

**Athens Drive Magnet High School**  
**PTSA Meeting Minutes**  
**April 27, 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 6:35 pm by Vice President Mary Kelly-Crapse.**

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

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

- A motion to approve the minutes was made by Laura Spader.
- The motion was seconded by Lysa Fulbright.
- The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

- Current reports were made available on the PTSA website for review.
- There was very little activity in March. We received more senior donations and paid out additional teacher grants.

**PTSA 2021-22 Committee Chairs and Liaisons**

Jill Rbaihat has made progress filling many of the chair and liaison positions. Please let Jill know if you are interested in participating in any of the open roles.

- Academic recognition: Jill Rbaihat
- Athens Achievers: Jill Rbaihat
- Athens Alert: Jill Rbaihat
- Backpack Buddies: (program currently on hold)
- Band Liaison: Jonelle Williams
- Gardens & Grounds: Pending
- Health Sciences Career Academy (HSCA) Liaison: Charita Parham
- Hospitality Committee Chairperson: Blythe Clifford
- Jag Club Liaison: Dr. Kashi Bazemore
- Memberships: Mary Kelly-Crapse
- Painless fundraisers: Charita Parham and Jonelle Williams
- Senior Scholarships: Jonelle Williams
- STEM Liaison: Mary Kelly-Crapse

Open roles:

- Chorus liaison
- Reflections liaison

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

- Athens Achievers - April is the last month for Athen's Achievers. Nominations are due May 5. While this is a program we can do remotely, we look forward to going back to in-person gift cards and celebration.
- Senior Scholarships - Five students have applied and all categories are covered. We extended the deadline and students had until April 30 to submit their applications.

- Reflections is a national PTA program to boost student participation, access and success in the arts. We had winners at the county and state level. Submissions from Athens Drive students are posted on the PTSA Facebook page.

**Senior Breakfast**, Vice President Sherry Skinner

Senior Breakfast was held on April 14 in Jag Stadium. The event was a success, and there was positive feedback on the outdoor venue. Pros and cons on how this has been done in the past and how we navigated Covid-19 restrictions this year will be documented and included in the Spring Breakfast notebook for 2021-22 Senior Breakfast parents to consider.

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

- PTSA has done so much to support teachers and students. Thank you for all you do and the support you provided. It has been a year like no other, but our school family has made the best of it.
- The last few months are always busy, and particularly as we await information from Governor Cooper which may impact Graduation, Senior Assembly and other end-of-year events.
- We have a lot to do to organize a six-week summer school program as mandated by House Bill 82, passed by the NC General Assembly and approved by Governor Cooper. This will be an in-person, fully funded summer school program available to all families.
- Planning for the 2021-22 school year is also underway as we consider continuing the dual tracks of virtual and in-person learning.
- Thank you for your support and allowing us to serve your students.

**Open floor questions for Principal Mares**

**Q. With capacity parameters for school events potentially changing, it's great to hear that we may be able to have one graduation ceremony versus two. However, if it doesn't change, I know students are upset they cannot graduate with their friends.**

A. If we must adhere to two ceremonies, in keeping with current Covid-19 restrictions, the most efficient way is to go alphabetically. Remember, we have to be able to do contact tracing if necessary. It's frustrating, and my hope is that we can have one ceremony. We'll know more soon as Governor Cooper continues to ease social distancing, capacity and mass gathering restrictions. For those who do not wish to participate in the big event, we will have a walk-through ceremony.

**Liaison Announcements**

- **Band** - Marching band finished the academic year with a family performance on April 16. Uniforms have been turned in. The Spring Concert will be at 7:00pm on Tuesday, June 2, and only those attending in-person school will perform. This year we had about 80 members, whereas we normally have around 150. We need your support in recruiting. Orientation for new band members is May 17 and 18. Please see the [flyer](#) for details.
- **Jag Club** -Softball, Tennis, Track, Baseball, Golf, Wrestling, Bowling, and Soccer teams are now playing. The Women's Soccer team is ranked 7th in state. If you are interested in Spirit Wear, please contact Sherry Skinner. There will be no Embers concert this

academic year, but you can donate at the [Jag Club site](#) where you will find details on fundraisers, ways to donate to a specific sport, and the [Paws and Bricks campaign](#).

- **Teacher Appreciation Week** - The PTSA is hosting a Cookie Day on May 7th for our AMAZING Teachers & Staff! Help us show some delicious appreciation by donating cookies of all kinds! Bring donations to the Front Office on Thursday, May 6th. We will have a Cookie Wrap Up that night!
- **Campus Clean-Up Day** - The PTSA is excited to announce a Campus Clean-Up Day on Saturday, May 15th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. It's a great way to show your pride in Athens Drive! Student volunteers can also earn In-School Service Hours! Please see Important information and volunteer on the [Sign Up Genius HERE](#).

The last PTSA meeting of the 2020-2021 school year will be held on May 25, 2021 at 6:30pm. We will be voting on new officers and next year's budget.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.**