Athens PTO Meeting

September 5, 2018

1. Call to Order
   1. 7:05 start time
2. Introductions
   1. Danielle introduced herself and started introductions
3. Additions/Deletions to Agenda
4. Reports

Principal Report

* 1. Asst Principal, Mr. Turner, stated that switching from one school data system (eSchool) to a new “PowerSchools” system provided a lot of suspenseful moments. But, so far no major problems. Schools is starting very fast. Parents seem willing to help out.
  2. PTO praise – Between PTO and Athletic Boosters he has never seen such commitment before. He would like to thank us. Our work is appreciated.
  3. Mr. Turner handed out the September calendar. Having the switch happen so close to registration, we were limited on how well we could use all the PowerSchools services.

Danielle asked a question from our Facebook site: “We stopped paper copies of directories last year. Will we be able to utilize this system to provide it electronically?” He replied that he will find out. The President’s Counsel Officer asked, “A lot of people use the school calendar on the website. Can the system send reminders from the calendar right at the time of the event, instead of once at the beginning of the day?” Mr. Turner will check that as well.

Senior All Night Party meeting September 12 is moved to September 19. It is recommended that underclass parents get involved with the planning and preparation. Website is available and all meetings are posted there. The party is June 1, which is graduation day, in the afternoon. Party starts at 10:00 p.m. Senior’s last day of school is May 22.

* 1. Secretary Report from June 2018 – all approved and seconded.
  2. Treasurer Report – Kim presented Budget Analysis for 2018-2019 school year. PAC – Kim will check to make sure we should donate something. It was brought up that the Marching Band has winter and spring concert programs and they accept donations as well. Treasurer’s reports accepted and seconded.
  3. Teacher Representative Report – (Mr. Burns) August professional learning was very good. All based on our pillars, deep learning experiences. Making the learning have an impact on the world. Mental health education is the focus. There is buy-in to these professional development events. All things worth buying into. Power Schools has been a challenge, but it will be worth it. Athens TV is a student – run news source.
  4. President – request for funds: Danielle – Submit a request for funds from PTO, then through a long process. We have changed the process to a Google Docs which will be sent to the teachers digitally. Less paperwork, less need to meet with the person. This new process is 99% done and they will receive the forms. We also have changed the cadence – no longer taking grant requests every month. Now there will be three specific dates throughout the year when we perform this task.

1. Old Business
   * 1. We use Signup Genius to solicit help for events from parents. We use a giving tree for the teachers’ gifts – they will all get something.
     2. Last year the PTO was invited to have a carnival booth, but we did not participate. This year we will, but we need a chair person to represent the PTO (organize booth, prizes, etc.)
     3. Charity week – Danielle and Peggy were the chairs – much positive feedback
     4. Need volunteers to do a gift basket for Troy.
     5. Change in how we do points system for scholarships. This year we will take ownership of tracking the points.
     6. Everyone check their Signup Genius, please.
2. Meeting adjourned 8:16 p.m.