormous success this past summer. The program, which is available to Juniors, completed its third year and we had our largest enrollment thus far. Through scheduled sessions, students have the opportunity to work one on one with staff on their common app college essay. The workshop is the brain child of Nancy Schlaefer, and her hard work and dedication is admirable.

Looking ahead, grades 7-11 have photo days coming up on the 23rd and 24th. Retakes will take place on October 14th. We are lucky to have Nancy Schlaefer running this event once again. Photo retakes for those grades will be on September 14th.

Looking Ahead....

The High School open house will be held via zoom on Wednesday September 22nd.

Our 12th Grade parent meeting is on September 23rd at 7 PM via zoom.

Photo Days: September 23 & 24

The Guidance Financial night is on Wednesday, September 29th.

Tuesday, October 5th will be our Frolic Parent meeting at 7:30PM. This will be held in the MS Media Center and a huge thank you to Linda Gurino who is our Frolic chair this year!

We have 9th Grade Parent Night coming up on October 6th.

The High School Community Service Fair will be held on October 13th in the HS main hallway.

Our next Parent Council meeting on Friday, October 22nd at 10AM **in person** and we hope to see everyone there!

Munsey Park President's Report – Cathy Croce

Overview:

Welcome to our new SCA Board Members Kim, Amy, Rachel, Susan and Kristi. Tania, Markella and I have already seen how dedicated and caring they all are. I also want to thank Anna Oncel for all her hard work and partnership with me last year - she will be missed. And, a very warm welcome to our new incoming Shelter Rock President, Susan Siris. It is going to be a terrific year.



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Happenings:

Promotional Ceremony:

A single ceremony for the entire graduating class was held outside on the fields of Munsey Park on Wednesday, June 23rd. MP SCA would like to thank the District for funding this one of a kind event as well as Mr. Altman, Mr. Nolan, Ms. Ruthenberg, the Sixth Grade teachers, our Music department, support staff and the entire custodial staff that went above and beyond to make this day so memorable. With the rain storm the day before, set up at Munsey commenced at 4 am in the morning but it was a beautiful clear day for graduation.

Superintendent's Breakfast:

The SCA welcomed back all our faculty and teachers on Monday, August 30th at Munsey Park. Teachers were so happy to greet one another on their first day back over breakfast supplied by the SCA.

Ice Cream Social:

Munsey Park Administration and the SCA hosted an ice cream social for new incoming students at the school on Tuesday, August 31st. New Families toured the school and met with Principal, Mr. Altman and Munsey Park's Guidance Counsellor, Ms. Gimondo. Sadly, the ice cream social was missing its most important ingredient - ice cream! Mr. Softy had a flat and was a no show so Carvel gift cards are being gifted to our new students instead.

School Supply Fundraiser:

165 packages of school supplies were sold and the SCA profit was \$825.00. 35 additional packages were purchased for project share families. Many thanks to our returning chair Reese Lum for all her hard work.

First Day of School:

Students started their first day of school on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. Munsey Park happily welcomed back returning 1st and 6th grade students that had moved temporarily to Shelter Rock last year due to Covid and space restrictions at Munsey. The school was decorated with welcome back banners and balloons. Mr. Altman, Dr. Passi and Ms. Rushforth greeted students at drop-off.

SCA Classroom Representatives:

88 Room Representatives were assigned and the Room Representative Responsibilities Meeting was held in person on Friday, September 10, 2021. We had 85 parent volunteers in attendance; Grade Level Chairs for grades kindergarten through 6 were present; Elizabeth McCann, MP SCA VP; Laura Dworkin, Directory Chair; and Holly Wilson, SCA Membership Chair gave an overview of their roles; Mr. Altman greeted parents and fielded questions. I'd especially like to thank Elizabeth McCann for her partnership and efforts assigning the room representatives.

MP New Parent Welcome Meeting:

New parents were welcomed into the Auditorium on Monday, September 13, 2021. Mr. Altman hosted the meeting; SCA President gave a quick overview of the organization; Laura Dworkin, the SCA Directory Chair explained the importance of the Directory and PASE chair Raveena Jagwani spoke about the Parent Association for Special Education. Faculty specialists were also present as well as some current students to provide details about the music program, guidance counselling and social services. Dr. Passi, acting Superintendent and Ms. Aiken, President of the BOE also welcomed our new families.



