



## MANHASSET SCHOOL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### **SCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Friday, June 15, 2022**

Call to order: 10:30 am

Meeting Adjourned: 11:36 am

### **Executive President's Welcome – Kim Haggerty**

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Executive President's Report:**

Welcome to our Executive Board meeting! Thank you all for rescheduling to meet on zoom today. We were unable to hold our meeting last Friday because of the Munsey Park Field Day switch.

- **Frolic Walk Thru & Take Down**

Please join us for the annual tradition of the Frolic Walk-thru on Friday June 24th 5:30-7:30pm in the HS Gym After the Seniors enjoy this amazing night it is the tradition that the Junior Class parents help with Frolic Take Down Saturday morning. Class of 2023 parents, please sign up to volunteer on the Sign Up Genius which can be found at [manhasetsca.org](http://manhasetsca.org)

- **SCA Fall Luncheon**

The SCA Fall Luncheon is back this November! We are looking for volunteers to chair this amazing event! Please spread the word. Contact Kim Haggerty if interested or have any questions.

- **Executive Committee Chairs**

We are in need of a few Exec Committee Chairs for the 2022-23 school year

- Membership Chair
- Shelter Rock Family Theater Chair
- Saturday Series Co-Chair

If you are interested in any of these positions or would like additional information, please contact Kim Haggerty

- **SCA Website**

Our SCA Website and email program needs to be upgraded this summer. If you have any IT experience or know someone that does, we would appreciate the help

- **SCA Officer Recognition & Induction Luncheon**

This past Friday, we held our annual Officer Recognition & Induction Luncheon at Plandome Country. Manhasset school administration, BOE Members, Exec Board Members, Committee Chairs, and volunteers had an opportunity to toast all outgoing & incoming Officers and celebrate this amazing year.

Welcome & congratulations to our incoming Officers:

**SCA Executive Treasurer:** Peggy Sica

**Middle School President:** Jenna Post

**Munsey Park President:** Teri Ann Quinlin

**Nominating Committee:** Kelly Smith & Margie Menexas



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This meeting is the last meeting for a few Executive Officers **SCA Executive Treasurer:** Tania Kapoor; **Middle School President:** Markella Maliagros; **Munsey Park President:** Cathy Croce

Finally, I would like to acknowledge & thank all of the SCA volunteers that helped make this year possible. All Exec Board Members, Exec Committee Chairs, School Committee Chairs, GLC's, room reps, finance chairs, event volunteers- THANK YOU! We appreciate all your commitment, time, patience & dedication to the SCA this year.

Have a wonderful, relaxing summer! See you in September!

### **Executive Treasurer's Report – Tania Kapoor**

Annual budget introduction: Brief overview of finances as of today

So far, we look great. We had a successful year as an organization

We exceeded our membership goal by \$2500. Looking ahead: We want to let our membership know that we do accept larger donations that are tax deductible

Elementary schools had great fundraising efforts this year. Net revenue of about \$110,000 for both schools combined.

Saturday series brought in \$20,000 net revenue - the same amount of money for ½ the work by just doing Saturday series in the fall

Looking at the summer, educational grants will start trickling in. Senior awards have been distributed.

Financial & Treasurer's report will be done during first week of July

In terms of budget, the committee met and the proposed budget has been distributed.

We made some changes: based on our income from the SCA Fair and the Ways & Means account \_ we raised less funds than previous years in those 2 areas. Therefore, we redid our budget numbers. The two elementary schools should raise enough money to sustain the budget and expenses next year. The changes that we are making right now – putting \$40,000 into an account to take pressure off the elementary schools to raise more money next year. I haven't cut any of the existing sections of the budget. \$36,000 comes from Ways & Means. \$42,000 from the SCA Fair as compared to \$70-80,000 in recent years. Events that will receive additional funding include the Munsey Park and Shelter Rock promotional parties, they will receive \$4000 each going forward. The budget for the middle school end of year BBQ will increase, the summer studies awards will receive \$15,000/year even though we have received fewer applications. The committee has asked to keep the budget as is – but perhaps it should be decreased in the future if the interest isn't there.

If everyone is in agreement, we should vote to approve the budget for 2022-2023:

Motion to approve the budget- the budget has been approved by the SCA Board.

