

# Troy Athens Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

## Meeting Minutes

Date: November 12, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: TACC

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Attendees

Board Members (7):

Sam I., Christine W., Marci F., Angela W., Judy B., Janice R., Erin L.

Administration:

Daniel Trudel, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services

Vernon Burden

Shawn Dufresne

Parents:

Three (3) parent attendees

### 2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

- None reported

### 3. Reports

#### a. TSD Administration Updates

Mr. Daniel Trudel, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, shared the following updates:

- Smith Middle School exterior construction update

- All elementary schools received new furniture
- Elementary playgrounds were upgraded over the summer
- Introduction of the School Finance Engagement Group
- Junior Innovator Program update
- Apple “Everyone Can Code” school tools and lessons discussed

#### b. Principal’s Report – Mr. Vernon Burden

- Curriculum continues to be intensive and adaptive
- AP course highlights, including AP French and AP Spanish
- World Languages adapting to new instructional models
- Geometry IM curriculum update
- Counseling services aligned with Macomb County
- Continued focus on improving services to students

#### Communications

- Newsletter distributed weekly on Mondays, focusing on active use without oversaturation
- Red Hawk – Athens of the Month recognition continues

#### c. Teacher Representative Report – Mr. Shawn Dufresne

##### Athletics & Activities

- Athletic facilities update: Synthetic surfaces completed and looking great
- Boys Soccer: District Champions
- Volleyball: New coach; strong season with three seniors having outstanding careers
- Cross Country: League Champions
- o Nate Linden earned All-State honors and broke records

- o Competed in the Saginaw Elite Race
- o Selected for Team Michigan (one of 12 seniors competing against Indiana and Ohio)

- Diving: Season ongoing

#### Athens Theatre

- Brothers Grimm fall play ran Friday–Sunday
- Featured the highest level of student participation, with many active roles

#### Academic & Club Highlights

- Mr. Dufresne (Biology): AP exam webinar and updated book giveaway
- Mrs. Peterson (HOSA):

- o 140 students participated in Regionals (hosted at Troy High)
- o 60 students qualified for States in April
- Mr. Cooper: Athlete named All-State in Golf for the second year in a row

#### Student Service Projects

- Student Council & Project Lead:
  - o Annual Coat Drive during November
  - o Approximately 150 coats collected annually
  - Blood Drive: December 11
  - Gift Card Drive: Supporting Operation Sleigh
  - Mr. DeSantis Memorial Holiday Gift Card Trophy awarded to Mr. DeSantis

#### Hawk & Hornet Science Olympiad Tournament

- Date: November 15, 2025
- 60 teams, 900 students
- Largest tournament in the state, including teams from Indiana and Ohio

- Begins at 7:00 a.m.

#### Charity Week

- 30 applications received
- Winner to be announced in December
- Food Pantry update provided

#### d. Secretary's Report

- No report

#### e. Treasurer's Report

- Current budget reflects a \$3,000 deficit, to be covered from last year's balance
- Motion to approve budget: Laura
- Second: Jill
- Grant email is ready to be sent

#### f. Vice President's Report

- Giving Tree will include all staff members this year
- Donations accepted via Amazon Wish List only (Venmo issues last year)
- Donations will not go to personal accounts
- Christine will email the Athens High School Amazon Wishlist
- Goal: 150 total gifts (currently 117 pledged)

#### g. President's Report

##### New Committee Chairs

- Giving Tree

- Student Appreciation

#### Staff Appreciation

- Christine has contacts for donated meals
- Meals provided included:
  - Carrabba's
  - Hungry Howie's
  - Crispelli's
- Breakfast snacks and Monday lunches provided
- Spring Conferences: Christine coordinating dinner donations

#### 5. Open Discussion

- None reported

#### 6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 14