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Open Houses:

Open House for grades 2, 3 and 4 was held on Monday, September 13th. Open House for Kindergarten and First Grade was held on Tuesday, September 14th. Parents were very appreciative that these parent / teacher meetings were held in person and the SCA is thankful to our Principal, Mr. Altman, District Office and the Board of Education for making this evening possible. One parent / guardian attended per student to maintain required social distancing and masks were worn at all times. Parents and teachers both appeared to feel comfortable and parents greatly benefited from meeting their teachers in person.

Spiritwear was sold on both evenings of Open House in the cafeteria. To-date, MP SCA grossed \$13,389.00. We will continue to sell Spiritwear at Monday's 5th and 6th grade Open House and are launching an online store the next day on Tuesday, September 21st.

SCA Membership, Planet Manhasset and Volunteer sign-up sheets were also highlighted during the Open Houses.

Look Ahead:

Homecoming is Saturday, September 18th

Open House for fifth and sixth grade is scheduled for Monday, September 20.

SCA MP Parent Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 22.

Photo Day is scheduled for October 5-7.

Red Ribbon Week planning in collaboration with CASA commences October 25

Shelter Rock President's Report – Susan Siris

Promotional Ceremony:

We were excited to celebrate the 2021 Promotional Celebration of SR 6th grade on the SR field on June 18th. The school was decorated beautifully to mark the special occasion. The SR SCA sends a special thank you to the District, Board of Education, Mr. Roder, Mrs. Williams, the 6th grade teachers, music department, technology team, support staff, custodians and parent volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this day memorable. Congratulations to the graduates and their families! We are so proud of you!

SR and MP Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony:

The SR and MP Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony was on June 9th on the Kindergarten playground at SR. The playground area was decorated in school colors, lawn signs, and arch that kindergarteners walked under. Thank you again to the District, Board of Education, Mr. Roder, Mr. Chad Altman, Mr. Brian Nolan, the kindergarten teachers, music department, technology team, support staff, custodians and parent volunteers who made this a success.

Scholastic Book Fair Winner:

Shelter Rock won first place in the 2021 National Elementary School book fair contest sponsored by Scholastic Book Fairs. The school was awarded \$2,000 dollars which can be redeemed to purchase books and other educational materials for the school from Scholastic. Thank you to last year's committee chairs Dana Dignam and Amy Martella for their truly amazing job. The bookfair was a highlight of the spring and we appreciate all of their hard work!



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School Supply Fundraiser:

Our school supply fundraiser this year was more successful than ever with the use of our Square Store online site. 174 packages of school supplies were sold and the SCA profit was \$1,411.00. 28 additional packages were purchased for Project Share families. Many thanks to our school supply chair Patty Rudner.

Superintendent's Breakfast:

On August 30th the SCA hosted a festive breakfast in the SR cafeteria for SR staff before the beginning of year Superintendent's meeting. This was the first time all of the teachers were back in the building together and everyone was very happy to see each other!

New Student Tour and Ice Cream Social:

Our new student tour on August 31st was well attended. 16 new families joined us on the playground as Mr. Roder, Mrs. Williams and the SCA President welcomed new students to Shelter Rock. Thank you to our New Parent Ambassador Debbie Marchare for reaching out to our new families and organizing this event. Families were treated to an ice cream truck before heading inside for a tour of the school.

First Day of School:

Rain could not stop the smiles for our first day of school! On September 1st Mr. Roder, Mrs. Williams & Mrs. Rosemary Johnson greeted students as they arrived. The school was decorated with a festive banner, lawn sign and balloons. This year there are approximately 641 students enrolled at Shelter Rock.

SCA Classroom Representatives:

64 Room Representatives were assigned to our 32 classes and the Room Representative Responsibilities Meeting was held in person on Friday September 10th. We went over policies and procedures for open house, class lists and email protocols.

SR New Parent Welcome Meeting:

New Parents were welcomed on September 13th. Parents heard from Dr. Passi, Ms. Aiken, Mr. Roder, Mrs. Williams, Administrators, SR teachers/specialist and the SCA President. A panel of charming 6th grade students also spoke about different aspects of Shelter Rock followed by a Q & A session at the end.

