

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

AHS PTSA Minutes - 9/18/24

The meeting was held in the Library at AHS. Colleen Tkazyik called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

A quorum was determined to be present with 12 members in attendance.

Paula presented the minutes from the June 2024 meeting for approval. Dr. Donna Bolner motioned to accept the minutes, Rachel Birsner seconded, and all present approved their acceptance.

Introductions and Welcome Back

Colleen welcomed everyone, especially all our new members in attendance, back to another school year. Everyone present introduced themselves and stated what their role in the PTSA/school is where appropriate.

She also stated how much she loved the final video that our students made in collaboration with The Art Effect. Colleen is so happy the PTSA could pay for this amazing experience for our students and feels it is an appropriate reflection of our school. She encouraged those present to watch the video which is posted on the school website if they have not seen it.

Membership Report

Rachel shared that currently we have 70 members, but we need to keep pushing to get more members to join. Our next big push will be at Open House on 10/9. She asked if the teachers could have our flier on their smart boards as parents walked in that day. Dr. Solimene said he could arrange that for us.

2024-2025 Budget Status/Review

Colleen reviewed the 2024-2025 budget that she amended to add Teacher Mini Grants. We will be giving out 8 mini grants at \$250 each. Our current bank balance is \$17,690.26. She shared that the Spiritwear Store Online will close on 9/24/24 so we hope to see more income from that in October or November.

Colleen reported that Paula Morro Wrafter and Lynn Eves audited the books this summer and found only minor issues such as not having two signatures on request for funds forms and how some checks were listed in the report in the incorrect month. Paula also shared that the important thing to note is that all the money was present and accounted for.

The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Dr. Don Solimene motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Dr. Donna Bolner seconded, and all present approved to accept the report as presented.

New Treasurer Proposal for Vote - Dr. Donna Bolner

Colleen explained that Kim Ferguson who was our treasurer last year and we voted in for this year no longer has a student at AHS because her daughter graduated. She shared that Dr. Donna Bolner has volunteered to take over the treasurer's position for the 2024-2025 school year.

Colleen asked for a motion to approve Dr. Bolner as the treasurer. Carolanne Blabac motioned to approve Dr. Bolner as treasurer, Heather Mueller seconded, and all present approved to have her as treasurer.

Wizards Game Discussion - Create a Plan

Colleen and Heather announced that the Arlington PTSA Council has worked hard over the summer to get The Harlem Wizards to come on Sunday, February 2 for 2 games as a fundraiser for all the District PTAs. They are hoping this will help build a sense of community among schools. Heather explained who the Wizards are for those who were not familiar with them and what they do. We will need many volunteers and are still working on finding teachers/staff to play in the games. There is a lot more planning to come and we should know more by our next meeting.

Executive Principal Report

Dr. Solimene shared the following upcoming events:

Senior Guidance Night on 9/19

Junior Guidance Night and Coffee, Cake, and Conversation on 9/26

Assembly Day on 10/2 - One hour presentation for each grade with an abbreviated class schedule. Presenters are - Davis Flood Grade 9, Thomas Grimes Grade 10, Ryan Doyle Grade 11, and James' Warriors Grade 12

Open House on 10/9 - 2 sessions 12-2:37 pm and 6-8:37 pm

Half day for professional development on 10/11. The juniors will be taking the PSAT that afternoon as well.

Marching Band Invitational on 10/13 at 1 pm

House Principal Reports

House of 2028 - Activity Fair, 9/25 outside after school

House of 2027 - Dr. Bolner will be sending out an email soon to sophomore families about Sophomore Guidance Night on 10/17, Coffee, Cake, and Conversation on 10/22, and purchasing class rings.

House of 2026 - They are starting to set up peer tutoring and Disney Trip planning for their senior year.

House of 2025 - Senior Guidance Night is 9/19, seniors who have been approved are assigned a parking spot number this year and can sign up to paint it next weekend, Puff Bowl sign ups are currently happening, and a graduation date will be shared soon. They are investigating several options. Dr. Bolner will be sharing cap and gown purchasing information with senior families soon.

Questions/Ideas

Diane shared that Spiritwear sales at freshman night went great. The next big sale will be at Open House on 10/9. She is in need of volunteers for both sessions (12-2:07 & 6:30-8:37) and can give students community service forms if needed. Colleen thanked her for taking this on.

We then opened the floor for questions.

One parent shared that there is a current TikTok challenge where students are taking the zipper pulls off of others' backpacks and selling them on Ebay.

Another parent had a question about what committees there were. The Executive Board shared the following and reminded everyone that we are always looking for volunteers and new ideas.

Committees: Grant, Audit, Spiritwear, Reflections, Membership, Staff Appreciation, and Fundraising.

Current Fundraisers, but would like something more for winter or spring.

Fall - Membership, Spiritwear

Winter - Wizards

Spring - Spiritwear, Graduation Signs (2 sales), Graduation gifts, shirts, and flowers

Colleen shared that the easiest way to reach us is by email - ahspts01@gmail.com

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm

Paula Morro Wrafter, Secretary

Date Approved:

As Presented

As Amended