

**MEETING MINUTES
SCA HS/MS JOINT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022 - 10AM DISTRICT COMMUNITY ROOM**

1. Welcome

A. RACHEL HARLEY SCA President - Welcome

- Welcome everyone!
- Markella Maliagros is unable to attend today's meeting.

2. Superintendent's Report

A. Dr. Passi, Acting Superintendent -Welcome

- The journalism studio, wellness wing and the project lead the way engineering are all doing well.
- Thank you to the Tower Foundation and the SCA for their continued support with these programs.
- NY State distributed Covid test kits to the Manhasset community and staff at the schools.
- Currently, KN95 masks are available to all Manhasset faculty and staff.
- Quarantine protocol and guidelines have changed to 5 days of isolation. Students and staff must be fever free for 24 hours and have no symptoms.
- The reduced quarantine time only applies to school and not extracurricular activities which includes sports.
- Manhasset offers a Zoom option for students who have Covid.
- Please contact the health office or Allison Rushforth with any questions regarding Covid.
- Manhasset is looking for volunteers in four working groups:
Group 1 - is to help students to feel connected and have a sense of belonging. The goal is diversity, equity and inclusivity.
Group 2 - The community groups and school based groups need to connect and communicate by meeting on a regular basis.
Group 3 - focus on areas of disproportionality like special education and disciplinary action. The goal is to get students to challenge themselves.
Group 4 - is to focus on teachers, administrators, faculty and staff. Applications will be emailed.
- The budget is developed with the BOE. The asphalt and water main projects have been completed. This round the capital reserves will focus on the athletic fields

3. Principal's Report - Dean Schlanger, Principal of the secondary school

- Report given by Dr. Passi
- Regents exams in January 2022 are canceled so midterms had to be canceled as well. Students must have a full day of school for it to count towards the NYS minimum of school days.
- Parents are concerned there is no cumulative review without midterms
- There will be ongoing cumulative assessments to make sure students will be prepared for finals.

- Manhasset students performed above the state and county average.
- Dr. Maureen Appiaris is the interim curriculum coordinator. She came from Jericho where they never had midterms. Teachers are spiraling to to combine the curriculum and make assessments cumulative.
- Dean Schlanger will recalibrate the grading by the end of the month.
- Last year Regents exams were canceled 4-5 weeks before the exams were to be given.
- Former Superintendent Charlie Cardillo created a panel of college freshmen with a range of students to find out what Manhasset can do better at the Secondary School to prepare kids for college.

4. Joy Anne D’Anca, Director of Guidance/Counseling Grades 7-12

- Unable to attend the meeting.

6. CASA Report

A. Connie Bruno, Project Director

- Ryan’s Story on February 8, 2022 at 7:30pm, Building Resiliency Through Empowerment”. John Halligan will be presenting on how to deal with bullying, cyber bullying and teen depression.
- Two hours of community service will be given to students who attend.
- Marijuana Today assembly on March 8, 2022. Marijuana looks different today from the 1980’s and 90’s. It is more potent by 90%. Speaker on the dangers of Medical Marijuana. Her son was a high achieving student with anxiety. He used medical marijuana and ended up jumping off a building to his death. If marijuana is legal why is it so dangerous?

7. Board of Education Update - Pat Aiken, President

- The Capital Improvement projects are focused on asphalt, water main and athletics. The athletic turf will be redone.
- Presentation by Christine Monterosso: The Wellness Wing concept came out of the SCA Survey. Thank you to the SCA partnership for its partnership. Currently, new athletic directors are being interviewed

8. Close of the Meeting - Rachel Harlye

- Thank you to everyone for attending! The next Joint Parent Council meeting will be the Building Resiliency Through Empowerment presentation on Feb. 8, 2022 at 7:30pm in the high school auditorium.