



ATHENS PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 7pm
MINUTES

I. Call to Order 7:05pm

Attendance: Danielle Buser, Kim Bryson, Colleen Geyer, Tricia Albery, Kristin Kennaugh, Shawn Dufresne, Dr. Dixon, Peggy Chinoski, Pat Shoales, Erica Fonk, Letitia Mason, Danielle Clippard, Renee Zaits, Ami Shah, Nicolas Vesprini, Gordon Szlag, Kristi Morris, Jennifer Henderson, Kim Doyle, Ayessa Potts, Kristy Osterlund, Natalie Padilla, Karen Hunt, Colleen Moebus, and Susan Holle

II. Introductions: Special welcome to our new Secretary - Kristin Kennaugh

III. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

IV. Reports

a. Principal:

1. There have been a lot of updates and communications to start the year!
2. Opened up discussion for questions/comments from Parents:
 - Impressed with TSD regarding communication and willingness to jump in and be ready; Thank you to all that have worked so hard

The 9th graders to start 10/19 – please tell us more

- Video in Adobe Spark for an update
- There will be staff in the hallways and many safety protocols
- The kids will be outside whenever possible i.e. Outside classrooms
- 200 to start in-seat, 120 staff to help

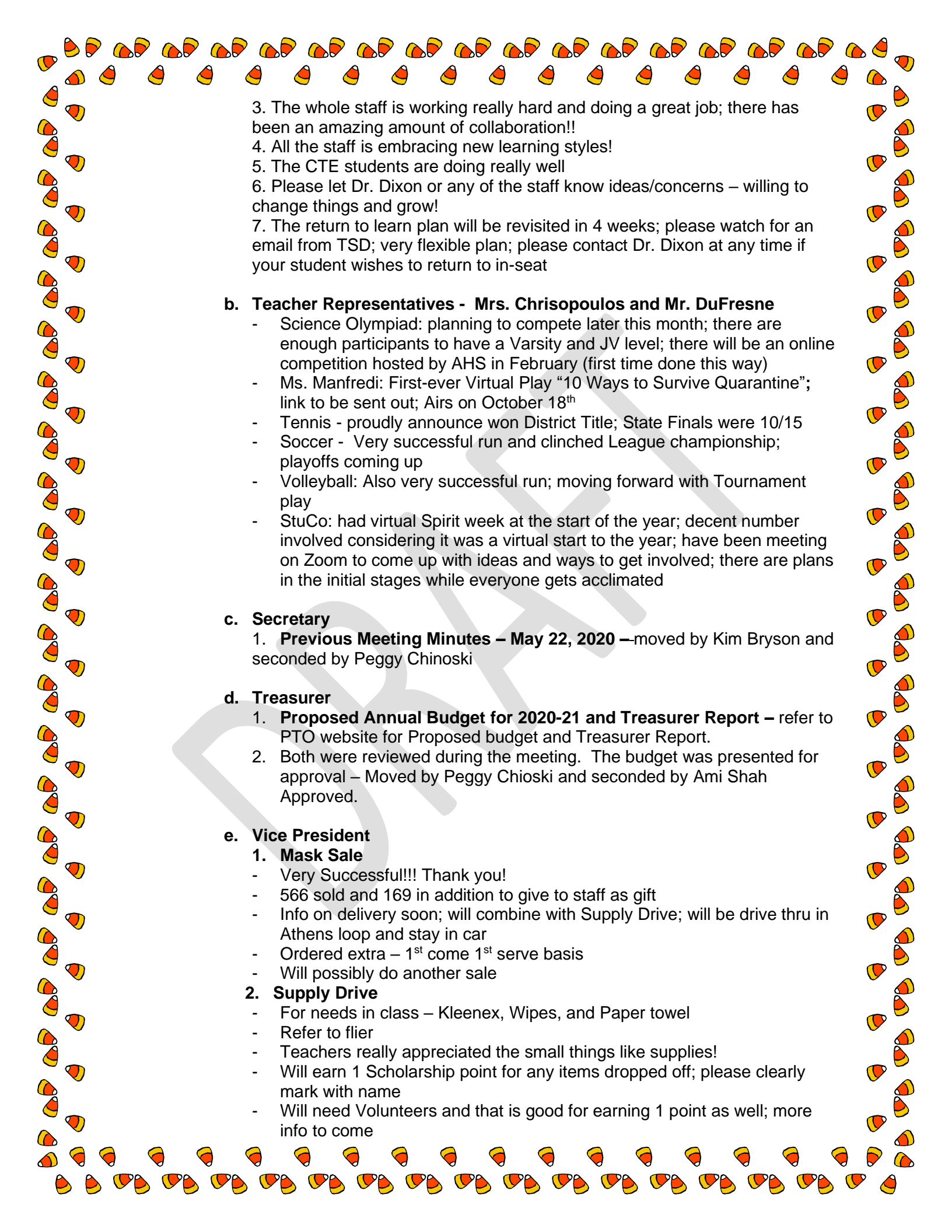
How many kids to be expect to return this first round?

