

Athens Drive Magnet High School  
PTSA Meeting Minutes  
November 27, 2018

**Meeting called to order at 6:34pm by PTSA President Lysa Fulbright.**

**Principal's Report**, Stephen Mares

- Parent engagement survey results are in and results were shared with attendees.
- One key point of interest was the low family engagement score. Principal Mares explained that this is partly due to the types of questions on the survey. Example: a question regarding teacher conferences would apply less to high school and more to lower grade levels.
- More frequent updates to Power School were requested. Power School is currently updated weekly. Questions or concerns regarding grades in Power School should go to the teacher first. Contact the administration if teacher communication is unsatisfactory.
- The weekly principal's announcement has been well-received by families. It was suggested that office attendants at the school have important dates and info readily available when parents call in.

**October 2018 PTSA Meeting Minutes**

The last meeting's minutes were provided for review by Secretary Laurie Cockman.

- A motion to approve the minutes was made by Gay Purvis.
- The motion was seconded by Lysa Fulbright.
- The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Treasurers Report**

Lysa Fulbright reviewed for Treasurer Glynda Westerbeek.

- Budget Amendments were introduced to make mid-year adjustments and build up student programs. PTSA goal is to carry forward 10% plus additional funds to cover early expenses.
  - Membership and donations are down from previous years. Budget adjustments were made to reflect the decreases. Currently 138 parents, 77 faculty, and 61 students.
  - Proposed changes included an increase in academic recognition, adding grounds to the budget, and decreasing hospitality. Future suggestions included limiting the size of the PTSA yearbook ad purchase.
- The budget amendments were presented for approval by Lysa Fulbright. A motion to approve the amendments was made by Tricia Pannill. The motion was seconded by Sarah Pikett. Budget amendments were unanimously approved.

**Committee Reports**

- Hospitality (Shanna Ratashak) – The teacher dinner for Magnet Open House is set for Thursday, November 29 at 2:30pm. The cookie exchange is scheduled for Friday, December 7. Early release mailbox treats will be coming after the holidays.

**Athens Alert Announcements** (Lysa Fulbright)

- Chorus Update – the Athens Chorus is competing in the WRAL Christmas Choir Competition. Online voting is currently underway!

Lysa Fulbright issued a reminder for the next PTSA meeting – January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. There will be no December meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.