

## Manning PTA General Meeting February 20, 2018

- 1) Welcome and Introductions: Present are Christine Dempsey, Kim Johnson, Cora Rice, Jeena Williams, Chris Quiroz, and Anita Claussen
- 2) The minutes from the January General Meeting were approved by consensus
- 3) Principal's report:
  - Registration went as smoothly as possible given the addition of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class. Approximately 30 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 20 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from the waitlist have enrolled at this point, and around 50 remain on the 7<sup>th</sup> grade waitlist and 70 remain on the 6<sup>th</sup> grade waitlist. In the future, the time between the enrollment offer and deadline for turning in forms may be shortened. The rumor that only 150 students would be accepted per class may have come from the number of students per class less the number of sibling priority spots.
  - The Meet and Greet for new students is April 26, from 4:30-6 for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders and 6:30-8 for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Jeena requests that the PTA Board be present for PTA membership signup/ Spirit wear/ introduction in the auditorium by Christine.
  - Registration in the fall will be online to streamline process. There will still be check-in days (August 7/8) when students will bring in supplies, tour the school, find lockers, and take pictures.
  - The following renovations will be made to the school during the summer:
    - Additional classrooms made ready- the number of cottages is still unknown
    - Structural repairs
    - A/C installed in the cafeteria and auditorium
    - Hail damage repairs
    - Asbestos removal
      - On March 14, there will be a walk-out for school safety at 10 am for 17 minutes. Teachers will be flexible and outside supervised. The school maintains a neutral position on the issue.
- 4) Manning Spiritwear:

Decisions about spiritwear options and designs are mid-process. Items will be posted online by Friday, March 23. Ordered items will be delivered to school. Spiritwear and PE uniforms will be separate. The PTA will pre-purchase some items (shirts and water bottles) so they will be available at the April meet and greet.
- 5) Fundraising:

The Locker campaign has raised \$2300 so far. Other fundraisers coming up will be handprints with names at \$100 each for cafeteria/ hallway and a penny stall change drive in the classrooms- maybe right after testing ends. We will be organizing restaurant fundraisers as well for the spring, including one on meet and greet date in April.

The Flanagan Memorial fund donated \$1000 to the PTA General fund. A thank you note signed by the Board will be sent in recognition.

Emails for incoming students will soon be available to the PTA for communicating fundraising and other information.
- 6) Committee reports:

The PTA will be asking for volunteers for Reflections, Fall Fest, and Robotics. Susan Coveyduck may be able to help with Robotics.

Nominating committee has made its recommendations and the announcement will be made in this week's eblast.

Battle of the Books: The event went really well and was lots of fun with a group of 8 teams of enthusiastic readers! Mrs. Edoff, Mr. Hageman and parent Deb Schein helped to make the competition successful. The winning team was "Stack-o-Books." They had their celebration on Feb. 13th to announce the winning team, and Tricia is currently in the process of buying gift cards for the members of the top two teams.

Talent show: is in progress: Shawna reports that about 10 students are participating and rehearsals have begun.

Robotics: Ideas are still being discussed for next year's program.

7) Treasurer's report:

Yearbook well wishes are done. Jen Brown and Karen Edoff have helped greatly with this, though the process was somewhat difficult. Hopes are that this will be improved next year. Anita Claussen shared that Shakespeare in the parking lot has been arranged for October 17, 18, 19 next fall.

Files from past year's PTA have been sorted. Necessary documents for taxes and financial reports will be kept. A huge thanks to Christine for going through and cleaning out old papers and closet. File boxes will be bought for organization of the old paperwork.

8) Approvals: No approvals needed as all items are within the budget.

Noted items:

PTA asked to pay for bus to ELA field trip last fall \$640.

Traveling trunk request from Social Studies department

Catering for staff selection day will come under staff appreciation budget \$314

Poetry café \$60 from enrichment

File boxes from supplies

9) Other business: none

10) Next General meeting and election of new Board members: March 21, 5:00 pm