### **Executive Secretary's Report – Kristi Wede**

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made to approve the minutes from the April 8<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>, and May 18<sup>th</sup> 2022 SCA Open Executive Board Meetings. Motion approved by the SCA Board.

#### **Report of Interim Votes:**

The request for payment to Leonard's for the Senior banquet in the amount of \$23,760.00 was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communications on April 14, 2022



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The request for payment to Scholastic for the Shelter Rock Book fair in the amount of \$6570.43 was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communications on April 25, 2022

The request for payment to Scholastic for the Munsey Park Book Fair in the amount of \$5878.58 was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communications on May 4, 2022

The request for payment to A&S Whitestone Nursery for the SCA plant sale in the amount of \$4150.00 was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communications on May 12, 2022.

The request for payment to The Waterfront Center for Munsey Park 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade enrichment in the amount of \$2754.00 was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communications on May 17, 2022.

The request for payment to Project Adventure for the Munsey Park 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip on Nov 15 & 16, 2021 in the amount of \$4345.00 was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communications on May 17, 2022.

The request to transfer \$66,017.00 from the SCA main account at Chase to the Ways & Means account at Citibank was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communications on May 17, 2022.

The request for payment to Gordon Korman for the Shelter Rock 6<sup>th</sup> grade enrichment program on May 13, 2022 in the amount of \$4500.00 was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communications on May 19, 2022.

The request for payment to Spectrum Designs for Munsey Park Spiritwear in the amount of \$4475.30 was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communications on May 24, 2022.

The request for payment to Grill Boys for the Munsey Park Staff Appreciation Luncheon on May 26, 2022 in the estimated amount of \$3750.00 was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communications on May 24, 2022.

The request for payment to Kristin Connolly for the Gelato cart, Starbucks gift cards, and pizza/salad for the secondary school staff appreciation luncheon in the amount of \$3465.78 was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communications

The request for payment to Paula Chiarucci for the reimbursement for food from Herb & Olive, coffee and paper plates from Aramark, as well as gift cards from Walgreens and Starbucks, and additional expenses from King Kullen for the secondary school teacher appreciation luncheon in the amount of \$5420.00 was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communications on May 26, 2022.

The request for payment to Medieval Times for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Shelter Rock outing in the amount of \$5084.82 was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communications on May 26, 2022.

The request for payment to Haroula Santis for the Shelter Rock staff appreciation luncheon in the amount of \$2210.92 was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communications on May 28, 2022.

The request for payment to Adventureland for the Munsey Park 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup> in the estimated amount of \$9885.00 was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communications on June 1, 2022



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The request for payment to Entourage for the Munsey Park 6<sup>th</sup> grade yearbooks in the amount of \$4146.67 was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communications on June 2, 2022.

The request for payment to author Shana Corey for the MP/SR third grade enrichment program held on May 18, 2022 in the amount of \$3200.00 was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communication on June 2, 2022.

The request for payment to Adventureland for the Shelter Rock 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip on June 14<sup>th</sup> in the estimated amount of \$6075.00 was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communications on June 7, 2022.

### **High School President's Report – Rachel Harley**

We are at our final, culminating events of the year, and I am just so pleased we have been able to have a productive, happy year for our students and community.

Our graduation class has been involved in its culminating activities for the year. Senior lawn signs were sold this month with all proceeds going toward the Frolic. We sold upwards of 150 signs and you can see them displayed all around town!

May was a busy month with AP exams, which went very smoothly, Spring concerts which were wonderful as always, and also NYSSMA Majors, which BOTH orchestras received a Gold with Distinction rating!

We also held our Mandatory Frolic meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> via zoom. Dr Schlanger reviewed the protocol surrounding this event, and our Frolic chair Linda Gurino alongside her assistant Rosanna Massaro informed the grade of their needs and also how to purchase tickets.

Tri-M honor society Inductions were this week. We also had our Senior Awards last night. Again, all of these wonderful accolades are a testament to our talented and hard-working staff and our terrific students!

College 101 took place yesterday, as did college T-shirt day, and the Senior barbeque where students received their yearbooks.

The Class of 2022 will have their Senior Breakfast on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> in the Senior SPA where the SCA will provide bagels and beverages. Students will view the Senior Sendoff video and then will be dismissed for the day.

