

Athens Drive Magnet High School
PTSA Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2020

**Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, school closures and a statewide lockdown have prevented the PTSA from meeting in person. This meeting was conducted virtually using the Zoom platform.*

Meeting was called to order at 6:38pm by President Lysa Fulbright

February 2020 PTSA Meeting Minutes, Secretary Laurie Cockman

The last meeting's minutes were provided for review.

- A motion to approve the minutes was made by John Sykes.
- The motion was seconded by Mary Kelly-Crapse.
- The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report, Treasurer Staci Mantz

Not much activity since our last meeting. PTSA did cut checks for student scholarships. We are in good financial shape for 2020-21 and will be rolling unused funds into the new school year.

Proposed Budget Review, President Lysa Fulbright

The proposed budget was supplied to all attendees for review. Line item changes were discussed individually. Items of note include:

- Decrease in funding for operating expenses.
- Increase in funding to academic recognition. The program was not fully funded in the previous year. Increase will merely cover full cost of program.
- Alumni Fund distribution will go into two categories – technology and alumni association.
- Contingency Fund line item is in place for use in the event of emergency expenses.
- The Class of 2020 line item will remain on the budget next year in the event that the funds can be used at a later time.
- Going forward, and possibly with the exception of the Class of 2020, any senior breakfast money (as well as any other class donations) will be shown in the appropriate Class Income (Donations) and expense line items. Any unused Senior Class money will be shown in a carry-forward amount as Other income in a Class XX line item, with an equal amount in the upcoming senior Class expense line to balance it.

The 2020-21 proposed budget was presented to attendees for approval. A motion to approve was made by Staci Mantz. The motion was seconded by Steve Mares. Vote for approval was unanimous.

Committee Reports, President Lysa Fulbright

- PTSA Scholarships – senior winners have been announced and the scholarships have been paid out. Congratulations to the following students:
 - Overcoming Adversity winner – Taylor Nicol
 - Civic-Minded winner – Ameen Zafiruddin
 - All-Around winner – Cooper Sykes
- Hospitality – the teacher breakfast date has been set for August 13th.
- Nominating Committee – due to COVID, the PTSA has been unable to recruit and submit new officers for vote. Bylaws allow for the existing officers to continue serving until successors can be

established. We hope to announce nominees in August 2020 and vote on the new officers in October 2020.

Principal's Report, Principal Steve Mares

- The Wake County School Board is currently meeting and will hopefully approve a calendar for the coming school year. There are many uncertainties at this time.
- PTSA should consider how to recruit members and communicate with incoming 9th graders virtually. Due to restrictions, the 2020-21 curriculum night will not be held as an in-school event.
- Mr. Mares has no real info to share about what next year will look like – many decisions to be made. He assumes the master schedule he and staff are currently compiling will likely change.
- Yearbooks, honor cords, and other items were distributed this week. The event was organized and smooth.
- Graduation events (diploma distribution, online ceremony, drive-thru) are moving forward.

Open Floor Questions for Principal Mares

Q. During online learning, are all teachers communicating directly with students? Are parents supposed to be receiving emails as well?

A. Teachers communicate directly with students through Google Classroom and WCPSS accounts. Parents can receive info by visiting teacher websites or emailing teachers.

Q. Do we know anything about how grading will be handled next year?

A. No word from WCPSS, but he thinks they should be counted. We need work to count so students will be engaged.

Q. Once diplomas are picked up, are seniors done? Will there be any other ceremonies in the future?

A. Seniors are done after diploma distribution. Despite Chairman Sutton's desire to have a graduation ceremony later in the year, it seems unlikely that anything will happen.

Q. Can Class of 2020 money set aside for the senior picnic be used in some other way for the current students?

A. Mr. Remaley and student government are considering options – possible gift to the school.

Announcements

The 2020-21 PTSA meeting calendar has been set. Meetings will remain on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. The meeting location will be the library unless COVID guidelines require a virtual meeting.

The next PTSA meeting will be held on August 25th at 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.