

**Shelter Rock SCA
Parent Council Meeting
September 15, 2011
9:30 a.m.
Meeting Minutes**

Nancy Schlaefer SCA President

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Introduced Shelter Rock SCA Board

<u>Vice President</u>	Kathy Tiliakos
<u>Finance Chair</u>	Michelle Grullon
<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Christine Arella

Encouraged participation in SCA.
Many volunteer opportunities still available.
Reminded to pay dues for SCA

Thanked committee chairs who have worked over summer and the first week of school
Parent Ambassadors Robin Held and Alexandra Colombos

	They welcomed 59 new families to Shelter Rock
<u>Hospitality</u>	Patrice Leone and Robin Lippett
<u>School Supplies</u>	Maria Brunetti
<u>Welcome Banner</u>	Connie Feiner
<u>Heroes Week</u>	Gina Love and Kate Tracy
<u>Spirit Wear</u>	Janice Rohlfing

Upcoming Events

Red Ribbon Week October 17-21

Erica Kinloch gave a brief overview of week

- National Theme “upbeat to be drug free”
- Children encourage children to wear red
- Healthy snack
- Wristbands
- Speaker from Great Body Shop

She will also be speaking at SCA Joint Council Meeting at Munsey on Oct. 19

Nancy Schlaefer concluded by thanking all Grade Level Chairs and Room Reps

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Grade Level Chairs

Kindergarten Leslie Fleck
Grade 1 Ruth Geismar
Grade 2 Whitney Godfrey
Grade 3 Christine Monterosso
Grade 4 Peggy Attanasio
Grade 5 Janice Rohlfing
Grade 6 Jeanine Ferrone
Self Contained Bianca DeGaudenzi

Mr Robert Geczik Principal Shelter Rock

Welcomed everyone back

Briefly discussed summer programs at Shelter Rock

- Summer center
- Special education program ended 8/19

Attended local conferences in Westbury, NY over the summer

6 days of conferences

Discussed changes we will see in next 2-3 years in education system. Changes mostly in curriculum and assessment. Changes being referred to as “shift” not change

No new Staff at Shelter Rock

Returning Staff

- Mrs. Manolakes - Grade 2 is back from maternity leave
- Mrs. Stacey Weinstein - Grade 4 (asked back when 6 sections were needed in 4th grade)

Enrollment

SC K,1 & 2	1 section	6	students
SC 2,3 & 4	1 section	6	students
Kindergarten	4 sections	76	students
Grade 1	5 sections	94	students
Grade 2	5 sections	110	students
Grade 3	5 sections	105	students
Grade 4	6 sections	125	students
Grade 5	5 sections	112	students
Grade 6	5 sections	131	students
Total	37 sections	765	students

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- 59 New families in grades 1-6
- 12 New students from St Mary's
- Only three 1st graders from Our Lady of Grace
- First year since 1999 there are only 4 sections in Kindergarten.

Mr. Geczik briefly spoke about enrollment and class size. He and Mrs. Williams are presently evaluating where new students are from. He also discussed what goes into determining how many sections in each grade in terms of the teacher's contract rules and school board guidelines. He mentioned that it is very difficult to add a section late in August; especially once the placement letters have gone out.

Construction and Building Maintenance

- Complete repainting of Mrs. Duke's music room
- Carpeting removed and new tile flooring in 5 classrooms
- New carpeting in auditorium
- Lighting and sound upgrade in the auditorium

Administrative

Arrival Procedures

- Going much better
- Thanked everyone for following traffic rules
- Police officer in driveway is making a difference
- Reviewed drop off procedure – drop off at side entrance and drive entire loop
- Will send out map of drop off, for review and for new families

Dismissal Procedures

- Inclement weather – encouraged parents to have children take the bus
- Went over parent pick-up

Early pick-up

- Send note in with student
- Call office if no note is sent. Encouraged patience due to changes in main office staff

Contacting Mrs. Williams

- Due to staff reductions Mrs. Williams's secretary is at Shelter Rock 2 days/week, Munsey Park 3 days/week
- Also requested a follow up review of phone system and technology. Asked Nancy Schlaefer to follow up regarding these concerns. Many comments about difficulty reaching extensions and main office during school hours as well as after school hours. c

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Mr. Geczik introduced two members of the Board of Education who were in attendance.

Carlo Prinzo – Board of Education President

Regina Rule – Board of Education Vice President

They answered a few questions:

One question was regarding the generator at Shelter Rock. Shelter Rock has a generator in the basement from when the school was built. It only runs emergency lighting, heat, PA system, and telephone system. A new generator that will run the entire school will be installed next summer.

The other question was regarding busing and whether there was an increase in the number of buses this year.

Mr. Geczik concluded the meeting by answering questions.