Graduation will be held on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM outside (hopefully!!). Following Graduation from 8PM-1 AM will be the Frolic. Our parent community is hard at work and it sure to be a night to remember.

Lastly, the SCA is hard at work filling our slate for next year, but I do want to say a heartfelt thank you to Markella Maliagros who has helped me so much this year and who I will miss very much!

### **Middle School President's Report - Markella Maliagros**

#### **Announcements/Reminders:**

#### **Staff Appreciation Luncheon 5/18/22**

The committee co-chairs Paula Chiarucci and Kristen Connolly did a great job organizing the staff appreciation luncheon. They ordered food from herb and olive and rented a gelato truck to provide a special day for our teachers. We received



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\$8,000 in donations from the square store. Dean gave us a number of 200 ppl to order for, however, we had closer to 300 staff and teachers. All teachers and staff enjoyed the day.

### **Lunch on the Lawn: Friday 5/27/2022**

Incoming 7th grade students were welcomed to the Secondary School campus for the traditional lunch on the lawn. Thank you to Jenna Post and all the 6th grade parent volunteers for helping distribute ices to the students, from the SCA.

### **Marie Rogers/Building Tour 6/11/22**

The incoming 7th Graders will be attending a building tour on Friday June 10 at the middle school at 5:15-7pm. Dr. D'Anca reports she wanted to have student council speak to incoming 7th grade students this year about their experiences, instead of the traditional ice breaking games. The MS SCA will be providing pizza, waters and snacks for this event.

### **Middle School BBQ: Monday 6/13/22**

Our Middle School BBQ will be held on the Football field under the lights. 7-9pm. Our Co-chairs Annie Yeung and Claudine Fini have been working hard. They have secured dj and food vendors as well as an inflatable obstacle course and fun lawn games. Sign up genius is almost all filled up. We will be sending out to broader class today

### **8th Grade Gift**

We want to Congratulate our outgoing 8th grade students and wish them the best of luck in high school next year. The MS SCA took out a full 2 page ad in the Manhasset Press that will be issued during the graduation edition, week of June 13th, listing the names of all the students in the grade and wishing them the best.

### **Shelter Rock President's Report – Susan Siris**

### **HAPPENINGS:**

#### **SPRING CONCERTS**

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade chorus were happy to be able to perform together again on May 12<sup>th</sup> in the Munsey Park auditorium. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade chorus performed on May 13<sup>th</sup> at Shelter Rock. The Shelter Rock orchestra and band performed on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Shelter Rock. The SCA provided flowers and gift cards to the teachers and accompanists.

#### **JOINT PARENT COUNCIL MEETING**

On May 11<sup>th</sup> there was a joint MP/SR parent council meeting at Munsey Park featuring a Science and Technology presentation by Dr. Teri McGrath. Dr Passi gave an overview of the district's budget plan for next year.

#### **SPRING SPIRIT WEAR**

The SCA hosted a spring spirit wear sale through Lacrosse Unlimited. This was not particularly successful and we will try for an in-person spring spirit wear sale next year.

#### **TEACHER APPRECIATION**

On May 18<sup>th</sup> the Staff was treated to a daylong Staff Appreciation event. The theme this year was "A World of Thanks" and breakfast and lunch of different national cuisines was served to our beloved teachers and staff. The themed favors, decorations, music and photo booth made for a very fun day. Everyone received a raffle ticket and was able to choose from many baskets to win.

A huge thank you to our chairs Danielle Carroll and Roula Tsoumas for a great event we know everyone enjoyed.



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### **PW DAY**

The Shelter Rock children celebrated our retiring assistant principal Paulette Williams on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Everyone wore Mrs. William's favorite color blue and the students sang special songs written by our music teachers. The SCA provided a festive banner and blue favors- sunglasses, leis and megaphones on necklaces as a nod to Mrs. Williams' ability to always get a crowd excited and loud. The SCA also provided a DJ at recess and Mrs. Williams enjoyed dancing with the students. Mrs. Williams was gifted a personalized suitcase filled with letters and drawings and a planter decorated with every student's thumbprint.

