

Athens Drive Magnet High School
PTSA Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm by PTSA President Lysa Fulbright.

August 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 Principal Stephen Mares.
- The motion was seconded by Treasurer, Glynda Westerbeek.
- The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report

Treasurer Glynda Westerbeek presented a review of the July-August budget. There are limited expenses to report this early in the year. The freshman orientation generated a substantial amount of donations – currently standing at 35% of goal.

Committee Reports

Lysa Fulbright presented reports on behalf of several committees:

- Grounds Committee (for John Sykes) – Fall beautification of the school grounds is in the works and will be announced in coming weeks. Wake County will mulch school beds minus interior beds and gardens.
- Hospitality (for Shanna Ratashak) – Requested food donations for the Parent Info Session on Thursday, Sept. 27. Speakers attending the event will be served light appetizers prior to presenting.
- Backpack Buddies (for Tricia Pannill) – Donations secured through October. A new sign-up will be released in the coming weeks.

Special Presentation – Reflections Art Contest Ayesha Zafiruddin, Reflections Chair

Reflections is a National PTA supported art competition with 6 categories. Interested students are encouraged to submit an entry – forms and rules are available online and in the main office. This year's theme is "Heroes Around Me". The deadline for application is October 22, 2018. The Reflections committee needs help in promoting the contest, in seeking independent judges for the Athens entries, and in setting up a Reflections celebration for the Athens participants.

Principal's Report, Stephen Mares

- Current enrollment -2,090 students
- Two lunches – the new schedule is going well. Students have more time to eat and for individualized tutorials.
- Advantage Time – rotating extended periods (24 minutes) to offer subject specific support for students have been initiated. Clubs started meeting during Advantage time this week.
- Senior conferences are underway and families are invited to attend Thursday's Parent Info Night to hear from a range of speakers discussing the transition from high school (college admissions, financial aid, etc.) New senior ranking was tabulated on day 20 and will be distributed to students this week.
- Sports teams are representing ADMHS well. Soccer is ranked in the Top 25 nationally, gymnastics recently finished in first place. Arts also doing well – marching band will perform at first competition this weekend and a record number of students tried out for the upcoming fall play.

- SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT – Athens has partnered with James Kenan High School in Warsaw, NC to provide hurricane relief. A team of 31 students will spearhead these efforts. Donations of goods and money are being accepted in the office and will be delivered by the team to the Kenansville Baptist Church Disaster Relief Center. Students will develop a relief plan to assist with future needs.

Athens Alert Announcements

- Chorus announcements- Lynne Davies-Cutting shared upcoming events: cookie dough fundraiser starts October 1st, choral concert is October 25th, chorus will attend ECU High School Invitational on October 31st.
- Athens Alert is distributed on Mondays. All announcements for clubs and orgs should be sent to Lysa Fulbright (lysafulb@gmail.com) by Sunday deadline.

Lysa Fulbright issued a reminder about next month's PTSA meeting – October 30th at 6:30. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.