



**SCA HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, March 15, 2013 9:30am**  
**Manhasset Secondary School Boardroom**

**Welcome**

- Lisa Belinsky, HS SCA President
- Jill Ridini, MS SCA Vice President

**SCA/CASA Health and Fitness Week- Cathy Samuels, CASA**

- Health and Fitness week in all Manhasset Schools week of 3/18
- 3/22 Molloy College will have a health fair for the Middle School
- Middle School health classes created anti tobacco ads, 3 students in each class will receive a sweatshirt, all students will receive a pen; This is from a grant through the Tobacco Action Coalition and their campaign to stop tobacco ads
- CASA will be meeting with local pediatricians to discuss the importance of talking to teens about alcohol. Contact CASA if interested
- The Fitness Loft is offering 10% of all proceeds to SCA/CASA for all students that sign up between 3/18-6/21, go to SCA Website for flyer

**Guidance Report**

- **Jenny Chen, MS Guidance Dept.**
  - On 3/7 held 6<sup>th</sup> grade parent night; Jr. National Honor Society students gave parents tours of MS, held orientation for parents, it was well attended- great night!
  - Currently holding 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent meetings regarding HS transition, schedule an appt if have not done so, will be meeting through May.
  - Holding weekly team meetings with teachers and monitoring students as needed
- **Danielle Cerulii, HS Guidance Dept.**
  - Have completed all parent programs for the year, they were all well received!
  - 87 students participated in the mock interview night on 2/27
  - 4/16 College Fair at Schreiber HS, Port Washington, 6:30 panel discussion in auditorium, 7:30-9:00
  - 4/17 Career Night in the Black Box at 7:30pm
  - 4/23 College Fair at Hofstra University, 5:30-8:30pm at the Mack Sports Complex over 300 schools will be in attendance
  - Currently meeting with 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders
  - Asking all 11<sup>th</sup> graders to fill out the common application before you make an appointment. Copies are available on Guidance website or in the office
  - 94 students applied early decision 59.6% got in, this is up slightly from last year
  - Students will hear by 4/1 and will need to let schools know by 5/1 where will be attending in the fall

**Principal Report- Dean Schlanger- Principal, Secondary School**

- 4/6 **SOPH Social** rescheduled date; will be refunded if cannot attend new date
- 4/13 **Senior Prom**
- All students have been addressed about behavior and safety at both events
- Seniors have been measured for caps and gowns, only \$23 and students can keep them

- 4/29 Jim Brown will be returning to MHS and honored in a ceremony along with the Football Hall of Fame, period 9 grades 9-12 in gym
- **Safety**
  - On 2/13 a district wide meeting was held with the police dept. and administration to discuss security at the Secondary School
  - We now have 3 outside security guards, one at a checkpoint at main entrance to school, one at front entrance of school and one that travels the perimeter of the school
  - All security personnel, administrators and district coordinators have radios
  - We have 2 security guards inside and trying to get the supervisory aide at front MS entrance changed to a security guard as well
  - We will be having an assessment done about the HS vulnerability and will meet to discuss how we can improve
  - Our security camera system is good but we need to install and add a few more. We currently have about 100 cameras. We need to upgrade the software.
  - We need to install door alarms/alerts
  - We are looking at PA system and how we can improve that and the door locks throughout the building
  - On 3/20 will hold a lock-down drill district wide K-12
    - It will include all students, teachers, staff, administration and police dept.
    - A notice to parents will be sent home

**Principal Report- Peter Vercessi, Assistant Principal, 7-9**

- ELA State Tests for 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders 4/16-4/18
- State Math Test for 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders 4/24-4/26
- ALL students will come to school at regular time on those testing days, all students are to come to school at 8:08; a special schedule will be in effect for testing days
- All before school activities will be held
- At 8:08 MS students will go to their assigned testing location
- HS students will have 3 extra 30mins sessions on each testing day. Students will need to follow special schedule and listen to announcements. Special schedule in effect 8:08-9:53; attendance will be taken and will be marked as a cut if not there; if have gym for one of the special sessions class meets in the auditorium
- 9:58-3:08 an abbreviated regular 9 period day for all MS and HS students

**Superintendent's Report- Charles Cardillo**

- Meeting with many community members to discuss the school budget
- Met with Manhasset Greater Council, Student Senate, Manhasset SCA
- Using a new interactive voting tool during presentation, gives meaningful, immediate feedback from group presenting too
- Presenting budget to the community at the library Mon. 4/8, 7pm-9pm and Wed. 4/10, 3pm-5pm

**Board of Education Report- Carlo Prinzo, President & Regina Rule, Vice President**

- **School Budget vote and School Board election on Tuesday 5/21 6:30am-10:00pm** at HS Gym
- \$4,014,149 budget to budget increase represents a 4.61% increase and a tax levy increase of 8.78%

- This budget is more than the state tax cap so the district needs a supermajority vote of 60% or more to pass the budget
- If the budget does not pass they will need to cut close to \$7m from the budget, cuts would include:
  - Reduction of up to 14 teachers at the elementary schools (that means loss of a section at each grade at each school)
  - Reduction of 14 teachers at the secondary school
  - Elimination of all middle school, JV and varsity sports
  - Elimination of all before and after school K-12 programs
  - An additional \$1.6m through facilities, technology, transportation, etc.
- Attend upcoming board meeting to be informed
- Next meeting 3/32 at Shelter Rock at 8pm will address class size in elementary and secondary level.
- Thurs, 4/4 at 8pm and Weds 4/17 at 8pm in HS Board Room
- Absentee ballots are available on School Board Website
- Regina Rule and Craig Anderson are both up for reelection to School Board

### **SCA Business & School Events**

HS Play: Pride and Prejudice- March 15 and 16 8:00pm

MS Spring Sports begin- April 2

MS Spring Dance- Friday, April, 5 7:30-10:00pm

Soph Social- Saturday, April 6 8-10:30pm

Senior Prom- Saturday, April 13

SCA Fair- Saturday May 4

- Sponsorship due
- Volunteers needed

Staff Appreciation Luncheon- Thursday, May 9

**Next HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting, April 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30am in HS Board Room**