



# ATHENS PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

**November 10 2021, 7pm  
MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order @ 7:02pm**

Attendance: Colleen Geyer, Kristin Kennaugh, Kelly Jones, Tara Colussi, Shawn Lavetter, Shawn DuFresne, Ami Shah, Christine DiPlato, Kristie Osterlund, Lara Dixon, Michelle Tedder, Jyl Boehms, Karen Hunt, John Bucknell, Janet Matichuk, Tricia Alberty, Grace Hermiz, Jeannie Levy, Karen Gittins, Ed Bunao, Marti Steiner, Susan Holle, Kim Doyle, Kenyanna Wetherspoon, Lisa Oakes, Renee Zaits, Marc Emerson, Gordon Szlag

**2. Introductions:** Board members and TSD employees introduce themselves (Dr. Dixon - and Christine DiPilato)

**3. Additions/Deletions to Agenda:** TSD update from Christine DiPilato

**4. Reports**

a. Principal (Dr. Dixon)

- Look for weekly updates for information
- Looking forward to Wellness Weekend over Thanksgiving Break; there will be no assignments due upon returning from Break; hope that the students and staff can connect with family and friends and relax!
- Grades will be in by Monday 11/15
- If any students need help - contact Dr. Dixon for tutoring help or also for extra challenge ideas
- Dr. Dixon met with all the Leaders of the Clubs and Sports teams - if any of these would like to help with cleaning the building inside or outside, TSD is willing to pay \$17-\$20 - check will come from TSD; PTO is welcome to be eligible for this too
- No questions from attendees

b. Assistant Superintendent - Christine DiPlato - update from TSD, Fall 2021

c. Teacher Representatives - Mr. DuFresne

- This month - StuCo and Project Lead are working with the Oakland County Sheriff Dept for Coats For The Cold; donate gently used coats; 2 boxes set up in the lobby by the Security Desk
- StuCo is also working with Troy Police Dept in December on Holiday Gift Card Drive - this is again in place of the Food Drive of the past; will be the 2nd week in December; students can bring in Gift Card to 2nd hour (likely) - there will also be a Class Competition
- Blood Drive sponsored by Red Cross; 12/9 Thursday in the TACC; there will be an online link soon; 17 and older are welcome, 16 year olds can donate with Parent permission; Students and community is welcome; Blood is desperately needed
- Ms. Manfredi - there will be a Music Fundraiser for both the Drama Depts at Athens and Troy High this Saturday - "All Together Now"; tickets are



\$10 for shows on Sat night and Sunday afternoon; look for information to come out

- Also Athens Theater Company is presenting "Elf" December 3-5; Ticket order form and flyer will be out soon; \$20 adults, \$15 students and \$5 Seniors

d. Secretary (Kristin Kennaugh)

- i. Previous Meeting Minutes – Review & Approve  
Approval: Tara Colussi and Kelly Jones

e. Treasurer (Shawn Lavetter)

- Praise and Thank you to parents and staff for increased Sponsorship!!
- Raised about \$8500 - will allow PTO to increase our Budget
- Other area of support is Restaurant nights - thank you for your support and Kenyanna for organizing

f. Vice President (Tara Colussi and Kelly Jones)

- i. Kroger/Amazon: posted earlier on Facebook; instructions will be coming for Kroger and Amazon soon - please look to use for the upcoming Holidays
- ii. Senior All Night Party Committee is starting to organize; working through the difficulties of not having done this before due to Covid; need LOTS of help to organize and help; even if you don't have a Senior, anyone is welcome to help and participate in any capacity; questions can be directed to Kelly Jones
- iii. Holiday Giving Tree - Janet Matichuk will be organizing; PTO to help; look for info soon

g. President (Colleen Geyer)

- i. Mask Sale - started this past week; new mask design; see link on Website; \$10 again; closes next Friday 11/19; look for email on distribution; great Christmas and Holiday gifts
- ii. Ayessa Potts unfortunately had to step down from Athens PTO as Co-President; thank you for your time and we appreciate it
- iii. Big Thanks to Marti Steiner - Colleen and Marti went through the financials and are confident they are in perfect shape; going forward this will be done on a more regular basis
- iv. Teacher Grants - update is coming for the Teachers

5. **Old Business:** Big thanks to Kristy Osterlund on organizing Teacher dinner/snacks during Conferences!

6. **New Business:** none

7. **Open Discussion**

8. **Adjournment @ 7:58pm**

Meeting Schedule: January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11