



SCA HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 19, 2013 9:30am
Manhasset Secondary School Boardroom

Welcome

- Lisa Belinsky, HS SCA President
- Michaela Sheridan, MS SCA President

Guidance Update- Karen Wolfinger, guidance counselor

Middle School

- Meeting with elementary social workers and teachers to discuss rising 7th graders
- Holding conferences with 8th graders to discuss transition to high school

High School

- Held 2nd career night on, April 6th, it was well attended. Topic was careers in healthcare; PowerPoint of presentation will be on guidance website
- In February, students took a career inventory, the dept. is currently looking at the results to determine what type of career nights to hold next year
- College results are in, more students were waitlisted this year than in the past
- 9th and 11th graders need to schedule appts to meet with guidance counselor ASAP
- **Honor override forms** are available on guidance website and are due **May 3rd at 3pm**
- **Method Text Prep**
 - New ACT/SAT online prep course available for all students through their Castle Learning account
 - It is a free, 20 week prep course
 - It is a great tool, especially for 10th graders that are trying to determine which test to take, ACT or SAT
 - Covers vocabulary, math, grammar, etc
 - The link to access Method Test Prep is on Castle Learning
- **PASE College Night- 4/22,**
 - PACE is hosting a college night for those students that receive services and some schools that offer additional services and special programming. College that will be attending are: Adelphi, Mitchell, Landmark, Curry, NYU

Planet Manhasset- Angela Classi

Update on Edible Gardens

- May 2nd at 3:30pm ribbon cutting at Secondary School
- Need help installing beds around greenhouse before May 2nd
- Shelter Rock and Munsey Park the beds are already in looking for volunteers to help put down mulch
- Looking for families and groups to adopt one of the gardens for a week over the summer. Will be reaching out to Girl Scout Troops, Boy Scouts, Garden Clubs, Women's Clubs, Church groups, etc. if interested please go to SCA Website and follow link to Sign Up Genius for each school garden
- The Green Club at the high school has been helping to get this project up and running and other classes will be watering it each day

Go Green Week

- **April 29th- May 3rd**
- Green Club has made posters that will be hanging around school
- They have also worked with the cafeteria staff to serve additional vegetables that week at lunch
- There will be smartboard presentations in each class
- There will also be a raffle

National Day of Silence- Rob Fessler

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- 80 HS students participating this year
- Event is being held in 10,000 schools across the country
- Students had to pre-register with principal's office to participate
- Each student received a badge to wear that explains why silent; also in packet are slips that students should hand out to others "What can I do to end the silence?"
- There was a kickoff breakfast and then an afterschool "break the silence" ceremony; students have an opportunity to share how the day was and reflect
- Guidance department is ready and on hand to support students
- GSA is selling t-shirts as well

Graduation-Senior Prom/Frolic- Lisa Belinsky and Caroline Kenlon

Banners

- The SCA has purchased two banners. One will be hung on side of High School congratulating Seniors and will be reused for graduations going forward. The other is a backdrop for photos, it will be used as a backdrop during graduation while students receive their diplomas. Parents can then take photos after the ceremony with the backdrop. School and Board of Ed will then be able to be use backdrop for other events in the future.

Senior Prom

- Well attended
- Students had a terrific time
- No problems

Frolic

- Fundraising/budget is good
- Chair is Diane Riscica
- Still need a lot of volunteers, especially 6/1-6/20
- Please contact Diane at diane@riscica.com if interested in helping

Principals' Report- Dr. Dean Schlanger, Principal, Secondary School

Overrides

- All honors overrides are due **May 10th at 3pm**
- Forms are available on website
- Any questions please speak to teacher, department head or guidance counselor

Report Cards

- 3rd quarter report cards were posted online and mailed on Friday April 19

Jim Brown Dedication

- **Monday 4/29**, 9th period for all 9-12 graders
- Assembly in front of school

- A plaque will be presented followed by a reception hosted by Booster Club

State Math Test

- Testing days are April 24-April 26
- Test for all 7th and 8th graders
- 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

Midterms

- There will be no midterm tests for all grades, 7-12 next school year
- There will be quality assessments and a final for each class
- This is to maximize class instruction time

Superintendent's Report- Charles Cardillo "The 1st Vote Counts; One & Done"

- If the budget does not pass there will be reductions that will directly impact the students and the "4A's" of academics, arts, athletics and activities
- Need a supermajority, 60% to approve the budget
- Budget to budget increase is 2.56%
- Tax levy increase is 5.98%
- Vote on **Tuesday, May 21st 6:30am- 10:00pm in HS Gym**

School Board Report- Pat Aitken

- Any questions, please ask...email any board member. All email addresses can be found on School Board page of school website
- They want communication and feedback from community
- Be informed, attend meetings

SCA Business & School Events

Panel Discussion- 6th grade Transition to Middle School- May 1, 7:30pm, Shelter Rock

MS Cinco de Mayo Dance- Friday, May 3, 7:30-10:00pm

SCA Fair- Saturday May 4 10:00am- 5:00pm

- Volunteers needed

SCA General Membership Meeting- Monday, May 6, 7:30pm in Black Box

Staff Appreciation Luncheon- Thursday, May 9

- Donations needed
- Volunteers needed

Budget Vote- May 21 6:30am-10:00pm HS gym

Next HS/MS Joint Parent Council Meeting, May 17th 9:30am in HS Board Room