

Athens Drive Magnet High School
PTSA Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:42pm by PTSA President Lysa Fulbright.

May 2019 PTSA Meeting Minutes, Secretary Laurie Cockman

The last meeting's minutes were provided for review.

- A motion to approve the minutes was made by Shanna Ratashak.
- The motion was seconded by Ann Sykes.
- The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report, Staci Mantz

First budget report will be offered at next month's meeting due to transition.

Committee Reports No Reports Today

President's Remarks, Lysa Fulbright

An overview of the Athens Drive PTSA was presented. Officers and committee members in attendance were introduced. Attendees were given descriptions of all committees /programs and informed on how they can get involved.

- Shanna Ratashak highlighted the Hospitality Committee and Senior Scholarship Program. She emphasized how easy it was to contribute to hospitality and encouraged student membership/involvement in PTSA, clubs, or service organizations.
- Heather Rose explained the Back Pack Buddies mission and sign-up procedures.
- Sherry Skinner invited attendees to join the PTSA and reminded them of the online option to join.
- Ayesha Zafiruddin discussed the Reflections program. This year's theme will be "Look Within".
- Lysa Fulbright noted that we are still in need of a Painless Fundraising Committee chair and a Gardens and Grounds Committee chair.

Principal's Report, Principal Steve Mares

- Mares welcomed attendees and reported that the school year has gotten off to a great start. Enrollment at the time of the meeting was approximately 2,000 students. Some changes are expected in the next ten days.
- Arts and athletics are already up and running! Clubs will start next week. Class meetings started with the senior class on Tuesday. Other classes to follow throughout the week.
- *Lunch Assignment* – The A/B lunch concept was detailed. Lunch is largely based on location of 3rd period class. Upstairs classes are typically assigned A lunch. Downstairs classes typically receive B lunch.
- *Advantage Time*- Changes were made to this remediation/enrichment time for the 2019-20 school year. Advantage time will be offered at the end of each class (24 minutes) each Wednesday.

- *Parking*- A parent asked Mares about safety concerns in the junior parking lot. Suggestions were made to add more one-way signage and utilize a traffic guard. Mr. Mares will work with the City of Raleigh to ensure safety for drivers and pedestrians at school.
- *Legislation Update* – Mares announced the passage of legislation regarding a reduction in testing at NC Public Schools. The potential elimination of NC Final Exams would open up more senior exam exemptions. He noted that last year, during a 5 day period at the end of school, some 7,000 tests were administered.
- *Career Development Coordinator* – Mares mentioned Ms. Carlton as a resource for parents and students needing services - job and volunteer counseling, resume building, club recommendations, etc.

Open Floor

- The ADMHS Band Program is opening a Dewey's Bakery Holiday Fundraising Store November 9th-December 24th.
- An International Fair is being considered this year.

Next PTSA meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24th at 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.