

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Caryn Lasser, President. Beth Sellers read the objects of the PTA. Minutes approved.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

Atholton has 830 students on the honor roll this quarter. We had the highest number of kids have a GPA of 4.0 this year. We had 111 students make improvements this quarter and we will have a “Celebration for Rising Stars.” This years’ graduation will have student speakers. On Monday, May 19 is Senior Class Night. Bonnie Luepkes is in charge of the Advanced Placement Test. We are in budget for the parking lot, roof and bus loop redo. Atholton will have an “Evening of Excellence” night on May 5 at 7pm. Students will be recognized for making the honor roll for 3 Quarters, 6 quarters(key chain), 9 quarters(academic letter), and 15 quarters(lamp of knowledge pin). The senior awards will be Wednesday, May 21 at 11:15am. The Prom assembly will be on May 8. They will show a new DUI film. This will be for all juniors and seniors. Our own Kathy Koehnlin won an award.??? (Which Award) HCPSS Office Professional of the Year.

**PRESIDENT REPORT**

Caryn Lasser said the nominating committee is working to create a slate of officers for next year’s board. On March 27 we hosted a HC Drug Free led by Marcy. Our Career Night program on April 1 was very well done – thanks to Tina Burgan for leading this with help from Mary Ellen Creasy and Laurie Diener. Our Student Support office led our first College Night which was well received. During our meeting we will brainstorm on the College Application process as input to our work on this topic, and as feedback for our Student Support office. Caryn attended a session on April 17 where the BOE, CAC, and PTA Presidents met to discuss the budget and topics of interest. We have been requested to provide snacks at the August 2008 New Teacher Orientation, so we will be discussing this. Reflections have some new info to discuss. There will be a Cultural Proficiency training on May 7 & 8. May 20 is the PTACHC workshop. Our next meeting is on

May 27 at 6:00pm with the Exec. Board and followed at 7:30pm by our Elections and parent panel discussing, "Surviving the College Application Process."

### **SGA REPORT**

Jaime Nussbaum(senior class president) was presented with a \$1000.00 check from the PTSA. Jaime said tomorrow is the middle school workshop and around 100 students are participating. May 19 is Senior Night. The SGA elections are coming up in May.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Alice Polser said After Prom raised \$9,000 in donations. Drivers Ed earns \$1600-\$1700 for each class session. The snack shop is doing well. Alice's projections will leave us with \$11,344.13 at the end of the year. Alice said it is recommended to have at least \$6-7000.00 carry over to next year. Alice said we have requests for school support twice a year to staff. If you need something we will try to help. We can't do any curriculum based. After school clubs are typically funded.

Alice Polser makes a motion to pass school support program. Sharon Nussbaum seconds it. Motion passes.

Alice Polser makes a motion to increase school support account by \$445 dollars. Beth Sellers seconds is. Motion passes.

Alice Polser makes a motion to remove from the table the buying of new staff lounge chairs. Susan Lustbader seconds it. Motion passes.

Alice Polser makes a motion to buy 20 new chairs for the staff lounge for \$2200.00. Kathy Faeber seconds it. Motion passes.

### **DELEGATES**

Sara Lustbader asked if we would participate in backpack for success or we can give them a check for \$100.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Nominating**

Susan Lustbader said they are close to filling the positions. The slate will be ready in a week.

### **Drivers Ed**

Lisa Bader said we should fit in as many classes as we can. We might be able to schedule classes twice a week for five weeks. If there is an interest, Lisa will schedule the sessions.

### **Community Connections**

Tina Burgan said career night went well.

### **POPS**

Patty Abitante has dates available for volunteers.

### **Membership**

We have 836 members. We are up 25% from last year.

### **Reflections**

Monika Punjabi said they had a reception April 9.

Monika explained the Mary Lou Anderson Art Grant she would like to propose. It is an art grant that will enhance the reflection program. It's a matching grant up to \$1000. Mr. Decker the art teacher would like to go up to \$750.

Monika moves to support the grant with matching funds. Kathy Faber seconds it. Motion passes.

Next year the Reflections theme is, "Wow."

### **Newsletter**

Pam Vieser said the deadline is May 10.

### **Giant Receipts**

The program ended April 3. We earned \$10,769.70. Marcy Leonard determines where the money will be placed. It will go towards computers, newspaper, yearbook and upgraded television equipment for announcements.

### **Music**

The Music Award is May 14

The students leave for Orlando tomorrow.

### **Staff Appreciation Committee**

The committee will host a staff appreciation luncheon on June 13, 2008 at 11:30.

### **After Prom**

It is less than 3 weeks away. There will be a meeting for the live bands next Friday. We have great donations, great prizes and great family support. We need volunteers for the 1:30am-2:30am shift.

### **Drama Boosters**

On May 15 is Thursday night live. The Above and Beyond Award will be announced at the luncheon on June 13.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Sara Lustbader motions the PTSA to participate in the backpack for success program by allocating \$100 towards it. Patti Abitante seconds it. Motion passes.

Sharon Nussbaum motions the Senior Awards to be given only to a PTSA member.

Motion is not passed.

Sharon Nussbaum makes a motion to support new teacher orientation by providing a snack (either food or donation). Sara Lustbader seconds it.

Motion is not passed.

### **VISION EXERCISE**

Pam Vieser and Sara Lustbader are letting students know what is going on in the school. They went to the Journalism Department and are having the juniors and seniors write blurbs on what it's like to be a freshman.

Judy Bruce and Teresa Wasil sent out student survey of activities we have and are asking students suggested activities.

The wish list of improvements asked us "What specific improvements would you like to see in the college application process?"

The Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.