

**Athens Drive Magnet High School
PTSA Meeting Minutes
March 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 6:38pm 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 Staci Manz.
- The motion was seconded by Stephen Mares.
- The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report, Treasurer Staci Mantz

- Current reports were made available on the PTSA website for review.
- A few memberships came in, mostly students applying for the PTSA scholarship, and we received some Amazon Smile donations.
- The PTSA yearbook ad was paid.
- This is the last year for Staci to be treasurer. Ann Sides has volunteered to be a nominee for Treasurer for the 2021-22 school year.

Committee Reports, Vice President Lysa Fulbright; Scholarship Chair Jonell Williams; and Reflections Chair, Ayesha Zaffiruddin

- Athens Achievers - List of February winners is out, and nominations are open for March. April will be the last month of the year for nominations. Encourage students and parents to check to see if their student has won, especially seniors since the Amazon gift card code is sent to winners' school email.
- Classroom Grants - We awarded \$1,200 in grants for the Spring, bringing the year's total to \$2,400.
- Senior Scholarships - We are waiting for applications to come in for the three \$500 scholarships. The deadline is April 16. We will publicize once more after Spring break.
- In the Reflections program, Alanah Pane, an ADHS student, won Second Place at the state level competition for her film entry under the theme "We Matter Because."

Senior Breakfast, Vice President Sherry Skinner

The breakfast will be held on Wednesday, April 14 from 9-11:00am in Jag Stadium. Cap and gown distribution will happen before the breakfast. Prizes will be awarded starting at 10:00am and recipients must be present to win. Parents are encouraged to use Sign-up Genius to donate gift cards for prizes, bottles of water and non-perishable food items, like granola bars.

Student Body President Report, Olivia Cassidy

Sophomore class council is moving forward with spirit wear fundraiser. Details will be shared after Spring Break. Please promote the fundraiser through your social media channels.

Principal's Report, Principal Steve Mares

- See my most recent [messages](#) on the transition plans for students who will return for daily in-person learning. Beginning April 8, classes will be conducted with a hybrid model of students learning in-person and remotely in the same class. We are excited to have kids back on campus school.
- The schedule will change as we will allow off-campus lunch. We are awaiting further details from Wake County, and will send out the new schedule as soon as possible.

Open floor questions for Principal Mares

Q. *Why am I no longer receiving your weekly message?*

A. The state made changes to Power School which houses the contact information. We are reworking the mailing list. Drop Mr. Mares an email with email address and cell phone number. You can always find his [messages](#) on the Athens Drive website, under the News tab.

Q. Will students need to wait two weeks after spring break before returning for in-person learning?

A. No. You need to come back daily from day one.

Q. Everyone did a great job with the football game. Will there be additional changes?

A. It was our First football game in sixteen months and it was great to see the band and dance team performing. We continue to follow Governor Cooper's guidelines. The next football game is April 1. We will increase the number of tickets and for future events, with more details to come.

Liaison Announcements

- Band - Everyone is excited to be performing again. The next fundraiser is April 14 at Tijuana Flats. Jonnell Williams volunteered to be the PTSA Band liaison.
- Jag Club - Plans are underway to sell spirit wear. Contact Sherry Skinner and she will connect you with the right person to help with your purchase. Go to the Jag Club site for details on fundraisers, ways to donate to a sport, and for the [Paws and bricks campaign](#).
- Stem Academy - Restaurant fundraisers are underway. See the website for details. The stemposium will be held on-line in May.
- Health Sciences Career Academy - Charita Parham volunteered to be the HSCA liaison.

We need liaisons and chairpersons for the following; please contact Jill Ribaihat if interested.

- Gardens & Grounds Committee Chairperson
- Hospitality Committee Chairperson
- Reflections Arts Program Chairperson
- Chorus Liaison
- Jag Club Liaison

The next PTSA meeting will be held on April 27, 2021 at 6:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm.