

Athens Drive Magnet High School
PTSA Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:39pm by PTSA President Lysa Fulbright.

November 2018 PTSA Meeting Minutes, Secretary Laurie Cockman

The last meeting's minutes were provided for review.

- A motion to approve the minutes was made by Glynda Westerbeek.
- The motion was seconded by John Sykes.
- The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report, Treasurer Glynda Westerbeek.

- Glynda gave a brief review of income and expenses to date
- The largest expense thus far is Classroom Supply Grants. 100% of participating teachers have received reimbursement.
- The senior breakfast was a big success. Reimbursements are starting to come in and more are expected in the next few weeks.

Committee Reports

- Reflections (Ayesha Zafiruddin, Chair) – Athens had 9 contest submissions and 26 special artists participate. One student, Ameen Zafiruddin (photography), advanced to County! The WCPTA Reflections Ceremony will take place at Garner High School on March 16th.
- Senior Scholarships (Shanna Ratashak, Chair) – Student applicant must be a PTSA member by February 15th. The application link will go live on March 1, 2019. Decisions will be made prior to senior awards on April 1st. Three categories are available :
 - Academic Scholarship
 - Civic-minded Scholarship
 - Overcoming Obstacles Scholarship

It was also discussed that moving forward (2019-20 school year), students would be asked to volunteer with the PTSA in some way as a prerequisite for entry.

- Buildings and Grounds (John Sykes, Chair) – Beautification Day is set for Saturday, April 13th from 9am-12pm. Approximately 30 NC State students from Service Raleigh will be on hand to assist in the cleanup. One are of focus will be the Memorial Gardens.
- Hospitality (Shana Ratashak, Chair) – Monthly mailbox treats for teachers will be making a return in 2019 - four opportunities remain to support this teacher program before the end of the year. This year's upcoming Teacher Appreciation Week will be sponsored by the church that utilizes ADMHS for its meetings.

Principal's Report, Stephen Mares

- Athens was recently recognized as a Magnet School of Excellence! We were one of only 11 Wake County schools to receive the honor.
- Magnet recruiting season ends this Friday, February 1st. Open houses went well.
- The Winter Charity Gala, created and planned by students, raised nearly \$6,000 for St. Jude's Hospital. Over 100 students enjoyed the event.

- The Animal Sciences Program has just welcomed goats to the campus! They are being housed near the playground area. Chickens will be coming soon.
- 90 Health Sciences students have been placed in internships.

New Business – Proposed Academic Recognition Program (President Lysa Fulbright)

A budget of \$1,000 has been set aside to recognize academic excellence. The program will be implemented for quarters 2, 3, and 4 of 2019. It will carry forward each year. The floor was opened to discuss ideas on implementation and qualifications. The suggestion was made to recognize A honor roll, A/B honor roll, and most improved students (submitted by each teacher) each quarter. Rewards/celebration ideas ranged from prize drawings to an end-of-year reception. Approximately 1,200 students are on A and AB honor roll each quarter. The program would need positive branding and could partially rely on donations for prizes, coupons, etc.

Athens Alert Announcements (President Lysa Fulbright)

- Backpack Buddies – Donations due on Monday, February 11th. Bags will be packed on Wednesday, February 13th.
- Chorus (Lynne Davies-Cutting) – The chorus will be performing a concert at Edenton Street UMC on February 26th at 7pm. Choral members will be selling Singing Valentines at Meet the Teacher Night and during both lunches and after school from February 11th-13th.

Lysa Fulbright issued a reminder for the next PTSA meeting – February 26th at 6:30. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.