

Athens Drive Magnet High School
PTSA Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by President Lysa Fulbright

August 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 Eleanor Hasse.
- The motion was seconded by Mary Kelly-Crapse.
- The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report, VP Sherry Skinner for Treasurer Staci Mantz

July-August 2019 budget distributed and reviewed. Income of mention - \$612.58 for painless fundraisers (includes Amazon Smile, Harris Teeter, Lowes Foods rewards program earnings).

Committee Reports, President Lysa Fulbright

- Backpack Buddies- Scheduling changes were made due to missed weather days. The Sept. 30th holiday means more donations are required to meet needs. PTSA pack-up day is Oct. 7th.
- Classroom Supply Grants- Teachers who join the PTSA can apply for a \$100 supply grant. The deadline is Oct. 1st.
- Gardens & Grounds- John Sykes met with volunteers on Sept. 19th to give a tour of campus gardens and discuss possible projects. Mr. Hunning and Ms. Bernstein are organizing a Next Steps Planning Session to detail project ideas. Date to be announced soon – clubs are also invited to participate.
- Hospitality- the Fall Parent Informational Night is Thurs., Sept. 26th. From 3-6pm, hospitality will provide light hors d'oeuvres for all presenters. The meeting will focus on the transition from high school to secondary.
- Painless Fundraisers- Met on Sept. 24th to discuss adding a possible restaurant reward night to already existing programs.
- Reflections Art Program- Signs have been placed around the school with a QR code directing students to the application. This year's theme is "Look Within". Deadline for submissions is the week of Oct. 14-18.
- Student Recognition Program "Athens Achievers"- Nominations by teachers are due on Oct. 1st. Like last year, five of the recognized students per grade will be randomly selected to win a \$10 gift card. All nominee names are posted on the PTSA bulletin board near the Main Office.

Principal's Report, Principal Steve Mares

- Student enrollment at day 10 was at 2,101. At the time of the PTSA meeting, the number was up to 2,105 and expected to rise.
- First deadline for college applications will be coming in October. All seniors are meeting with counselors to prepare.
- Athens will be graduating 35-40 students mid-year.

- Clubs will start meeting on Wed., Sept. 25th. A club fair has been held to introduce students to the many options available. Eligible students will be able to participate in clubs every Wednesday during Advantage Time.
- NC test results: Athens met growth targets this year (as measured by the State) and has either met or exceeded growth in the last 7 years. Athens achieved a “B” grade from the State. Info can be found on the school’s website.
- Mares mentioned that a combined 1,300 students participate in band, chorus, theater, arts, and athletics at the school.

Open Floor Questions

- *Rationale behind the changes to Advantage Time?* Mares reported that last year it wasn’t attached to a specific class, so many students opted not to “travel” to receive remediation. This year, students stay connected because they have time in all classes.
- *MVP math curriculum experience at Athens?* Mares stated that teachers like the new program. Parents have varying complaints. The school was selected to be part of the curriculum review implemented by the Wake County School Board. Observers will be in classrooms in the coming weeks.

Announcements

- Band Program (Tricia Pannill) - fall will be busy for the band. On the schedule are 3 more football games, 5 band competitions, 3 holiday parades, and a fall Chamber Concert (Oct. 17th). Two big fundraisers coming up are the Band BBQ (Nov. 1st) and the all-new Dewey’s Bakery Holiday Store (Nov. 9th-Dec. 24th).
- Chorus (Melanie Vtipil reporting by email) – The fall café performance will be held on Oct. 24th at 7pm.
- Jag Club (Sherry Skinner) – A BBQ Tailgate is planned for Homecoming on Oct. 11th. Paw prints on the stadium walkway are for sale for \$100 per paw. Bricks are available for between \$150 and \$850. More info is available at www.athensdrivejagclub.org.

The next PTSA meeting will be held on October 29th at 6:30pm in the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm.