

**MANNING SCHOOL PTA**  
**AGENDA**  
**August 26, 2021 at 8:30am**

- **Welcome and PTA Introductions**
  - Lynn Rittgers, PTA President
  - Babette Norton, Treasurer
  - Angela Henry, Secretary
- **Introductions of Office Staff/Counselors**
  - Principal Ramaker, Ms. Kari Gray, SEL, Keith Wall, counselor A-L, Jill Shulsinger-Wall, counselor, LaShonda Hinson, health aide, Erika Vassallo, secretary, Jade Zentz, business manager, Danelle Yokum, assistant principal, Wendy Leach-Flusche, Special Ed
  - 14 attendees
- **Principal's Report**
  - Intro of attendees
  - He's excited to have events again this year
  - Push for teachers to join this year
  - 700 students in building
  - New addition is almost completely finished
  - Safety and security is all finished as well
  - Lead with courage and kindness is the new mission
  - New instructional coach, came from Dennison
  - Budgetary reasons pushed for the 6 period vs 7 period day -strategic planning - also involved in the decision of not doing the block days - straight 6 periods instead of modified block days voted in by the staff. He felt like seeing teachers everyday was important and training involved in teaching 90 minutes is difficult. Students' attention spans were also considered in the decision.
  - Governance document for Manning is on the website
  - Staff felt the academics had become less rigorous and we're moving back toward a more rigorous program

- Middle school is the training ground for kids to be ready for high school
- Open up to questions
  - Parent partnership is coming, SAC, Sept. 14 5pm first meeting - in person
  - Lunch is not outside because it isn't mandated - lunch is in cafeteria
  - In the lunch room for less than 15 minutes per health mandates
  - Science shows COVID transmission in school very low
  - Recess - just received recess equipment - vision for gaga ball and foursquare courts, soccer goal
  - Talking to kids about crossing after school in the proper places, crosswalks
- **Why Join PTA?**
  - Big goals is to rebuild the community after last year
  - Manning not being a neighborhood school, trying to bring everyone together
  - In middle school, more families drop out of PTA, but it's a chance to get to know other families and get to know the staff better and understand what is happening at the school
  - We contribute funds to the school, e.g. replaced the stage floor in the auditorium
- **AY 2021-2022 Budget Review and Vote for Approval**
  - Main fundraising - from donations (\$100 per family requested), and spring auction,
  - Provide the school \$5000 for teacher wishes at the beginning of the year- first big expenditure of the year
  - Typically done a big donation to the school depending on school needs -
  - budgeted for \$15000 for expenditures
  - Chili cook off/school auction - fall event, family friendly, teacher chili competition, October 22
  - Restaurant nights - Laura Warren - have a specific goal for the nights

- Membership \$10 - hope to increase our numbers, asking staff to join
- Include Amazon smile and King soopers donation info in the newsletter
- Include info on website where the donations are going, what is PTA doing for the school
- Consolidated line items on expenses for ease of voting
- Reviewed expense line items with explanations
- Moved to approve and seconded and budget passed
- Set up a subsidiary for the choir funds, set up another account to Zelle for the choir, holding in case we need to refund parents -- all via Babette
- **PTA Committees / Open Positions**
  - **Vice President** – Works with the President and rest of the Board
  - **Membership** – Promotes PTA and encourages membership among Manning Families, Staff and wider community
  - **Fundraising** – Leads Fundraising Efforts, including Chili Cook Off, Silent Auction, Restaurant Nights, etc
    - **Chili Cook Off** – Coordinates community building family-friendly event that includes a chili cook-off and school auction
    - **Spring Silent Auction** – Coordinates this new adults only silent auction fundraising for Manning PTA
    - **Restaurant Nights** – Laura Warren Arranges restaurant night fundraisers
  - **Reflections** – Coordinates Manning's participation in this national PTA arts program
  - **(Battle of the Books** – Helps our librarian with this fun annual reading program) - second semester on going
  - **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration** – Plans and coordinates end of the year continuation ceremony and picnic for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Works alongside Manning staff

- **Staff Hospitality/Appreciation** – Leads the coordination of teacher appreciation events throughout the year.
- **Student Appreciation** – Leads the coordination of student appreciation events, e.g. treats after testing days
- **Nominating** – Identifies and nominates board for AY 2022-2023
- **Scholarship** – Leads the annual Manning scholarship program –
- reviews scholarship applications
- **(Yearbook/Well Wishes** – Coordinate the yearbooks 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Well Wishes dedication pages)
- Time Permitting Open Discussion/ Q&A
- Next Meeting – **Virtual – September 23, 2021 at 5:30pm**
  - Will switch off between in-person in the mornings and virtual meetings in the evenings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.
    - 9/23/21 – virtual
    - 10/28/21 – in-person
    - 11/18/21 – virtual (change due to Thanksgiving holiday)
    - Skip December
    - 1/27/22 – in-person (form nominating committee for next year's board)
    - 2/24/22 – virtual
    - 3/17/22 – in-person (vote on next year's board)