



MANHASSET SCHOOL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

SCA HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting

Date: Friday, October 14, 2022

Call to order: 10:00 am

Meeting Adjourned: 11:00 am

Executive President's Report – Kim Haggerty

- As a reminder, as reflected in a Bylaws Revision passed May 2022, the SCA Executive Board will meet in person for a minimum of 4 times a school year. The months the Executive Board does not meet in person, the Executive Board will post a report to share with members on the SCA Website.
- Membership Drive- still underway; \$40- Information to pay dues is on our website
- SCA Fall Luncheon- Wednesday, November 9th at Harbor Links, invitations will be sent shortly. We are currently collecting donations for the silent auction and raffles.
- SCA Coffee & Conversation with Dr. Passi- Wednesday, October 26th 7pm District Office Community Room. Community members are welcome to join us to meet with Dr. Passi to learn more about the upcoming Bond Referendum, which will be voted on, on Dec. 8th.
- Planet Manhasset update
 - Planet Manhasset Chairs met with Dr. Passi and other administrators and district coordinators. They are working on increasing the use of the Secondary School Gardens.
- Saturday Series
 - The Saturday Series Committee is busy planning for another exciting season. Registration will begin in early December. Saturday Series will run for 8 weeks beginning 1/21.
- SCA Summer Studies Award
 - The 2021-2022 year was highlighted by the exceptional group of recipients of the SCA summer studies scholarships. This is awarded to rising seniors.
We granted 6 scholarships:
 - Samantha Dring- Columbia University Immersion Project
 - Jeff Franchetti- Putney pre college program at the the University of Siena,
Italy
 - Chris Hom- Oak Neck Rowing Academy Summer Program
 - Samantha Palmadessa- Intern at Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell
University
 - Emily Theodosopoulos- NYU GSTEM Summer Research Program



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Nitya Wanchoo- The New York Times Summer Academy

- We will be presenting at the 11th Grade Parent night on November 15th. Program details and applications for 2023 awards will be available the 1st week of November. Submission deadline for the 2023 award is Feb. 17, 2023.

Please feel free to reach out to Co-Chairs Priyanka Puri and Jen Kopchik at scasummerstudies@gmail.com with any questions.

Executive Treasurer's Report – Peggy Sica

ADMIN

- Membership Dues collection currently totals close to \$21,000 which is short of the budgeted \$35,000 for the year. Efforts should be made to increase membership with email reminders sent via room representatives and/or the school messaging system. The upcoming SCA luncheon could generate membership donation opportunities as well as the upcoming elementary school holiday concerts.

PROGRAMS

- Project Share received a donation from Munsey Park Women's Club totaling \$10,000.
- Spiritwear sales have been successful for both Munsey Park and Shelter Rock schools. Munsey Park netted a total of \$10,870 and Shelter Rock netted a total of \$13,500. Both sets of Spiritwear committees have plans to continue to sell merchandise at upcoming events throughout the year.
- Planet Manhasset has netted \$678 with merchandise sales since the start of the year.
- Shelter Rock and Munsey Park are planning for the upcoming Book Week festivities with the purchases and/or rentals of costumes.
- Additionally, the elementary schools as well as Middle school are preparing for the upcoming Halloween parties at each school with deposits and payments out to DJs and entertainment companies.
- The Family Theatre production of The Cat in the Hat is set to be held March 18, 2023 – a deposit of \$500 has been made to Plaza Theatrical Productions.
- The College Essay Workshop has received a total of \$3,610 which is the deposit of tuition checks from the previous school year (2021-22) and is not reflective of any change to the future budget; it is simply a timing difference in deposit collection.

FROLIC

- The balances in the 2018 and 2019 Frolic accounts are still due to be cleared in accordance with the Bylaws.



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- Senior Banquet continue to sell tickets for the event.

Executive Secretary's Report – Kristi Wede

Report of Interim Votes:

The request for payment to Spectrum Designs for the Shelter Rock 6th grade sweatshirts in the amount of \$2654.31 was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communications on Monday, September 26, 2022.

The request to appoint Eva Sehic to the position of SCA Executive Treasurer was approved by the SCA Executive Board via electronic communications on Wednesday, October 5, 2022.

The request for payment to Maria Herrington for the SCA luncheon invitations in the amount of \$3450 was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communications on Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

The request for payment to Adventureland for the frosh/Soph event on March 24, 2022 in the total amount of \$12,000, with a \$3600 deposit was approved by the SCA executive board via electronic communications on Friday, October 14, 2022.

High School President's Report – Rachel Harley

Things have been busy up at the Secondary School!

We had a wonderful Homecoming with a spirited parade! Many thanks to Laurie Lauria and all the class advisors and our Grade Level chairs for making it a terrific day for our students!

High School Open House went off without a hitch. Parents and teachers alike were thrilled to be in person!

Grade 7-11 photo days took place in September, and we had retakes on October 14th. Senior portrait retakes also took place. Thanks again to Nancy Schlaefer and her team of volunteers for running this event once again.

Speaking of Seniors, Senior parents have been busy adhering to all their many deadlines for the Senior Yearbook and the Senior Banquet. Valerie Bebber, our Banquet chair, is working very hard to make this a memorable evening. She, along with her committee, are securing amazing items for the silent auction, and invites went out last week!

