

Athens Drive Magnet High School  
PTSA Meeting Minutes  
September 29, 2020

*\*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, school closures have prevented the PTSA from meeting in person. This meeting was conducted virtually using the Google Meet platform.*

**Meeting was called to order at 6:41pm by President Lysa Fulbright**

**September 1, 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 Julie Dean.
- The motion was seconded by Blythe Clifford.
- The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**, Treasurer Staci Mantz

- Current reports were made available on the PTSA website for review. An amendment to *Line 4000-Carry Over from Prev. Year-Other* of the budget was presented (+\$1,092.35). A motion was made to approve the change by Ann Sides. The motion was seconded by Lynne Pate. The amendment was approved unanimously.
- An end-of-year financial review of the PTSA is due. Ann Sides, Eleanor Hasse, and Mary Kelly Crapse have volunteered to undertake the review as Finance Committee members.

**PTSA Program Overview**, President Lysa Fulbright

- Updated Bylaws: As a result of the COVID pandemic, the NCPTA made necessary changes to the bylaws to include the allowance of meetings by electronic media. Changes were read by the president and a signed copy of the amended bylaws has been filed. No vote required by attendees.
- PTSA positions needed for 2020-21: Lysa reviewed openings of officers and chairpersons. 2019-20 officers are serving pro tem as new officers are nominated and approved.
  - OPEN Officer Positions– President, Vice President and Secretary
  - OPEN Committee Chairs– Classroom Supply Grants, Painless Fundraisers, Hospitality, Reflections Art Contest, Senior Scholarships
- Athens Achievers program starts this month. Teacher deadline for nominations is this Friday.
- Membership numbers (currently at 191) are down from last year's total of 309. Currently 97 parents, 34 faculty, and 60 students have joined.

**Principal's Report**, Principal Steve Mares

- Currently awaiting Board of Education decision on reopening of Wake County Schools. Athens is prepared to do what is necessary to meet the needs of students.
- Current challenge- many students are not engaged in classes. Some lack devices, contact hasn't been made, etc.
- Athletics start on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Volleyball and Cross Country will be the first in a phased return to practice and play. Coaches and staff are being trained in safety protocol.
- Mr. Mares is working with Dr. Markoch to plan an afterschool class band rehearsal schedule.
- Mares signed off on requests by 40 students to work the election as poll monitors.
- Park and Morehead Scholarship nominees have been selected. The Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award was also just selected.
- SAT offered at Athens on September 26<sup>th</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup>. First one went well.

***Open Floor Questions for Principal Mares***

*Q. How many kids are attending online class regularly?*

A. An estimated 20% of students are not engaging regularly. Athens is experiencing a much higher fail rate at interim than usual, mainly due to failure to turn in work. Technology constraints are an issue as well.

*Q. How are teachers doing?*

A. There are challenges with covering classes, scheduling substitutes. There is also a learning curve for teachers with new technology. Everyone is working very hard!

*Q. Is a return to marching band also being considered?*

A. Dr. Markoch and Mr. Mares agree to start with class band first. There are strict requirements on number of sessions and number of students allowed. Only 2 sessions allowed per night, 2 nights per week. Max of 25 people in a space.

The next PTSA meeting will be held on October 27th at 6:30pm.

***The meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.***