Open Houses:

Open House for grades 2, 3 and 4 was held in person at SR on September 13th. Open house for K and 1st grade was held on September 14th. Parents were very pleased to be back at the school and the meeting point in the gym was buzzing before and after each shift. The SCA is thankful to Mr. Roder, the District Office and Board of Education for making this evening possible. Spirit wear, Planet Manhasset and Membership all had tables set up for the event.

Looking Ahead:

Open House for 5th and 6th graders scheduled for Monday, September 20th.

SCA SR Parent Council Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 22nd.

SR Photo Day is scheduled for October 12th-13th.



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5th Grade Enrichment trip to BOCES Project Adventure is scheduled for October 14th.

Red Ribbon Week planning with CASA is in progress. Red Ribbon Week begins October 25th.

Planet Manhasset – Becky Tountas, Aimee Rudic

Many teachers in the elementary schools used the gardens last spring. They had the students out there harvesting vegetables and the kids learned about food banks. Up at the High School, Lauren Kearon took an environmental science class out there last year. What we need help with is finding ways to connect with teachers at Shelter Rock, the Middle School, and the High School. 3 teachers at Munsey are taking kids out to the garden to plant fall vegetables. Would love for more students and teachers to get involved. We can offer community service hours to get the kids involved and would love for more parent involvement as well.

SCA Fair – Christine Lucchese, Tricia Dessi

Christine Lucchese and Tricia Dessi are starting to plan for the Fair. They are looking for volunteers to help with ticket sales and food booths. They are having a meeting on September 22 with Mike Newton about the carnival rides. Contact Christine or Tricia if you would like to volunteer.

CASA Update – Connie Bruno, Project Director

September 21 – Today's Marijuana – differences from the past as well as the new challenge of fentanyl proliferation. Working in conjunction with Project Help.

October 23 – Take back event

We have postponed our Harlem Wizards game which was scheduled for November 5 in an effort to keep the community safe (from Covid).

Big focus is planning Red Ribbon Week. We have been working with the SCA over the summer about modifying it for this year.

Superintendent's Report – Dr Gurav Passi, Superintendent of Schools

Goal for this year is to return as close to normal pre-pandemic operations as possible. Things will look different but the events help to make our students have a positive school experience. Our guiding ideas are to recapture the things that help the students feel connected to the school.

Summer construction at the Secondary School and Munsey Park School – At Munsey Park, we have gained 3 classrooms and renovated existing spaces.

Secondary School –

Reopening of School – At the Secondary School, students are using their lockers. We are offering a full complement of extra-curricular and co-curricular programs, continuing layered mitigation efforts of staying home when sick, quarantine and isolation, wearing a mask, physical distancing of 3 ft in the classrooms and 6 ft in the cafeteria. Important to help



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ensure that kids stay in school. We have asked our buildings to all maximize outdoor spaces. MP and SR utilizing court yards. Teachers are bringing kids outside. HS/MS – kids can go out after they eat. We use Dept of Health guidance: All employees who do not submit proof of vaccination have to get tested weekly. Students who are interested can also test.

Network disruption: On September 14th we detected a service disruption which impacted the availability of certain systems within the computer network. Out of an abundance of caution, we took our network offline so we can methodically work to determine which specific systems were impacted by the incident. We have a full team of IT professionals that are working to bring our system back to operation. We don't have a timeline yet because the work is very methodical and it needs to be done carefully. The district does maintain backups. Instruction is occurring without smart boards. We are prioritizing restoring elements of our infrastructure that support instruction. Today, we deployed hot spots to all of the department area offices so teachers can login when they have their prep period. By Monday, teachers should have access to google drive. Prioritizing return of xerox machines which are also networked.

BOE update – Pat Aiken, BOE President

Board Meetings are in person at the Community Room. They will continue to be live streamed, available on zoom, and also recorded and put on the youtube channel. Reach out with questions or issues.

I encourage everyone to come out for the Homecoming parade and support the school and the students.

Executive President's closing remarks – Kim Haggerty

The next SCA Executive meeting will be in person, most likely in the auditorium at the high school. The plan is to record the meetings for those who aren't able to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Wede
SCA Executive Board Secretary