### **FIELD DAY**

Everyone was very excited to have field day back on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The SCA sold colored field day T-shirts and despite a hiccup with supply shortages everyone had a great time. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders enjoyed a picnic lunch with a DJ and snacks and treats supplied by the SCA.

### **ENRICHMENT**

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> author Shana Corey visited the third grade and feedback was that she was excellent.

On Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> author Gordon Korman visited the 6<sup>th</sup> graders and provided a writing workshop. The feedback for him was also excellent.

A big thank you to our Enrichment Chair Elena Vases for all of her work this year with our Enrichment Programs.

### **SHELTER ROCK PARENT COUNCIL MEETING**

The final Shelter Rock parent council meeting was on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Roder provided end of year remarks and thank yous and the SCA gifted personalized blankets to the retiring teachers Gail Corrao and Gigi Marasco.

### **KINDERGARTEN AND 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE LAWN SIGNS**

The SCA hosted a successful sale of kindergarten and 6<sup>th</sup> grade lawn graduation lawn signs. Profits from these sales helped fund the kindergarten and 6<sup>th</sup> grade year end events. Thank you to Amy Fathers and Lauren Kos for their help with this fundraiser.

### **6<sup>th</sup> GRADE ADVENTURELAND TRIP**

The SCA helped organize the 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Adventureland on June 14<sup>th</sup>. This trip had traditionally been to Splish Splash but had to be changed because of a delayed opening at Splish Splash this year. Feedback from this trip was mixed. There were several other schools at the location at the same time and lines were reportedly long. The students had a good time but parent chaperones recommended looking elsewhere next year.

### **KINDERGARTEN PROMOTION**

Kindergarten Promotion took place on June 15<sup>th</sup> in the Shelter Rock Auditorium. The SCA provided balloon decorations and "Here I Come 1<sup>st</sup> Grade" book favors to all of the children.

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation will be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade promotion party will be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you to all of our Shelter Rock teachers, staff and SCA volunteers for helping make this a very successful year!



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### Munsey Park President's Report – Cathy Croce

#### Happenings:

**Concerts** took place on May 10 for the 5th and 6th grade Orchestra and Concert Band. Grade 4 Orchestra, Concert Band and Chorus performed the next week on May 16 and, the 5th and 6th grade Chorus performed on May 18. The SCA is thankful for our talented music department: Ms. Goldberg, Mr. Van Boxel, Mrs. DePeppe, Ms. Faltings, Mr. Dillon as well as accompanying pianist Mr. Gleason. The SCA presented flowers and gift cards at the conclusion of each concert.

**SCA MP/SR Joint Parent Council Meeting** was held at Munsey Park on May 11. Presenters included science district coordinator, Dr. McGrath and Dr. Passi, Interim Superintendent of Schools who presented and answered questions about the 2022-23 budget.

We had wonderful weather for the annual **SCA Staff Appreciation Luncheon** on May 26. Teachers were treated to a theme camping party: "We love our teachers s'more than you know!" Food trucks, pseudo campfires for roasting marshmallows, tents, picnic tables and more kept everyone smiling all day. Thank you to our retiring chairs Jodi DeTore and Christine Schwartz for all their creativity and continued dedication to our Munsey teachers. For the last four year they have managed to raise the bar and amaze our teachers with their out of the box themes and amazing execution; this year was no exception. We are especially thankful to our generous Munsey Park families as this tribute is fully funded by parent donations.

**Sixth grade Enrichment** presented the much anticipated Ann Frank: "Living Voices" on June 8. Thank you to Lucia Del Monaco for her year long effort to find interesting programs for each grade curriculum.

**Field Day** at Munsey Park returned after Covid on June 10. Rain required a postponement but "rain day" Friday had blue bird skies all the way. The feeling on and off the field was pure excitement. Students, teachers, faculty and administrators all felt the excitement and school spirit throughout the day. Thank you to all our Physical Education teachers for their hard work to bring this beloved event back to Munsey Park. The SCA added to the festivities by hiring a DJ that spent the entire day spinning tunes on the fields.

**MP SCA Spirit Wear** was sold at Field Day for the first time. Teachers and parents who don't normally attend the Spirit Wear sale at Open House in the Fall were especially happy to have the opportunity to buy Munsey attire. Despite limited stock and sizing due to supply chain issues we were able to gross \$9,000.00. A heartfelt thank you goes out to retiring Spirit Wear Chairs Benita Liu and Candi Milatic. They have done an amazing job all year.

