

Athens Drive Magnet High School
PTSA Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 6:37pm by President Lysa Fulbright

November 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 Mr. Mares.
- The motion was seconded by Ann Sykes.
- The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report, Treasurer Staci Mantz

Senior breakfast expenses have not yet been submitted, but should be coming soon.

Teacher grant pay-outs made prior to the end of 2019 are now showing on report.

Committee Reports, President Lysa Fulbright

- Backpack Buddies- program is currently on hold. Ms. Booth has reported that, due to donations from community partners, they currently have too much food.
- Hospitality- Ms. Carlton in Career Development is planning to host an event called "Career Conversations". Students will talk with professionals about job skills, requirements, etc. Breakfast and lunch for the professionals in attendance will be provided by Hospitality.
- Reflections- Participant/winner names have been published in the Athens Alert. Athens had one student place first in the Photography category. That student as well as Athens' special artists will be moving on to the state level competition.
- Senior Scholarships- (Shana Ratashak) All applicants must join PTSA to be considered. Deadline for joining the PTSA is February 28th. The application process opens on March 27th with 3 categories (\$500 each). Scholarships will be awarded in May at senior awards ceremonies. Only 11 students applied last year.
- Student Recognition Program "Athens Achievers"- Athens Achievers is on break this month due to the transition to the new semester. Will resume next month. Honors ceremonies will be coming this spring. April 29th – Freshmen at 7:45am, Sophomores at 9:45am. April 30th – Juniors at 7:45am, Seniors at 9:45am.
- Senior Breakfast- (Kathy Carmer) Senior breakfast will be Thursday, January 30. Food has been donated by a variety of local businesses. All seniors will receive a gift of an Athens Drive lapel pin and a window cling. Over 100 raffle prizes will be distributed. Volunteers are still needed at the event.
- Board Advisory Council- (Ann Sykes) Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 28 at St. Augustine's University. The topic of this month's meeting was "Social Emotional Learning". A new feature at meetings is the "Shout Out" allowing schools to highlight exciting events, successes, etc. Athens Drive was a participant this month with Mr. Mares (accompanied by Gavin Foley on saxophone) delivering a unique report! Ann will write a brief summary of the BAC meeting and provide to the board for post to the PTSA website.

Principal's Report, Principal Steve Mares

- The new semester is underway.
- Seniors are starting to receive acceptances to colleges, decisions are being made.
- Athens has a Morehead finalist as well as Park Scholarship applicants.
- The school musical is coming soon – *9 to 5 the Musical* runs March 11-14.
- The band program had 11 students selected for all-district.
- AP testing will begin in early May.
- Mid-year graduation is on Thursday, January 31. Approximately 36 students will be graduating.
- Mr. Mares asked for feedback on the new format of his weekly letter. Attendees gave an overwhelmingly positive response.
- Meet the Teacher (walk current schedule) will be held on February 6.
- Curriculum Night (register for next year classes, rising 9th graders) will be held on February 27.

Open Floor Questions

Q. Is there flexibility to switch classes once you've registered for a particular class?

A. Mr. Mares says there is very little flexibility because allowing students to drop after scheduling has been set creates overcrowding in some, shortages in others.

Q. Why do some teachers in the same subject have different processes for determining grades (weighting of tests, projects, etc.)?

A. Mr. Mares says that PLTs are working towards more uniform systems within their group.

Announcements

- Band Update (Laurie Cockman for Tricia Pannill)
 - February 13 – Band Booster Meeting at 7:30
 - February 20 – Wind Ensemble Winter Chamber Concert
 - March 17 – Concert/Jazz Band Festival Concert
 - March 19 – Symphonic/Wind Ensemble Festival Concert II
 - March 18/19 – State Band Festival
 - March 30 – Winter Percussion/Winter Guard Exhibition
 - April 26 – Cary Arts Festival at Koka Booth
- Chorus Update (Lynne Davies-Cutting)
 - February 6 – Singing Valentine sales at Meet the Teacher from 6-7:30pm
 - February 14 – Singing Valentine Fundraiser – all day
 - February 25 – concert at Edenton Street UMC – 7pm
 - March 11-14 – School Musical
 - March 26 – Chorus Spring Café
- Jag Club Update (Sherry Skinner)
 - Paws outside stadium are on sale for \$50
 - Brick pavers are also still available ranging from \$150-\$850 depending on size
 - New uniforms are in the works for various Athens athletic teams. Football helmets and shoulder pads are getting reconditioned. The weight room is getting a new floor and fresh paint. The softball dugout is getting an upgrade as part of the Capital Improvement Plan.
 - February 25 – Spring sports info night
 - April 26 – Embers concert fundraiser on Graham Newton Rd.
 - Sign up for the athletic newsletter at <https://www.wakecountyathletics.com/athensdrives>.

The next PTSA meeting will be held on February 25th at 6:30pm in the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.