



## MANHASSET SCHOOL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### Shelter Rock Parent Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday November 15, 2011

**Nancy Schlaefer** opened the meeting. She welcomed all in attendance.

Nancy began by thanking Ruth Brown and Alice Woo for the incredible job they did running the Halloween Party.

**Alice Woo** spoke about the Saturday Series Winter Session.

Flyers will be out following the December vacation. They are looking for new chairs for the position. They need 4 chairs, 2 from Shelter Rock and 2 from Munsey Park. They are also looking for teachers. Please contact Alice Woo, Ruth Brown or Nancy Schlaefer if you have any questions.

**Photo Day** - Photo day make up is taking place today in the little gym. Nancy thanked the chairs: Peggy Attanasio, Jane Russell, Vicki Balacek, and Lisa Russell f

**Red Ribbon Week** took place in October. We celebrated a "Drug Free me " week. In conjunction with CASA and the Great Body Shop, students listened to programs geared to promoting a drug free lifestyle. At our last parent council meeting, Kim Fanter from the great body shop presented to parents. Thanks to Erica Kinloch, Tara Lasalle and Leslie Fleck for coordinating these informative programs.

**Halloween** Nancy acknowledged the chairs Ruth Brown and Alice Woo who threw the party for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Terri Orlando headed the spook walk and also did a wonderful job. She also thanked the many parent volunteers and spook walk actors for helping us continue this tradition.

**SCA Luncheon** is Wednesday November 16th at North Hempstead Country Club. There are over 300 RSVPs. Thank you to all who have made donations, whether it was monetary or with your time. It is greatly appreciated. Our Shelter Rock chair Marybeth Accurso, along with the Munsey Park Chair have worked since the summer to make this a special day. The Luncheon is our 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest fundraiser.

**Kids Holiday Bazaar** 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Kids Bazaar takes place Nov 29-Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. This is not a fundraiser. It is a service for our students so they can shop for inexpensive items for the special people in their lives. All items range from \$1-\$5. The students learn to budget, to make decisions and most of all we hope it fosters a spirit of giving. If you would like to volunteer please contact Maria Brunetti. Thank you Maria, Valerie Carillo and Teresa Cozzi for chairing this special event.



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**Planet Manhasset** items are available for anyone who would like to go green. They have recyclable canvas snack bags and stainless steel water bottles. Diane Quinn spoke about the items available and invited everyone to join Planet Manhasset at “Clean Up Plandome Road. “

**Winter Extended Extras** registration forms will be sent home via backpacks in December. We will be offering Spanish, Latin, French, Italian and Mandarin to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders in this session. In addition we will be offering the 4 most requested topics based on our spring 2011 survey. These will include an after school art club and a creative writing course. In the morning before school we will offer a healthy hearts – mile high club, and a chess club. All classes will have limited space so please get the forms in early. There will be a two week registration period. The forms will go out the first week in December. The classes will start the 1<sup>st</sup> week in January and end in early March. They will run for 9 weeks. Any questions please contact, Nancy Schlaefer, Kathy Tiliakos or Laura Zaffiro.

**Regina Rule** was in attendance and briefly spoke about Board of Education meetings. She encouraged everyone to attend these meetings and to go on the district website to stay informed. The website has information on important tax issues and other information regarding our schools. Stay up to date and informed.

**Nancy Schlaefer** concluded her portion and introduced Mr Geczik.

### **Robert Geczik**

November is a great time. All the kids are settled in. Not much to report.

**Pat Galway** received the NYS excellence award for school nurses. She received this award for all of Nassau County. She will be recognized Thursday night at the School board meeting.

**Board of Education** meeting is this Thursday night at Munsey Park School. There will be a presentation about the ELA and Math assessment scores.

**Report Cards** this was the first time the report cards were available on the parent portal. Some problems were reported. Only unexcused absences were recorded. This will be fixed next semester. Starting next session teachers can make more comments on the report card. This will be similar to the middle school report cards.



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### **Leave replacements** mid year maternity leave

Mrs. Brady (Puleio) 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher will be with us through December.

Mrs. Creighton 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be leaving in February for her maternity leave

Interviewing for these positions will start 1<sup>st</sup> week in December. As soon as candidate is selected a letter will be sent to the parents in these classes. There will be a transition with the leaving teacher. Once the leave replacement is in the classroom, usually for about 1 week, a tea with the parents will be scheduled.

A question regarding Mrs. Mitchell, a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher who has been out of school, was asked. Mr. Geczik explained that her plans are to return right after Thanksgiving. She still needs clearance from her doctor. She has been checking in with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade team regularly.

**Sean Adcroft**, Coordinator for Instructional Technology and Libraries spoke regarding the Parent Portal.

He explained that the plan in about a year or two is to go paperless. Right now report cards are being mailed home and are also available on the parent portal. The browsers that currently work with the parent portal are Internet Explorer, which is on every PC and some versions of Safari. If you have any questions regarding the parent portal, your username, password, how to make changes please email [MPP@manhasset.k12.us.ny](mailto:MPP@manhasset.k12.us.ny)

He answered questions regarding the parent portal. A few were about the security of the records, how long the records will be available, who can access the individual accounts. He explained that Mr Geczik has access to all the students in Shelter Rock. The teachers only have access when the child is in their class. Sean Adcroft also explained that the problems reported were being addressed.

Mr. Adcroft and Mr. Geczik concluded the meeting by answering questions.