

# MANN PTO UPDATE

Oct. 1, 2009 Agenda  
Sept. 3, 2009 Meeting Minutes

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## AGENDA FOR GENERAL PTO MEETING OCTOBER 1, 2009

MANN TEACHER'S LOUNGE, 6:30PM  
Everyone welcome.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### VP REPORTS

Programs  
School Enrichment  
Fundraising  
Community Relations  
Green Initiative

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### NEW BUSINESS

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### 2009-2010 PTO Board

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Laura Sullivan & Jean DeCaro & Debra Dibbern  
4<sup>th</sup> VPs Community Relations  
Sheila Pont & Kyla Lombardo  
VPs for Green Initiative  
Kathy O'Donnell & Adrienne Winner

(Minutes from previous PTO meeting Sept 3 2009)

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Kumar gave detailed information about student assessments and took questions from those present. She encouraged any parents with questions to contact her directly.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We still need specific jobs filled for planning and running of PTO events during the year. A Help Wanted notice will be run in the listserv for the following spots: Spelling Bee, Photo Day, Chess Club and Mann Representation in the Whittier Cultural Heritage Parade.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Few transactions have been made so far this year. Next month, the report will include PTO fees from Curriculum Nights.

### VP REPORTS

#### Programs

Laura Stamp reported that from the long list of ideas presented at the last meeting, the committee has decided to focus on wellness. Highlights include programs planned to bring a family fitness night, food tastings and after school dance activities to Mann. Lunchtime activities will also be studied and an all-school art project is on the list.

#### School Enrichment

Once all room parent sign up sheets have been turned in after curriculum nights, a meeting will be planned.

#### Fundraising

Wrapping paper sales are underway. Ice cream sales start next week. Tammy Barrett is running the Wolves event again.

#### Community Relations

The Welcome Coffee was a success thanks to Megan Dickel and Suzanne. The New Family Potluck is tonight. A more structured Welcome Committee needs to be revived as in past years. We need someone to take over on the Whittier Ethnic

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## Mann PTO Update – June 2, 2009 Meeting Minutes

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Festival/Parade in the Spring so we have a presence this year.

Sheila Pont spoke about ways we need to improve our volunteer recruiting. She suggested maybe breaking down our year by needs and adding a Help Wanted section to the website. There was also a discussion about offering a guide for volunteer Etiquette. Both parents and teachers would benefit from clear expectations, and an agreement about confidentiality in the classroom. There are many creative opportunities for involvement once trust has been established. More adults helping can increase the time for individual learning with the teacher in addition to help on assessment days. Also, all the names gathered at Curriculum Nights will be passed along to Committee Chairs who are encouraged to contact them immediately knowing there is nothing more frustrating than offering to help and never being asked.

A.P.P.L.E. is now dormant. We do not have a representative at this time. Girls and Boys Events are covered. There was a discussion about continuing the after school movies as a PTO fundraiser. Kayla Lombardo feel we need to discuss food, capacity and paying a staff member to cover the auditorium. The District pays for licensing many movies. Maybe we could add a physical activity or sing-a-long.

### Green Initiative

Walk to School week is the first week in October. Days will again be color-coded to tie in with the theme that day. Healthy snacks and reusable containers are giveaway ideas. Adrienne asked if Mann Moolah could be given again. Walking School Buses will be run from 4 quadrants of the Mann area. More zero-waste news will be shared soon. We will definitely need more volunteers for waste audits. The Garden is going well but needs more volunteer for weeding, planting and expansion. There is a possibility of a join effort between Field Center or Lindberg Park.

### OLD BUSINESS

We talked about the blacktop bulletin/board idea. We will look into water-proof, plastic options to attach to the fence.

### NEW BUSINESS

Dema would like to add VP reports to each agenda and would like to continue the discussion about volunteering.

Motion to adjourn carried at 10:25am.

PTO monthly meeting times will alternate between 8:15 am and 6:30 pm as follows: 10/1 6:30 pm, 11/12 6:30pm, 1/7 8:15am, 2/11 6:30pm, 3/4 6:30pm, 4/8 8:15am, 5/6 6:30pm, 5/27 8:15am  
Closed session board meetings will be called as needed.

Submitted by Carrie Bankes 9/30/09

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