Since we last met, we also had our 9th grade Parent Night and our guidance financial aid night. We also held our first Parent Frolic meeting of the year, which was very well attended. Thank you to our incredible Frolic committee for volunteering to run this huge event!

Looking Ahead....

Manhasset Secondary School is hosting the PSAT tomorrow, 10/15 and the ACT next Saturday, 10/22.

Senior Banquet! Monday, November 7st at 6:30 PM at Leonard's Palazzo.



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SCA Fall Luncheon is November 9th at Harbor Links!

Our next Parent Council meeting will be on **Friday, November 18th at 10AM** and we hope to see everyone there!

Middle School President's Report – Jenna Post

Middle School Open House

The Middle School had their Open House on Wednesday, September 14th. Parents were so happy to be back in person at the Open House. They were also happy to have the opportunity to see inside the building and all of the classrooms.

Photo Days

Grades 7-11 took their photos on September 22nd and 23rd. Thank you to Jen Tantillo, the Middle School chair, for helping to organize this for 7th and 8th graders. Thank you also to Nancy Schlaefer for showing Jen the ropes, and overseeing these days for both the High School and Middle School.

Directory

Tanya Karcic sent out the SCA directory form to all 7th graders and any new 8th graders to fill out. She is collecting all of the information and should have it finalized soon.

Middle School Halloween Party

The Middle School will be having their Halloween Dance on Friday, October 28th from 7:30 - 9:30. Dianne Tolentino is spearheading this, along with co-chairs Eileen Bauer and Vita Tagliavia. They are getting a DJ and Photo Booth, and will have pizza, snack and candy. They are renting games for the kids to play and will have ping pong and spike ball set out as well. They also will be giving away raffle prizes and prizes for best costumes. A signup genius was sent out to ask for donations, as well as volunteers to decorate beforehand and also to help during the party. We are looking forward to a great event.

Shelter Rock President's Report – Susan Siris

HAPPENINGS:

Shelter Rock **Photo Days** took place on October 12th and 13th in the gym and new Kindergarten playground. 6th graders wore their personalized SR Class of 2023 sweatshirts for a yearbook spread and enjoyed cookies and hot chocolate while socializing and posing for photos. Many thanks to our Photo Day chairs Rita Gigante and Roula Tsoumas for their help with this event.

Fall **Extended Extras** sign-ups are underway and classes start on October 17th. There are 14 before and after school classes including an exciting new Coding class for Grades 5 & 6 spearheaded by Ms. Merolisi. Fall Extended Extras runs for 8 weeks. Thank you to our chairs Priyanka Puri and Lara Pangburn for all of their work on this program.

Our SR Spirit Wear chairs ran an online Spirit Wear sale with adult sizes. A continued thank you to Dana Dignam and Amy Martella for all of their help with this job. They are also planning a winter sales event to take place during the school music concerts.

LOOKING AHEAD:



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ENRICHMENT- October 20th the Science Museum of Long Island will be presenting a program on reptiles and amphibians to the 1st grade

RED RIBBON WEEK- October 24-28th

SR Annual PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST- October 24-28th

5th/6th Grade Evening Halloween Party- October 28th

SR BOOK WEEK- Will take place on November 14-18 with the theme “How Do you Book?”

Munsey Park President’s Report – Teri Ann Quinlan

Extended Extras: Our Extended Extras Fall 2022 session will start next week, October 17th. Thank you to the Munsey Park chairs Virginia LaRocca and Jeannine Doumar for all their work in bringing back some class favorites, as well as adding some new classes that have already received great interest.

Photo Day: Photo Days at Munsey Park are October 25th and 26th. Our chairs, Nancy Chu and Monica Aliaga-Laud have been working hard with Irvin Simon and the school to ensure the days go smoothly. Thank you Nancy and Monica.

Halloween Party (5th and 6th Grades): The planning for the 5th and 6th grade Halloween Party is well underway. The party will take place on the night of Friday, October 28th. There will be a DJ, a photobooth, party games, and a haunted house. Thank you to our returning 6th grade chairs, Margaret Nicklas and Colleen Sharkey, as well as our new 5th grade chairs, Jen Schultz and Holly Wilson for all their hard work in planning what is sure to be a great party.

Red Ribbon Week: Red Ribbon Week is October 24th – October 28th. This year’s national Red Ribbon Week theme is “Celebrate Life, Live Drug-Free.” For the elementary students we are modifying the theme to be “Celebrate Kindness, Make a Difference in the World.” There will be several assemblies where Rich Specht, former LI science teacher and co-founder of the ReesSpecht Life Foundation, will share his moving story of how kindness changed his family in the wake of a terrible tragedy. Thank you to our chair, Jill Szczerbiak who is working hard in conjunction with Connie Bruno, Director, Program Development and Community Engagement of CASA – thank you.

Enrichment: On October 17th the science museum will come to Munsey Park for 1st grade enrichment. Each first grade class will have a 45 minute session. Thank you to Lucia Del Monaco for scheduling this program, and working hard to make sure that all other grades will have an enrichment program this year.

Looking forward to November: On November 9th the SCA will be hosting the Fall Luncheon. Book Week will take place November 14th – 18th. And Photo Day retake is November 30th.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Wede
SCA Executive Board Secretary



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