



# ATHENS PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

**January 12, 2022 7pm via zoom  
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order @ 7:04pm

Attendance: Colleen Geyer, Kristin Kennaugh, Kelly Jones, Tara Colussi, Shawn Lavetter, Shawn DuFresne, Ami Shah, Lara Dixon, Mari Steiner, Gordon Szlag, Jeannie Levy, Michelle Tedder, Armida Johnson, Tracey Hurley, Jude Bunao, Janet Matichuk, Karen Hunt, Jamie Sinutko, Lisa Oakes, Jyl Boehms, Leslie Diebol, Avia Salman, Wendy Essenburg, Renee Zaits, Kristy Osterlund, Kim Doyle, Kenyanna Weatherspoon, Michael Dunayer, Ayessa Potts

2. Introductions: PTO Board, Dr. Dixon and Mr. DuFresne introduced themselves

3. Additions/Deletions to Agenda: none

4. Reports

a. Principal (Dr. Dixon)

- More cases since coming back after the Holidays, but thank you to all for stepping up and helping!
- Good news - today was better than last few days; all kids in classes with Teachers
- All Subs have Teacher Degrees in the building; just may not be there specialty
- We are really trying to grant grace and flexibility which is working well
- Finals are next week - don't stress if child is not healthy; there are plans in place for this; communication tomorrow regarding Exams next week
- Do Not Stress - most important for kids is to be proud and have goals for themselves, also have balance for outside activities and family
- Every month staff is trained on safety and well-being
- Focus is also for Parents- if there is anything you need or any ideas for programs or tools going forward please let Dr. Dixon know
- Questions:
  1. Options coming - Schoology or emailed by Teachers: email sent by Dr. Dixon tomorrow, also all teachers will email and post in Schoology regarding exams; if have additional questions email teacher or Dixon
  2. Senior Honors night/activities: Yes! Question is when; TSD will not make a decision until the Spring; really trying not to do Virtual option; however NHS will be doing virtual inductions
  3. How many graduation tickets: questions because which venue - DTE was unlimited tickets; if more traditional venue (Freedom Hill) - smaller venue - tickets limited 4-6 per graduate; need to see where Pandemic is at



4. Senior Honors night: 2 hours or less; all kids are celebrated with baby picture until now, what their plans are next and their accomplishments while walking across stage; cords and robes are worn; Scholarships announced; Dept awards announced; conclusion all students with 4.0 or above given medallion and celebrated on stage together
  5. Supply Drive: Kleenex is number one request, Clorox wipes, paper towels, sanitizer as well
- b. Teacher Representatives (Mr. DuFresne)
- Ms. Dunneback: Powerlifting Team Meet 2/5- need Volunteers; link is on FB group
  - Coach Lusk: up at Northbranch before Holidays; did very well and numerous qualified for State meet; program has really excelled
  - Mrs. Syme is organizing Washington DC trip in May for current Freshman (missed trip last year); flyer was emailed out and is on Athens PTO FB page
  - Reach out if you would like more information: [ssyme@troy.k12.mi.us](mailto:ssyme@troy.k12.mi.us)  
Dates: Sat 5/14 - Tuesday 5/17
  - Charity Week 2/14 through 2/18; planning now; Talking with APs, Dr. Dixon and Administrators to see where plans are at; hoping to offer as much as we can; may look different than before
  - Charity is Alex's Saints Foundation - created by Athens Alumni (<https://alexssaints.org/>)
  - Established last year for children afflicted by drug addiction
  - Currently accepting applications for Sponsorships from local business
  - Appreciate PTO support in advance
  - Pancake Breakfast ? 2/14; Parent cook off 2/17 ? - usually is before Mr. Athens
  - All links will be online to sign up for however many events we can have will be out soon
  - Parent Euchre Tournament 2/11 at Club Venetian; starts around 6:30
  - *Flexibility is key this year!!*
- c. Secretary (Kristin Kennaugh)
- i. - Previous Meeting Minutes – Review & Approve
  - ii. Approved by Renee Zaits and Ami Shah
- d. Treasurer (Shawn Lavetter)
- Budget posted on Website
  - Mask sale successful!! Sold about 100 masks
  - If ordered but have not received - check your email!
  - Budget looking good far
  - Marti Steiner (big thank you) for auditing; spent a lot of time going over financials Sept-Dec
- e. Vice President (Kelly Jones and Tara Colussi)



- Giving Tree: Huge success!!
- All staff got a gift card - big thank you for helping especially last minute
- Also thank you to Janet for helping!

f. President (Colleen Geyer)

21 Teacher Grant applications; Board has gone through already

- Budgeted \$4500 for Grants, 2 rounds; next one coming soon in the Spring
- One was duplicate because already in Budget and done at start of year
- \$2566 requested
- Teacher Grant Application Voting: (all grants explained and gone over during meeting)
- All grants APPROVED during meeting; except duplicate that was already in Budget at the start of the year (was already communicated to that Teacher)

TFEE Grant Applications open until Jan 21 -

<https://www.troyfoundation.org/grant-application.html>

5. Old Business: none

6. New Business

- Supply Drive information will be coming out this weekend
- Extra mask info to come
- Student Scholarships information to be coming out soon
- New protocol sent out by TSD tonight - starts this Friday 1/14; individual questions can be directed to Dr. Dixon

7. Open Discussion: none

8. Adjournment at 8:08pm

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