

Athens PTSA Meeting

November 29, 2022



Attendees: Donna Dancausse, Desmond Cornell, Betty Cornell, Erin Blanket, Julie Seibert, Mel Holt, Blythe Clifford, Mason Dancausse (Student Body President), Jill Rbaihat, Kristine Pareira, Sarah Wohlmann, Ann Sides, David Barkau, Marie Dexter (scribe)

Number of attendees: Quorum was not met. However, all members approved items below.

The meeting was called to order by Kristine Pareira, President, at 6:36pm.

Review and approval of October minutes (All)

1st – Desmond Cornell

2nd – Jill Rbaihat

Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report (Ann Sides)

Reports as of Oct 31.

- \$9170.51 cash balance
- 14 new members
- Donations almost \$1500

Expenses:

- Paid for Sept membership dues to NCPTA
- Annual Wake PTA dues \$50, includes Reflections fees
- Athens Achievers – certificates that Jill printed
- 19 grants in October \$2000+
- Staff recognition \$45 custodian gift cards
- Mares spent \$2990 250 books for English classes

We do have enough money to meet the budget for the year.

Donations for the year are about \$9000.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE: 75% comes from 2 families. Something we have to think about because when those families leave, we will have a gap.

We need to remind folks that their companies might match their donation – IBM, Lenovo.

ACTION: Jill / Ann will add the EIN to the donation flyer and put it in the Athens Alert and on FB.

PTSA Programs

Classroom Supply Grants (Jill Rbairhat)

We have handed out over \$4000 in grants. We are missing 1 or 2 receipts. In the spring, we should have enough to do a second round.

Athens Achievers (Jill)

81 for this month. Nominations close on Dec 6. Will open again in the middle of Dec.

Hospitality Events (Blythe)

- Holiday Treats Dec 16 – asking people to donate cookies, bars; homemade or store bought. PTA to do some drinks. Soft drinks were a huge hit in Nov. Folks who don't have a break until later don't have a chance to participate. We are going to do it right before lunch this time, so hopefully folks can come before lunch breaks.
- Dec – stock the staff bathrooms. Basket of things: lotion, mouthwashes, tide sticks.
ACTION: Blythe still needs to talk to admin about this.
- Sign up will go out by the end of the week.
- Also offer a healthy option.

Backpack Buddies (Blythe)

Blythe sent around a sheet with items that the Backpack Buddies need. The last two weeks of each month are for Backpack Buddies. We are now up to 16 backpack buddies.

Items needed:

- Four 8 count boxes of oatmeal/grits
- 32 cans of beanie weanies
- 25 cans / cups of meaty soups
- 19 small cans / cups of vegetables

Items for school pantry:

- Washcloths
- Deodorant
- Chapstick
- Soap
- Body wash

- hairbrushes/combs

Items needed for hospitality

- Disposable plastic tablecloths (rectangular and round) – orange, blue, and holiday themed

Items can be brought to the front office. Make sure to label.

Avent Ferry Road Safety (Donna Dancausse)

Jennifer Delacourt, Safe Route Coordinator for Wake County) & 2 people from City of Raleigh, Fontaine Burris, volunteered to come to a PTA meeting and review with us planned for Athens Dr and Avent Ferry Road intersection.

There was corridor study done for Avery Ferry Road. Donna is hoping they can also talk about how that stands. When Donna reviewed the study, she didn't see a lot of mention of the school and what our needs are in the community. Also, she will ask about update on timeline for roadwork.

Blythe has asked about a crosswalk, but that cannot be done because of sight line issue. The cross walks that are closest to Johnston Lake would not be put in if redone.

ACTION:

- **Donna Dancausse will follow up with Mr. Mares about having these folks at a PTA meeting. We agreed that this would be good to have on the January agenda.**
- **If approved by Mr. Mares, Donna will coordinate with Fontaine.**
- **PTA members: Think of the problem and issues, rather than the solution that you want to see.**

Principal's Report (Mr. Mares)

Mr. Mares was not in attendance.

Per Kristine from her meeting with Mr. Mares: Code red lockdown last week: There was shooting down the street. The bullets were ricocheting off the building so it sounded like it was closer than it was. There was some panic on campus. Students who needed support have been put into contact with counselors to talk to.

But are students taking the opportunities provided by the school or are they saying they are fine?

Mason: Upperclassman might be more comfortable going to counselor because you work more with your counselor during your junior & senior years.

Students haven't had a practice drill yet.

During class meetings (in auditorium) at the beginning of the year, Mr. Katz talks about Code Red. Teachers also might talk about it at the beginning of the semester. Since this has happened, Mason's teachers took time in class to discuss and review procedures.

ACTION: Kristine will ask Mr. Mares if he is open to including PTA members participating in debrief. Are there tutorials or terminology that can be shared with parents? Can the policy for Code Red be included on the school website?

Student Body President Report (Mason)

- 3 pep rallies this year instead of 2. Student Council has started winter sports pep rally. Added a spring pep rally for baseball, spring sports
- Black History month in February
- They are doing senior exemptions this year for exams.
- Midyear graduation is coming up.
- Senior picture was taken today. Senior spirit wear is out. Have a week left to order.

Jill asked if the seniors would like the collage of senior pictures on the wall. Mason said he thought so.

There is no PTA meeting in December.

Next meeting is Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30pm in the media center.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.