



Manhasset Secondary School SCA Meeting

Date: Friday, September 23, 2011

Title of Meeting: MS/HS Joint Parent Council Meeting

Location: Secondary School Black Box Theater

Welcome and Opening of Meeting

Lisa Belinsky, High School SCA President, and Laura Tranchina, Middle School SCA President, opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees. Lisa Belinsky was introduced as the High School SCA President. Lisa thanked Jeanine Toes, former HS SCA President for her service and her help in preparing Lisa for the next two years. Lisa introduced Beth Miller, the HS SCA Vice President. Both Lisa and Laura introduced and thanked Diana Stefan, HS Directory Chair, Maria Cizmarik, MS Directory Chair, Ellen Coughlin, HS Photo Day Chair, Karen Barnes, MS Photo Day Chair and Cecilia Cramer, Maria DeSanctis, and Elaine Caliendo, Hospitality Chairs, for the work that they have done.

The Board of Ed., Carlo Prinzo, Regina Rule, Pat Aitken and Cindy Cardinal were introduced to members. Craig Anderson was unable to attend.

Guidance Update

Veronica Ammirati, HS Guidance Counselor

Welcomed parents to a new school year. Jane Grappone, Director of Guidance, is unable to attend because she is attending a conference in New Orleans. 25 new HS students enrolled this fall with some new students from China, Chile, Hungary and El Salvador.

September 14th was Senior Parent Meeting. This meeting was to discuss the college process and what the parents need to know about 12th grade.

September 16th met with the Senior Class and walked through the college applications process.

The Guidance Dept is in the process of setting up individual meetings with seniors on how to do college process. Parents are invited to attend.

HS Counselors are currently writing college recommendations.

Parents are encouraged to access the Manhasset Secondary School website, especially the Counseling website. College Mini-fairs are listed on the website and which colleges will be attending (over 150 colleges will be coming to these Mini-fairs).

9th grade Parent meeting rescheduled for October 11th.

They will be scheduling individual 9th grader meetings.

Caitlin Finley, MS Guidance Counselor

21 new MS students enrolled this fall (5 in 8th and 16 in 7th).

Ms. Karin Fyeldal is currently serving as a leave replacement for Ms. Chen, whom is expected back at the start of the second marking period.



7th graders acclimated well to the Middle School. “Getting to Know You” sheets were handed out on the first day. Guidance is having a series of lessons with 7th graders on how to be successful in Middle School. This year’s 8th graders are a positive role model for this class of 7th graders.

October 12th is the luncheon for new students to the district.

Technology Report

Mr. Sean Adcroft - District Coordinator of Technology & Libraries

Introduced new Parent Portal and Wi-Fi technology initiative.

Parent Portal letter mailed home. There is a link to the Parent Portal on the website as well as instructions and FAQ’s. Currently basic information is only available. Grades 3-12 report cards and progress reports will be available as the school year progresses. Board of Ed meeting in 2 weeks will discuss the Wi-Fi initiative. The Wi-Fi will cover the secondary school and the 4, 5 & 6th grades in the elementary schools.

Every student in grades 7 – 12 will be assigned an e-mail address. This will give them access to a new Microsoft product - Live@edu. Only teachers and students will access. Outlook 2010 Suite is included. Students will have storage in “SkyDrive”. This will eliminate the need for flash drives. Students can access the email from the school website as well.

Health Office Report

Jeanne Clark, Secondary School Nurse

Form A of the Health History Form is to be filled out and signed by the student’s doctor. Form B is the permission slip for a student to participate in a sport. Both parent/guardian and student must sign it. A new form is completed for each sport and season. Form C is the Code of Conduct. Both student and parent/guardian sign this form. Forms are accepted starting 30 days prior to the start of the sport season.

Summer Studies Awards

Dawn McCormick and Sara Beresheim, Co-Chairs

10 parents, 4 teachers and one parent without a student at Manhasset High School are on the committee. The awards are given each year to a maximum of 13 students entering their senior year in the maximum amount of a \$1000 per student. No academic or financial constraints are involved. Approximately 30 students apply each year with applications to sports, academics to leadership programs.

Mary attended a Leadership Conference at Columbia University.

Julia attended a History course at Brown University

Principal’s Report



Peter Vercessi – Assistant Principal, Grades 7 - 9

Orientation for 7th grade was successful even with bad weather.

Open House was successful

Welcome Back Dance cost is \$10 per student. Money is to be used to purchase Spirit Day T-shirts. Dance is scheduled 7:30-9:30 pm and drop off and pick up is at the PE entrance. It was noted that the dance is not a date dance and attire is casual.

Mark Sippin – Assistant Principal, Grades 10 - 12

Senior parking is now located in the back of the building along the railroad fence. All request were honored.

21 additional visitor parking spots in the front

Link on district websites on Student Planner Handbooks.

Home Coming week - Dance: Only Manhasset residents are allowed. Residents not attending the high school may come as a guest.

Community Service – 100 hours or more will receive National recognition. Need to apply.

Dean Schlanger – Secondary School Principal

Welcomed parents to the new school year. 6 new teachers were hired for this school year.

There are currently 1508 students in the Secondary school.

7 th grade	288
8 th grade	284
9 th grade	238
10 th grade	236
11 th grade	255
12 th grade	207

The school cafeteria opens at 7:30 a.m. and offers a hot breakfast for \$1.50. Extra help and Clubs meet before school begins at 7:30 a.m. Approximately 75 MS students use the library before school begins.

Classrooms and study centers have been reconfigured to make more space for the number of students in the building.

During the summer break the bus garage area installed new drainage.

Ten teachers along with Dr. Schlanger and Mr. Vercessi will be chaperoning the middle school dance.

Display cases will now have Memorabilia donated from Manhasset alumni.

Superintendent's Report



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Association



Charles Cardillo – Superintendent

Discussed use of space and growth throughout district. Current kindergarten class is 74 students at Shelter Rock and 110 at Munsey Park. Discussed the effects of the 2% tax cap signed by Governor Cuomo. Changes in statewide testing because of a new testing company and new rules for state testing.

Meeting concluded at approximately 11:30 a.m.