The second section of **Extended Extras** kicked off on March 23. Chairs Claudine Fini and Melissa Napolitano offered 16 classes which concluded at the end of May. Thank you to our retiring chairs Claudine and Melissa for all their hard work.

The **Sixth Grade year-end field trip** took place yesterday, June 14. This year's outing visited AdventureLand. Munsey Park students and parent chaperones spent the day with their beloved teachers and their friends from Shelter Rock. This outing joins our two elementary schools as they transition to Middle School. Many thanks to SCA Chairs Jennifer Farrer and Kelly Smith for coordinating so many people.

**Sixth Grade's "Double Elimination Kickball Tournament"** concludes today, June 18 with its Championship game. Balanced teams vie for the "Championship Cup" and teachers, students and families celebrate afterwards with a pizza and pop lawn party. Thank you to Tara Gibbs for coordinating this joint teacher/SCA event. We can't wait to hear if defending champion Team Blank will be retain their title.



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### Look Ahead:

**Kindergarten moving-up Ceremony** is tomorrow, June 19. SCA is helping to make this momentous occasion festive with Dr. Seuss themed decorations and balloons. Congratulations to all our Kindergarteners.

**6 Grade Promotional Assembly** is June 21. SCA is happy to decorate for this special occasion. Gradation lawn signs were designed by SCA chair Tara Farell-Tsimikalis to support this momentous day.

**6 Grade Promotional Dance** is being held on June 22. This year-end party is the SCA's last gift to the graduating class. Graduates will enjoy an inflated "Wipeout" obstacle course, DJ, photo booth, games, dinner, and an ice cream truck and candy table for desert. Many thanks to Jodi DiTore and Christine Schwartz for creating such a memorable event.

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

Thank you to Cathy, Markella, and Tania for all of your service. The faculty and staff are very appreciative of all support throughout the year. This year in particular, it's worth noting that we have come a long way. We seem to have really turned a corner and it's great to see events that are so uniquely Manhasset return to our school and community. In addition to the big events, the enrichment programs have been fantastic as well. We have had students excel in many different areas. Our student athletes have had a banner year too. We are in discussion with the county executive office to put together something for the boy's and girl's lacrosse teams. Field days were great, POP concert, Frolic and graduation ceremonies in all 3 buildings are under way.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> I sent updates to the community regarding the events that occurred at the secondary school. Nothing is more important than the safety and security of our students and our staff. Each year as required by state education department, the BOE holds hearing on next years district-wide safety plan – hearing on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm. We have asked for representatives from the Nassau County police dept. and Nassau BOCES.

District – wide initiatives. DEI- is about belonging - Steering committee meeting today

Second initiative is the long – term facilities planning committee. They will plan an infrastructure focused on referendum. The committee's goal is to focus on a scope of work to be considered by the BOE. The committee has a lot of work to do to prioritize those needs. It will be presented to the board in the second week of September. The Shelter Rock school playground will begin this summer. The asphalt and water main project as well as the Northwest field turf will begin this summer. The softball field construction will take place in November and will be completed by March.

### BOE update – Pat Aiken, BOE

The importance of the partnership and communication with the SCA has been so beneficial. In addition, we have been busy with some key hires as Dr Passi has put his leadership team together. Looking forward to continuing to work with everyone next year.

### Planet Manhasset - Becky Tountas

Planet Manhasset had a great year. Over \$3000 left from fundraising. People have been asking about the back bed at shelter rock which is about 50 feet long. We are hiring an outside landscaping company and waiting on a proposal on that. We had a great year integrating with the curriculum in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade – the students planted the 3 sisters which went along with the native American studies. We are also looking to put raised beds in at Munsey but that will probably be next year. The irrigation is still an issue. The pipes in the garden are difficult because the little kids trip on them. A sprinkler head would be better.





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### **Executive President's closing remarks – Kim Haggerty**

That concludes our meeting. We are up again in September with the first exec meeting of the year. We do start up in August with the ice cream socials at the 2 elementary schools as well as the superintendent's breakfast. It has been a fabulous year. Thank you to everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Wede  
SCA Executive Board Secretary