Athens PTO Meeting

March 6, 2019

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order
   1. Meeting started 7:08 p.m.
2. Introductions
3. Reports
   1. Principal Report
      1. March is all about getting everyone focused and getting ready for next year. All the planning is going on. Also trying to get the students to focus for the remainder of the year is a priority.
      2. New Pedagogies were at Athens today. Proud of staff and kids. Danielle said breakouts were done for projects with deeper thinking and projects were introduced. Did a tour of a handful of classes. Danielle said that it provided a good synopsis – kids told everyone what it was all about. Visitors asked lots of questions. Students did a great job fielding the questions. She liked that you were able to showcase things that students learn in real life. Danielle was able to see how the donations to the Corner Store go into action. Students may select up to 5 items for free. Receipts are provided. Can write a nice note about a teacher as well. At any time, PTO parents can take a tour just to observe what goes on in a classroom on a typical day. The point of “Telling Our Story” helps the kids understand what they are doing and why they are doing it.
      3. District Basketball is going on now.
      4. Eighth grade new student orientation is happening soon. It will be a little different this time.
      5. Conferences are tomorrow night 6-8:30. Teachers scheduled with parents of students getting lower than a D.
      6. CTE staff members are putting on an event this Friday 5th and 6th hour. Nine hundred “Careers Unboxed” Students invited are required to go. This semester’s students were invited, but others can attend by contacting Mr. Holder or Amy Olsen.
      7. N Card issue: For the last month, cards are being circulated that “give students the right to say the N word once.” Dr. Dixon has made contact with known affected parents and family members. It was featured on channel 4 news yesterday.
      8. Charity Week next week change: If you are fundraising, you get a badge. Only those with badges may fundraise. Teachers may not give extra credit for fundraising.
      9. Question: Is there any opportunity for parents to get involved with school dances, etc.? Yes - Reach out to Dina Christopolis or Mr. Dufraine. They meet at 6:30 a.m. Ask about “STUCO.” Dance ticket proceeds go to the STUCO fund.
      10. Question: For which cases do activities get bussing for free? Answer: school-sponsored activities, yes. Other extracurricular, like hockey, no.
      11. Question: Softball is a sport, correct? Then why no bussing? Answer: In-district means no bussing.
      12. Athens is an “Emerging School of Character.”
      13. A request was made – Is there enough funds to give bagels for staff as well as kid? Answer: Yes. If some of the bagels could be dyed green, which would be great. Yes, we will comply.
      14. Question: What time of year do the colleges come to Athens? Answer: September.
      15. Armed service will have access to your child’s contact information unless you sign a form that opts out.
      16. ACT and SAT prep courses are offered for free through Kahn and also College Board. PSAT is coming up right after spring break. If your student is science-oriented, take the ACT. MSAT is also offered soon. The student scores do go on their transcript.
      17. Dan Mills is leaving Athens. Mr. Adams is retiring.
   2. Secretary Report
      1. Kim Spenser and Nicole approved and seconded.
   3. Treasurer Report
      1. Kim is out ill. Danielle presented the report.
      2. Question on Facebook: Tax withholding article. Concern about our teachers being affected. Answer: Donate to the PTO – generated a $20 donation.
      3. Danielle Clippard approved and Mia Shaffer seconded.
   4. Teacher Report
      1. Charity week was a huge success.
      2. AP tests happening soon.
      3. Voting contest available – Suburban dealerships – Don’t text and drive PSA – prizes: $1500 first prize, $1000 second, $500 third.
      4. Spring sports start on Monday.
      5. Teacher of the year: Josh Pudeloff – wins a car for the year.
      6. Play is coming up – spring musical
      7. Charity week did very well – new events this time, like the belly flop contest.
   5. Vice President
   6. President Report
      1. Charity week sent thank you for our donation and SANP donation.
      2. Need a new PTO secretary for next year.
      3. Chick Fil A March 20 fundraiser – we will get 10% of sales. From 5-8 p.m.
      4. Dance team will also do a fundraiser, separately, with Chick Fil A.
      5. 7-11 is willing to give us a 15% sales donation. Need a volunteer to manage that.
      6. Mr. Holder’s Marketing class is doing a study for us – Troy PTO – why do we have such low volume attendance at our meetings? All PTO presidents were invited to a meeting to discuss, and only Danielle showed up!
      7. Appreciation Week – Danielle Clippard – April 29-May 3. Café is booked for lunch on Monday. Smoothies – pre-order for entire building. Wednesday – breakfast to go - Thursday – snack day – Friday – Zoyo. Need volunteers for making gift baskets.
      8. Ford Drive 4 Your School – sign up will be out soon. Date is May 17.
      9. Scholarships –PTO meeting.
      10. Sign up Genius – 150 people have signed up already for Screenagers event.
4. Meeting adjourned 8:32 p.m.