

Atholton High School
PTSA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2008
Working Together for Educational Excellence
Encourage community involvement
Broaden Communication
Enrich student experiences

The meeting was called to order at 6:05PM by Caryn Lasser, President. Caryn Lasser read the objects of the PTA. The minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Most of our expenses have not occurred yet. We have \$23,181.32 cash carried forward. Our total income this month from snack shop, after prom, membership and donations is \$3,526.50.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Marcy Leonard had a principals' meeting with Dr. Cousin. They talked about increasing staffing ratio to decrease class size. This summer Atholton will have work done on the roof and will redo the bus loop which will increase parking and have a separation between buses and students. Atholton will not be hosting summer school but will host a curriculum writing course. The students should have completed their schedules for next year. Marcy estimated there will be 330 incoming freshman next year.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Caryn Lasser said there is a HCPSS Budget public hearing tonight that she is attending. We need to form a nominating committee for the 2008-2009 Board. In February we will elect three people to serve on this committee. Caryn announced she is nominating Pam Ferarri for a Comcast Parent Involvement Matters Award for bringing the Directory to Atholton and expanding our Newsletter. Pam also was able to get Atholton's website created.

DELEGATES' REPORT

Carol Zimmerman is working on a book drive for Atholton. Carol would like us to apply for the Joan Dykstra Advocacy Award. This award is given to a qualified PTA that supports the objects of the PTA and demonstrates outstanding dedication to children and youth. This award gives \$300 to the PTA.

SGA REPORT

Toks Arowojolu said they will be having a middle school workshop on March 6. The SGA will have a Grass Roots community service project and will be collecting gift cards from Wal Mart, Target, ect. for \$15. On March 11 there will be a blood drive. The SGA wants to make it harder to become an elected officer. They want to be more selective. Toks asked for advice on how they should select officers. We suggested each student should have a written bio of experience and goals. The students could vote during English class instead of lunch.

BSAP

Brenda Kimble is our new representative. This Thursday they will be discussing black history month which will be in February.

HC DRUG FREE

Tomorrow night at 7 is “What is your teen thinking?” The speaker is Mark Donovan, of Integrative Counseling. The next program is “Senior Week in Ocean City” on January 30 at Howard High School from 7-9pm.

In February they will have Branded “D.U.I.” Consequences for Teens who Drink and Drive, which will be held on February 6 from 7-8:30 at Centennial High School. There will be Whose Homework is it Anyway? On February 20 at Long Reach High School from 7-8:30pm.

AFTER PROM

Sharon Nussbaum said 120 families or Juniors and Seniors have made donations to After Prom. We have a contract from AMC but it starts at 12:30 and the prom ends at 11:30. So Sharon needs to change the contract to start at midnight. The next meeting is Jan 30 at 7pm. Tricia Frantz will chair donation of prizes. We made \$238 at the Three Brothers Restaurant fundraiser.

GROCERY RECEIPTS

Susan Kerbel said we now have 374 participants in the program and raised \$55787.90 through December.

POPS

Patty Abitante passed a calendar around for sign ups.

RAIDER RAVES

Barb Slayton said the art teacher opposed displaying art at the Giant since the art is not locked up.

VOLUNTEERS

Eileen Jones has rescheduled the Silpada party for February 4. Eileen has all her volunteers set for the honor roll.

MUSIC BOOSTERS

Susan Kerbel said the Music Department had a successful Pops Concert last Saturday night. There will be an Art Auction on Feb 23, an adult evening of silent and live auction items. It will be at Kahler Hall in cooperation with the Reservoir High Music Department.

DRAMA BOOSTERS

Becky Joyner said Feb. 6 at 7:30PM is a Festival, Schmestival performance. The students perform the scenes and plays they will take to the competition on Feb. 8 & 9 at the MD. Theatre Festival.

On Feb. 11 there will be a Drama Boosters meeting in the media center at 7pm.

March 5-9 is Seusical(spring musical) performances.
March 5-middle school preview, March 6-8 at 7 is Seusical performance and March 9 is a 3pm matinee.

SPORTS BOOSTERS

Helen Gasper said the Sports Boosters Bull Roast will be held Friday, March 28 at the Ten Oaks Ballroom. It is a casino night, live and silent auction. Tickets will be \$50 a person. Volunteers are needed to help with the Bull Roast. Contact Sandy or Charlie Gardenhour at sandyzol@hotmail.com if you are interested in helping. There is a planning meeting Jan. 28 at 7pm. The County Wrestling Tournament will be held at Atholton on February 21,22,and 23. Volunteers are needed to help with concessions. Contact Theresa Croney at croney143@yahoo.com to volunteer.

GROUP ACTIVITY-Visions

The Executive Board split into small groups to work on a Visioning exercise. Each person answered an individual question, "What is your greatest dream for your own child/children?" Then each group worked together to answer one of the following questions. The questions rotated until each group had answered all five:

What does success at Atholton look like for your child?

What is one resource that you wish was available at Atholton to support your student that isn't here now?

What is your greatest frustration as a parent of a high school student?

What is one thing that Atholton's teachers, staff and/or administrators don't know about your child that you would want them to know?

What is one way you wish the AHS PTSA was involved at Atholton that isn't in place today?

Finally, each group summarized the common themes of all the responses to one of the questions. These common themes will be the starting point for next month's activity.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm