

**Athens Drive Magnet High School**  
**PTSA Meeting Minutes**  
**February 23, 2021**

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

**Meeting was called to order at 6:40pm by President Jill Rbaihat.**

***PTSA Meeting Minutes***, Secretary Julie Dean

The last meeting's minutes were provided on PTSA website for review.

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

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

- Current reports were made available on the PTSA website for review.
- There was a check received for \$108.84 from Benevity, a charitable donation management platform used primarily by corporations to promote employee giving, volunteering and to track corporate match. Staci will look into the contribution and Benevity donation logistics.

***Committee Reports***, Vice President Lysa Fulbright & Scholarship Chair Jonell Williams

- Athens Achievers - We took a break in January to allow for the 2nd semester transition, and we are starting up this month with a reminder to teachers that nominations are due by March 1. There is a list on the Athens Achievers website where all can see nominees and winners for the current school year.
- Classroom Grants - Due to a surplus of funds, we are opening grants for the second semester. Teachers who did not receive a Fall grant can apply for the Spring. A reminder is going to teachers to submit applications by March 5. Lysa will ask for volunteers, through Sign Up Genius, to review the grants.
- Senior Scholarships - PTSA will award three \$500.00 scholarships. Seniors must be a member of PTSA by February 26 to be eligible, and the scholarship application will be available on March 15. Please see Athens Alert for details.
- Backpack buddies - Gift card donations to area grocery stores are needed.

***Senior Breakfast***, Sherry Skinner

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the breakfast will be outside - weather permitting - at multiple locations on the grounds on April 14. Event coordinators will meet with Mr. Mares on logistics. Senior parents can go to Sign Up Genius to volunteer to help on committees. While donations continue to come in, the Senior Breakfast Fund is still in need of additional monies to meet the funding goal of \$2,000 for the event.

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

Mr. Mares sent his apologies. He traveled to Charlotte to support the girls basketball team in the state tournament.

**Student Body President Report**, Olivia Cassidy

- There will be a virtual event for the homecoming court in March and a virtual Spirit Week.
- We continue to consider ideas for prom, including another drive at the drive event.

**Liaison Announcements**

- Band - Practice is underway. Please support the Papa Murphy's fundraiser on March 11. The band is planning to perform at football games, including playing the national anthem and an abbreviated halftime show.
- Jag Club
  - Boys swim team placed 4th in the state championships
  - Tickets for all events this year are for immediate family members of athletes who are on one of the competing teams. All tickets to athletic events are available through the digital ticketing platform GoFAN
  - Fundraisers are underway for the Cheer and Lacrosse teams. See information on [Athens Alert](#).
- Health Sciences Career Academy - HSCA held a fundraiser at Kebab Skewer on February 24.
- Stem Academy - WRAL aired an interview with Mr. Barry and former student, Rocco Nociti, about the school's use of solar energy. Athens is the first school in Wake County to have a solar array system.

The next PTSA meeting will be held on March 23, 2021 at 6:30pm.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.**