

## SCA HS/MS Join Parent Council Meeting Minutes April 8, 2022

The Parent Council meeting was called to order at 10 am in the District Community Room

Presenters: Kim Haggerty-SCA Executive President, Rachel Harley-SCA HS President, Markella Maliagros-SCA MS President, Dr. Gaurav Passi-Acting Superintendent, Dr. Dean Schlanger-Secondary School President, Alison Rushforth-Ex Director, District Special Educaiton Program & Services, Dr. Joy-Anne D'Anca-Director of Guidance, Dr. Vera Feuer-Northwell Health Director of Psychiatric/Behavioral Health, Ginamarie Bounds-Northwell Health Ass't VP Cohen Children's Medical Center, Connie Bruno, Project Director/CASA, Christine Monterosso-VP BOE.

### **Northwell Health Partnership Presentation – Dr. Vera Feuer and Ms. Ginamarie Bounds**

- Dr. Vera Feuer and Ms. Ginamarie Bounds came back to more clearly explain the points of the new Northwell Health Partnership available to all students and Manhasset residents.
- Lots of questions were fielded from the community members present.
- Alison Rushforth gave a quick overview of how after looking at the needs of our students and understanding that Mineola had this program, the school reached out to them through Nassau BOCES to get involved.
- This program is in place to help deal with critical-care mental-health crisis situations in the community. Students get help at the request of their parents.
- The Urgent care center is separate from the ER.
- There are limits to how many people can be supported.
- The program started in February 2022.
- Dr. D'Anka explained that families and students in crisis in our district have used this program since March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 with positive feedback.
- The partnership is funded via a federal grant which ends September 2023. Currently the program costs about \$6K/month.
- Stats from the program will be presented to the BOE prior to the contract's renewal in 2023.
- The BOE would need to approve any future renewal and purchase.

### **Superintendent's Report – Dr. Gaurav Passi**

- Key positions are being filled at the school. Some of the recently hired positions include:
  - Joseph Dragone as the new Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations.
  - Dr. Donald Gately as the new Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Personnel.
  - Band Director
- The parade recognizing the Manhasset Boys Varsity Basketball team win of the NY State Championship was a huge success as the entire Manhasset community rallied

to celebrate. The parade was planned in two days by Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman and he officially recognized the day as “Manhasset Boys Basketball Day” in all of Nassau County.

- The “42<sup>nd</sup> Street” Production was amazing and very high quality.
- The Science Olympiads were on their way to Syracuse to compete in the statewide competition.
- The Science Research program is continuing to perform at a high level.
- They are in the middle of the budget season and the budget was to be adopted on the Wednesday before break. He then went on to present many of the programs that the budget supported, including the SR Kindergarten playground, finishing of the water main project, sidewalk replacement, a new multi-purpose field in the outfield of the softball field, and the re-turfing of the softball field. Lights will be added to the new field as well, funded by the SCA and other groups.
- He talked about the Diversity Group

#### **President’s Report – Dr. Dean Schlanger**

- Gave updates about upcoming events such as the Prom and the Promenade.
- Shared that for next year, Saturday evenings were already secured for both the Jr. and Sr. Proms.
- Report cards were coming out as Q3 was ending.
- Talked about the Override Policy and how the end date was a hard date.
- AP Testing was up coming from May 9-20, 2022.
- MS Math Test was up coming on April 26-27, 2022.
- Regents will all be administered this year.
- Finals will make up 10% of the final grade.

#### **Guidance and Counseling Update – Dr. Joy D’Anca**

- Gave counseling updates.
- May 1<sup>st</sup> is the date Sr’s commit to schools.
- July 1<sup>st</sup> – transcripts will go out to colleges.
- April 25<sup>th</sup> - the last time Sr’s can put hours in Passport for Good.
- 11<sup>th</sup> grade conferences – parents must make appointments soon if they haven’t.
- College Expo - will be in-person on 4/28/22
- 10<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Night recording is up on the HS Counseling website.
- Summer Opportunities – colleges are listing programs for students. They can be found on the Counseling website.

#### **CASA Update – Connie Bruno**

- Shared percentage data from a questionnaire to students in our community of how high depression was in various grades.
- These surveys are from NYS – multiple school districts were doing them now. They allow us to develop appropriate programs from the results.