Athens PTO Meeting

November 7, 2018

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order
   1. Meeting started 7:03 p.m.
   2. Grant Request Night
2. Introductions
3. Additions/Deletions to Agenda
   1. Thank yous!
   2. Thank you to Kim Bryson for managing the conference dinner for the teachers. Teachers were very appreciative.
   3. Thank you Kim for putting together the “Welcome Back” bags for the teachers
   4. Giving Tree will happen again this year. Parents can donate to a teacher. See Sign up Genius.
   5. Principal Report
      1. Will apply this month to see if we can qualify for status character. Embedded with blue and red pillar in our model. We will give a survey to parents, kids, and teachers to find out which four qualities most resonate with us to tell the Athens story. Each year we strive to be better people.
      2. Wellness Weekend – new. Jean Miller in Rochester does this on Thanksgiving weekend. No homework or tests for the weekend. Dr. Dixon will put together a communication.
      3. Question about Red and Blue pillars – Dr. Dixon explained the 6 Cs and the origin and goal of these two pillars.
      4. Dr. Dixon shared the calendar
      5. ALICE video – critical emergency incident training. She made it uniform, clear, and as visual as possible. Mrs. Manfredi’s drama students starred in the video. This session is verbal only. Next one will include physical attributes. The video will be shown in 5th hour tomorrow. There will be three progressive trainings in total this school year. This school has 500,000 square feet, so chances are you will be able to evacuate safely. Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate = ALICE. Teachers will have a separate training as well. Also the School district has signed on with RAVE – a platform APP that if you hold the app down it pushed notifications to all phones and tablet – What is it? What do they have? Where are they? It will only be accessible by the staff of that building.
      6. Therapy dogs will be at Athens this month.
      7. Report cards will be delayed because of Power Schools. All students with a D or E (at risk), will be notified along with their parents by November 16. Everything that was on HAC will now be on Power Schools.
   6. Teacher Representative
      1. Mr. Burns talked about the blue pillar activities.
      2. Charity week choices have been narrowed down. Noah Scudder, Student Rep – tomorrow they will interview two finalists: 1. Focus Detroit – focus on young children in Detroit Schools 2. Samaritas – help integrate new immigrants into the USA, specifically in Detroit area – ESL, Furniture, housing. Athens alumni runs it. 3. Animal Welfare Society – no kill shelter, animal rescue 4. Kevin’s Song – suicide prevention program aims at educating people about suicide, depression, and preventive practices. Goal is to select by December 1. Criteria: Can we get behind the charity? How much $ have they already raised? Are they local? Is there a connection to Athens?
   7. Secretary
      1. Minutes approved and seconded
   8. Vice President
      1. Thank You notes discussed
      2. Survey for teachers – feedback received.
   9. Treasurer
      1. Budget approved and seconded
      2. Grant Requests: This is the first of three times we will award grants during this school year.
         1. Teacher Grants budget = $5000, Clubs = $1000 –October Teacher requests $1309.95 - Vote: all approved, with caveat that Mr. Burns will follow up on AP Phych. request. – All Approved and Seconded.
         2. October Clubs requests $1050 (over) – Vote: For Orchestra and Band Requests, we will postpone these requests until the third grants review. This is because they are funded by Boosters already. All Approved and Seconded.
         3. Fundraiser – Juice Bar is willing to work with us on a fundraiser. PTO will brainstorm other fundraising ideas and include this as an item for next meeting
   10. Open Discussion
       1. Dr. Dixon answered a question from last meeting: Homecoming tickets are $20, but only water is served. Where does that money go? Dr. Dixon says it goes to an activities account with student council.
       2. Flyers were found throughout the school regarding Marijuana use. Dr. Dixon is aware and is addressing this concern. This is not condoned.
   11. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.