Athens PTO Meeting

January 16, 2019

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order
   1. Meeting started 7:09 p.m.
   2. Grant Request Night
2. Introductions
3. Charity Week Overview
   1. Events going on each day – Focus Detroit is this year’s charity. Lifts those in need out of poverty. Getting an education, food, shoes, basic essentials, and also tutoring.
   2. Events:
      1. Penny wars
      2. Corporate sponsors
      3. Buy a heart send a meal $2 each
      4. Teacher court
      5. Mr. Athens
      6. Friday Feb 8 – Parent Euchre Night
      7. Saturday Feb 9 – Ice Skating
      8. Sunday – Cycle Bar and Yoga and Leo’s
      9. Monday – Comfy Day, Pancake Breakfast
      10. Tuesday(get from website
      11. Wednesday
      12. Thursday – Parent Cook off
      13. Friday – Dance 7-10 pm – Need parent volunteers
   3. Student passport = $85 – can be purchased through Payschools. T-shirts can be purchased.
   4. Last year $148, 813.77 was raised. Goal for this year = $100,000.
   5. See related PPT on Athens website.
   6. Jennifer Jabor – Special Services Advisory committee at Athens. They provide guidance for parents to the special services in Troy. This year looking for a greater format and to be a resource for parents. See information on Parents tab. Email sent 1.5 months ago.
4. Reports
   1. Principal – Mr. Burns presenting for Dr. Dixon
      1. Troy Somerset Gazette article – Key Club and Kiwanis clubs are contributing funds for the Athens outdoor classroom renovation.
      2. Athens ACT and SAT scores have out-paced the national average.
      3. Suspensions have decreased from 724 suspensions to 73 since 2007 (89% reduction. This is attributed to intervention equity, cultural competency.
      4. L’Anse Cruise visiting Athens – interventions is the focus. Being world class means you share your learning and your work.
      5. Hawk Soup – event where you pay a fee, eat soup, and get to vote on student innovative ideas.
      6. MLK Day – next Monday. In need of donations for care packages for our troops. Must drop off donations by Friday. Can bring it directly to Athens.
      7. Marketing and Business Club DECA just had their competition. Thirty-four went to regionals and 22 went to state.
      8. National Student Production award for Athens TV Club – J.P. DiBella, Director Reel – trophy
      9. Suburban Collection video contest. Go to www.suburbancollection.com. $1000 - $4000 in prizes available.
   2. Secretary Report
      1. November Meeting Minutes will be available from during the February meeting.
   3. Treasurer Report
      1. Finance report approved and seconded.
      2. Grants:
         1. Mrs. Blake - $150 to Purchase speakers
         2. Jack Downer - $150 to purchase lock pad master locks for the MyKai program.
         3. Both have been approved and seconded
   4. Vice President
      1. Thank You notes
      2. NHS update
      3. Giving Tree
   5. President
      1. Council meeting in December: Rotary Club – Two Buddy Benches to be brought to each elementary school. Need to find a business or charity “gofundme” page for Buddy Benches.
      2. Using Payschools for PTO is a no-go. The school district wants PTO to keep money separate from other school funds.
      3. ALICE training took place in December. Need to find out if the video will be made public. Dr. Dixon will advise.
      4. Reminder to follow PTO on Facebook and Twitter.
5. Old Business
   1. Giving Tree – great turnout and much gratitude was given. Everyone received something.
6. New Business
   1. Scholarship applications update
   2. Ford Drive for Your School – Kickoff January 23 – Need to find out entire school schedule to ensure no conflicts. May 17 is proposed date. Must be 18 or older. Need volunteers.
   3. Charity week – PTO to cover coat check and water station. What about carnival night? Spring break is March 29 and the following week. Are we doing points for carnival night? We do not have a volunteer right now. We can cover two shifts. We need to talk to Renee regarding a game to run. Prom/parking lot parents needed – May 11.
   4. Need volunteers to go to our feeder school PTOs to get parents to join our board.
   5. Need volunteers to work on restaurant night fundraisers. Looking for additional fundraising, as we cannot rely on drive for your school only. This will bring in more revenue.
   6. Another idea – spirit bracket at Buffalo Wild Wings. We will give it a shot.
   7. Screenagers – ran it last year for 800 people. This year it will be held January 27 at 6:00 at Kensington Church auditorium in Troy. Troy Tech Talk is hosting along with Troy Youth Assistance. Two hundred people have signed up already. Free to attend. A panel discussion will take place afterwards with Troy Youth assistance and Oakland County.
   8. Troy Youth Assistance and Troy Community Coalition are doing a recognition event for K-8 kids who have done something exemplary for the community.
7. Belly Flop contest February 7 at the Athens pool. February dates are: Salsarita’s 5th, Granite City 6th, Mod Pizza the 7th, Smashburger the 8th, Leo’s on the 9th.  All are fundraisers for Charity Week.
8. Adjournment 8:20 p.m.