

Athens Drive Magnet High School
PTSA Meeting Minutes
October 27, 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 6:38pm by President Lysa Fulbright

September 29, 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 Mary Kelly Crapse.
- The motion was seconded by Staci Mantz.
- The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report, Treasurer Staci Mantz

- Membership dues remain below previous years, as expected.
- Recent payments include insurance and the Reflections program fee.
- Wake PTA did waive its annual \$50 fee this year.
- Finance review has been completed and IRS Form 990 will be completed prior to due date of Nov. 15th.

PTSA Program Overview, President Lysa Fulbright

- Interest has been shown in some of the PTSA positions currently open for the 20/21 school year. President, secretary, and painless fundraiser positions have candidates. All positions remain open to interested parties. Vice President, Hospitality, and Reflections still need to be filled.
- The PTA will vote on nominees at the November 17th meeting. An announcement will be posted 10 days prior to the vote as required in the bylaws.

Committee Reports, President Lysa Fulbright

- Reflections – the deadline for the program has been extended to November 6th. Ayesha was unable to give an update on participation numbers prior to the meeting. More info will be available at the next meeting.
- Athens Achievers – there were a few hurdles to overcome with prize distribution. With limited access to the school and office, Mr. Mares and Lysa were able to create an alternate way of connecting with winners.
- Classroom Grants- any teacher who is a PTSA member is eligible to apply for the grant. This year's deadline is November 3rd. Depending on participation and limitations, the deadline may be extended to allow more teachers to apply. Board members and other PTSA members interested in participating in the grant committee process can contact Lysa Fulbright. A sign-up for the committee meeting will be posted in the Athens Alert in the weeks ahead.
- Membership (Sherry Skinner) – Currently 212 total members – 103 parents, 43 faculty, and 66 students.

Principal's Report, Principal Steve Mares

- The 1st quarter is done! Report cards will go out on Friday, October 30th.
- Athens awaits word from the system on what next semester will look like. Virtual Academy enrollment period is currently open.

- All indications are that next semester will look much like the last. May not be able to offer all courses due to limitations in scheduling.
- A return to school for Plan B students would be based on a 3 week rotation.
- Exams – the state is still saying everyone will need to come in to take CTE post assessments and EOCs. They do not have a way to administer those remotely. Two state laws must be reconciled prior to any changes – NC requires all students to take exams and the exam must count for 20% of final grade.
- Faculty is fine tuning instructional programs in an effort to increase student engagement. Ex. Using ear pods to improve concentration.
- Athletics has started and is going smoothly – Six sports are now practicing/playing.
- Band (wind and brass) and chorus were put on hold by the county. Percussion and guard are starting in November.

Open Floor Questions for Principal Mares

Q. Is VA or in-person more likely to be chosen in 2nd semester?

A. More students are coming off of VA than are going on. 1st semester was almost 50/50 with 1,001 students enrolled in VA and 1,078 as Plan B.

Q. How can senior activities like the senior breakfast be modified so student can enjoy – particularly those who opted for VA?

A. Athens is looking at doing something in January. There are 58 students graduating in December. Working on a possible drive-thru breakfast and then allow kids to group in small pods to socialize.

Announcements

- Jag Club – Diane Huggins says bricks and paws are still being sold. Bricks will now be sold online! Sherry Skinner reported that the online spirit store is opening again with an order deadline of Nov. 23rd. The link will be available on the Jag Club page and Mr. Mares will share the new link in his message.
- Senior parent Facebook groups –if anyone needs help setting up a group for a particular graduating year, please see Diane Huggins.
- Band – Laurie Cockman and Jonelle Williams – the annual Fruit and Nut sale is going on now through November 20th. The Dewey’s Holiday Store will be returning to Waverly Place from November 7th-December 24th.

The next PTSA meeting will be held on November 17th at 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm.