

Manual PTSA General Meeting Minutes

3/16/16

Manual Auditorium

Prior to College 101 Program

Call to order: by Pinky Jackson, 5:02 PM

Welcome from the PTSA president Pinky Jackson:

- Thank you all for making time to be here. We know families are very busy and we truly appreciate you for being here on a school/work night. College 1010 Co-Chairs Amy Lipinski, Punity Halder, Amy Medley, and their volunteers have worked hard to create an event that will be a big benefit to your family and will be well worth your time.
- College 101 is co-produced by the PTSA and the guidance office
- This year, PTSA has added a No Barriers program has been added for ECE, IE_, and 504 students thanks to a grant from the Jefferson County Public School Foundation. Manual currently has 20% of our ECE students move on to college, career, or occupation after graduation. This program is intended to get students and families engaged in decisions about life after high school. Thanks to co-chairs Judith Bradley, the PTSA liaison to ECE, and MS. Lori Strohmayer, ECE dept chair, for coordinating the event
- College 101 will offer twelve sessions. Each participant can attend three.
- PTSA sponsored attendance at a workshop at Harvard for Manual counselors where they learned about what colleges are looking for in their applicants, and the session that Ms. Johnston is doing this evening contains the content from that course
- Mr. Mayes sends his greetings but was unable to attend this evening due to traveling to Cincinnati to cheer on his daughter's lacrosse team. (Great priorities!)
- Please fill out an evaluation to help us improve the program for next year.

PTSA will hold online elections of the 2016-17 PTSA Board. The slate of candidates is being finalized and was not available thirty days prior to the general meeting as is required for a meeting vote. *(Post-meeting update: by-laws currently require that we take nominations from the floor, so elections will be held in person on April 20 at 8:30am)*

Project Graduation (PG) - Greg Cardwell-Copenhefer, a member of the PG planning committee, shared that PG is a drug and alcohol free party held on graduation

night for all Manual/YPAS graduates. This year we are once again holding the party at Puzzle's Fun dome. This event is free to the graduates attending and there are many age appropriate activities and prizes. Please mark your calendar as soon as graduation day is announced by JCPS. There is a need for many parent volunteers and many cash and or prize donations. We need to raise several thousand more dollars to meet the budget, and we also need seniors to register in advance, so everyone is encouraged to help make that happen. Parents of underclassmen are particularly encouraged to volunteer.

Meeting adjournment: 5:20 pm