

Arlington High School PTSA
1157 Route 55, LaGrangeville, NY 12540

AHS PTSA Minutes - 5/29/25

The meeting was held in person at AHS with a virtual option for those who could not attend in person. Colleen Tkazyik called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

It was determined that a quorum was present with 10 members in attendance.

President's Report - Colleen Tkazyik

Colleen started by thanking Marcia and Donna again for the great job they did with the prom dress pop up events. They made some great connections with students and started a lot of new initiatives. Both Textur and Brianna have said they will participate again next year. For next year they may try to connect with Anchor magazine to promote the events ahead of time.

Graduation sign sales are now completed. Thank you to Donna for letting us into the building so the extra high school ones could be picked up here. This is the first year we have done 2 sales. We are hoping to get the final numbers soon.

The Commencement Group fundraiser is still happening. The PTSA receives 25% of the proceeds from pre-sale items and 15% of the proceeds from items sold the day of graduation and beyond. Donna shares it with the families of graduating seniors when she sends out communications. Paula will send out another reminder to PTSA members and share it on social media.

Colleen asked Paula to also apologize for the technical issues we have had the last 2 months and to let members know they will be resolved before our June 18 meeting.

She thanked Carolanne for once again organizing the ice cream social for Staff Appreciation Week. She also shared that we received great feedback from the staff about the t-shirt we gave them. We will bring this shirt back in the fall as part of our online spiritwear sale and open it up to all schools as a fundraiser for our PTSA.

Colleen reminded everyone in attendance that our June meeting will be virtual and that in addition to a yearly wrap up we will hear from the teachers who received grants from the PTSA this year about how they used the money.

We need to support the District with the new cellphone ban that will go into place in the fall.

Approve March and April Minutes - Paula Morro Wrafter

Paula presented the March and April minutes for approval. Erica DeTraglia made a motion to accept the both minutes as presented and Colleen Tkazyik seconded. All in attendance approved the motion.

Treasurer's Report - Donna Bolner

Donna presented the April Treasurer's Report noting that Mrs. Benedetto requested payment for the assemblies that took place in the fall. This will come from the SEL/Assemblies/Arts in Ed budget line.

Income in April came from membership dues, spiritwear sales, and various reward program payouts. Expenses were the fulfillment of the final round of teacher mini grants.

Our ending bank balances for the month were \$23,761.20 in checking and \$2,706.01 in savings. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

She then presented the proposed 2025-2026 Budget. It is a balanced budget at this time. After some discussion it was decided to increase the Spiritwear Budget line to \$4500 based on our typical cost to purchase merchandise in the fall and to increase the Spiritwear Webstore Line to \$3000 to accommodate for this increase, but also to take into account the sale of the "All Roads Lead to Arlington" shirts to the entire District. This amended proposed budget will be presented to vote on at our June meeting.

Executive Principal's and House Principals' Reports - Donna Bolner

The Charlie Johnson Awards were last night and it was a very moving ceremony with the auditorium filled.

The Regents and Finals Exam calendar is posted. Many in school finals start next week.

The sophomore class sold several commemorative items as a fundraiser for their junior prom.

Graduation is moving forward with all seats in the stadium accounted for.

The staff were appreciative of the t-shirts and ice cream for Staff Appreciation Week.

Senior Prom is June 25.

Mr. Murphy has been named the new Executive Principal and there are many House Administrator openings for next year.

Introduce 2025-2026 Slate of PTSA Board

Colleen presented the proposed Slate of Officers for next year as follows:

President: Heather Mueller

Vice President: Colleen Tkazyik

Secretary: Paula Morro Wrafter

Treasurer: Lauren Swarthout

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor by emailing Colleen at the PTSA email - ahsptsa01@gmail.com

Paula will share the slate and information about other nominations in an email to members.

Review Open Chair Positions

Colleen shared that we are in need of the following chairs:

Membership Chair

Reflections Co-Chair

Paula will also share this in an email to members.

Questions/Concerns

Paula shared that we need to form an Audit Committee of 2-3 members to review our financial books in mid-July. Carolanne volunteered to be on the committee. Paula will share in an email what is involved and the time commitment in hopes of getting some other volunteers.

Stephanie and Erica said they can volunteer during the school year on evenings and weekends for events/activities.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm

Paula Morro Wrafter, Secretary

Date Approved:

As Presented

As Amended