- About 800 students (about ½) expected; about 12 in a class on average
- There are 300 that have the option from Career Technical Education (CTE) that have the option to return for 1 hour/day

If there a positive COVID-19 test what is the protocol

- Please refer to the Athens Newsletter and website for the steps
- Email Dr. Dixon directly if test +; she will then take the steps to notify the Health Dept and further action
- If a student is staying home because of + test, they are allowed to attend school virtually and there is no need to call in as an absence
- Contact tracing will include those students/staff within 48 hours of exposure (my understanding was this was 48 hours.

Process to go back to virtual: discuss with Dr. Dixon, she will take it from there

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3. The whole staff is working really hard and doing a great job; there has been an amazing amount of collaboration!!
 4. All the staff is embracing new learning styles!
 5. The CTE students are doing really well
 6. Please let Dr. Dixon or any of the staff know ideas/concerns – willing to change things and grow!
 7. The return to learn plan will be revisited in 4 weeks; please watch for an email from TSD; very flexible plan; please contact Dr. Dixon at any time if your student wishes to return to in-seat

b. Teacher Representatives - Mrs. Chrisopoulos and Mr. DuFresne

- Science Olympiad: planning to compete later this month; there are enough participants to have a Varsity and JV level; there will be an online competition hosted by AHS in February (first time done this way)
- Ms. Manfredi: First-ever Virtual Play “10 Ways to Survive Quarantine”; link to be sent out; Aired on October 18th
- Tennis - proudly announce won District Title; State Finals were 10/15
- Soccer - Very successful run and clinched League championship; playoffs coming up
- Volleyball: Also very successful run; moving forward with Tournament play
- StuCo: had virtual Spirit week at the start of the year; decent number involved considering it was a virtual start to the year; have been meeting on Zoom to come up with ideas and ways to get involved; there are plans in the initial stages while everyone gets acclimated

c. Secretary

1. **Previous Meeting Minutes – May 22, 2020** –moved by Kim Bryson and seconded by Peggy Chinoski

d. Treasurer

1. **Proposed Annual Budget for 2020-21 and Treasurer Report** – refer to PTO website for Proposed budget and Treasurer Report.
2. Both were reviewed during the meeting. The budget was presented for approval – Moved by Peggy Chioski and seconded by Ami Shah Approved.

e. Vice President

1. Mask Sale

- Very Successful!!! Thank you!
- 566 sold and 169 in addition to give to staff as gift
- Info on delivery soon; will combine with Supply Drive; will be drive thru in Athens loop and stay in car
- Ordered extra – 1st come 1st serve basis
- Will possibly do another sale

2. Supply Drive

- For needs in class – Kleenex, Wipes, and Paper towel
- Refer to flier
- Teachers really appreciated the small things like supplies!
- Will earn 1 Scholarship point for any items dropped off; please clearly mark with name
- Will need Volunteers and that is good for earning 1 point as well; more info to come

f. President

- 1. Bylaws update and approval** – omitted from Agenda. We will review these at a future meeting instead.

IV. Old Business

- PTO hosted Staff Appreciation Lunch on 9/14 for whoever was in the Building courtesy of Chic-fil-A
- Somerset Chic-Fil-A donated 70 sandwiches – Thank you!!!
- PTO wanted to reward for everyone’s hard work; the Board included hand-written postcards for those
- Teachers gave a huge Thank you!!
- Chic-Fil-A funny video was watched

V. New Business

a. PTO Sponsorship

- Decreased volunteer registration and member sponsorships for a variety of reasons, mainly because we are not in-person
- Please know we are here; see our Newsletter once a month; Facebook and Twitter are also great ways to keep updated
- Any donations are appreciated

b. PTO Scholarship Program

- All parents are members of PTO who can earn points for their child by volunteering or donating items for our programs
- Can have your student apply for undergraduate grants of up to \$150 annually and also Senior Scholarships of \$500
- Information and specifics are on the websites.
- Due to Covid, the scholarship program will be a fluid process this year as events to volunteer for and points earned will not be as usual. The board will be reviewing this as the year progresses.
- Please contact Renee Zaits, the Scholarship Committee chairperson or any board member if you have questions.

VI. Open Discussion

- Thank you all for coming!! Give us ideas and thoughts – we want to hear them!!

VII. Adjournment

**Meeting Schedule: November 11, January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19
Zoom until further notice at 7:00 pm**