



ATHENS PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

(Via Zoom - info below agenda)

MINUTES

1. Call to Order @ 7:01pm
Attendance: Colleen Geyer, Kristin Kennaugh, Kelly Jones, Tara Colussi, Shawn Lavetter, Shawn DuFresne, Dr. Dixon, Janet Matichuk, Tracey Hurley, Michelle Tedder, Judy Bunao, Jyl Boehms, Renee Zaits, Susan Holle, Ami Shah, Kristy Osterlund, iPhoneGrace ??, Marc Emerson, Lisa Oakes, Marti Steiner, Vicki Shea, Michele Murto, Kenyanna Weatherspoon
2. Introductions
3. Additions/Deletions to Agenda - added Carnival Night (see New Business)
4. Reports
 - a. Principal (Dr. Dixon)
 - This semester - majority of kids ready to learn and perform at high level; goal is to encourage and provide strengths and resources to perform to the best of their ability and at a high level; COVID numbers have been really low thankfully; very optimistic; will always support those who need
 - Charity Week is NEXT WEEK - so excited!!
 - This week - STEMI - future RedHawks touring from Middle Schools; see Robotics team and STEM classes; many are helping to show the Middle Schoolers our wonderful programs for STEM; Oakland Schools is also joining us with their massive bus - hands on labs inside; our own students will get to tour as well; pictures and news coverage to come; really want to explore this need for STEM
 - Every month different jobs and industries are highlighted
 - Teachers hold Career Days and have visitors share their experiences in their careers
 - This semester also will be practicing Safety and Security; training for students and staff this month including new systems put in place after Oxford incident; TSD and Athens takes this very seriously; please reach out to us with any concerns/questions
 - "Come Hither" meeting tomorrow; MTSS - in the Nation for 20 years; helps students on all levels; will now be under TSD umbrella; want authentic processes that look at emotional, social and learning needs; support provided one on one to identify areas of needs and how support can be best given; almost all of this support will be given in-school; clear systemized approach going forward
 - Questions:
 1. How are we doing with having Teachers in the classroom? - going fantastic!! After Winter Break was rough. After the last 2 weeks, all classes have certified coverage and so few people out - lovely!



2. A lot of questions regarding Graduation/Senior Dates: - working with all 4 Principals; not seeing a Parade working because of not being able to have the day off for the lower classes but flexible; Senior Honors will likely be Virtual as well; closer to the Spring will have more information; Commencement (June 7th is a tentative date but will mostly likely happen that day, official solidification on May 7th) at Pine Knob is preferred venue because there are no restrictions and anyone can come; last day for Seniors - not solidified - but trying to coordinate with Troy High - around week of May 25-27th; if no Parade then other things, like Clap out; Senior All Night Party - June 4th (also Troy High's) - committee working on this and will be publicized - students will be made aware the students are still under Rules at the risk of not being able to attend Commencement
3. Backpack COVID kits - elementary has them sent out already; students to pick up, see Mrs. Terrace or Mrs. Kemp; if student can't then a parent can pick up; if not picked up after a week then it will be given to someone else
4. Parade - can we advocate to have this; Principals are definitely advocating for this

b. Teacher Representatives - Mr. DuFresne

1. Charity Week:

- Restaurant week going on right now; thank you for all the support from PTO and Boosters
- Tomorrow 2/10 - MOD Pizza, Friday Square Lake Nutrition; 2/11 SmashBurger; Oberweis 2/12
- Friday 2/11 - Marti Stenier thank you! Euchre Night at Club Venetian; can be player or spectator; \$25 per person; top 3 prizes are cash! There is a Silent Auction - number of items are available including Beaumont Hospital Health Club Membership (\$1500 value) and many other great prizes → Sign up: <https://bit.ly/3s1A5eI>
- 2/14 Pancake Breakfast - nearly all SUG spots filled; hope to feed around 800 students
- Good numbers of Passports have been sold; also can buy tickets to individual events; Pick up at all lunches - Schoology message sent out
- Teachers sent an email or also let us know if we can help a student in need of a Passport but cannot afford
- See Facebook and emails for multiple day event schedules; spread out during different class hours to not miss class time
- Friday Pep Assembly is Virtual; Senior and StuCo members will be able to attend; Booster will be live streaming for Parents; Ami Shah will be also posting
- Still need help for Parent Cook off → sign up: <https://bit.ly/3rc9DPZ>
- After Jazzerside on Sunday - StuCo will be decorating the cafeteria
- Please see link below to Charity Week Website:

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1644244756/troyk12mius/gxpl4jovqxyaxtdqmza5/2021-2022AthensHighSchoolCharityWeekBrochure.pdf>



2.Coach Lusk - successful Regional Championship meet hosted at Athens this past Saturday - all 4 finished in top 4 or better; number of Medalists; girls set school records; thank you to all our volunteers and your support

- c. Secretary
 - i. Previous Meeting Minutes - approved by Kelly Jones and Renee Zaits
- d. Treasurer Report: checks issued to Teachers for Grants awarded
- e. Vice President: no report
- f. President: no report
- 5. Old Business
 - a. Charity Week - please watch for updates and support this event;
<https://athens.troy.k12.mi.us/charity-week>
 - i. Carnival Night - Anyone interested in chairing/co-chairing this event?
Tues Feb 15; 6-8pm in cafe (set up at 5:30)
 - b. Supply Drive - Thank you! SO much stuff - hand sanitizer galore!! THANK YOU!!
- 6. New Business
 - a. Ford Drive 4UR School update - Ami Shah
 - Unfortunately not going to happen; Ford is not running this program for awhile; if anyone has any connections to any other programs please let Ami know, or the PTO
 - b. Student Scholarship - Shawn Lavetter
 - Through the PTO; Renee tracks all information and keeps track of the points
 - Spirit was to encourage volunteering for PTO events
 - Provides students with scholarship money
 - \$3000 money budgeted this year; for both both underclassmen and Seniors
 - Already Budgeted for this year so will not change for this year
 - Suggestions from parents - increase amounts or do we want to eliminate
 - Significant reduction in volunteers, not just PTO
 - Suggestion made to really look if the Scholarship Program really brings in more volunteers? Or should the money be put into the school and more what the school and/or Teachers need
 - Any additional thoughts please send Shawn a direct email to the Treasurer email
 - c. 2021-22 Scholarship info - Renee Zaits
 - Working with Ami
 - Form online before end of Feb
 - March 1st - then will have forms ready and have whole month ready to go
 - Charity Week Carnival night will count toward volunteer hours
 - Points were adjusted - 5 points to qualify
 - Continues to be difficult to find volunteer hours because of less opportunities; especially without Ford4



- Dr. Dixon - Clinic needs volunteers - Sign up Genius to be coming out soon; there will be points for this
- Points for Seniors - 5 points, but need 5 points from Junior year and to meet qualifications
- Can always contact Renee to find out how many points you have
- On Website there is all Scholarship information and helpful worksheets

7. Open Discussion

8. Adjournment @ 8:05pm

Meeting Schedule: March 9, April 13, May 11
Zoom until further notice at 7:00 pm