

AHS PTSA Meeting
September 20th, 2018
Meeting start: 7:04 pm

Attendees: Lesley Harrison, Christie Kennedy, Gina Ragusa, Eva Czukkermann, Rich Carroll, Christine Lent, Paula Morro Wrafter, Melissa Palestro, Lynn LeFevre, Todd Richard, Jessica Gomez, Beth C Donohue, Christine Longwell, Sylvia Mazzelli, Kelly Williams, Nancy VanCoughnett, Hilary Roberto. A quorum was present.

President's Report - The proposed budget was presented and discussed. Some amendments were proposed, increasing the income from stop and shop to \$2700, increasing the amount given to Arlington Education Foundation to \$500, adding a line item for student assemblies for \$1000 and increasing the contingency category to balance out the budget.

Water bottle refill stations were also discussed for 3 cafeterias and also a small plaque to say donated by AHS PTSA.

Motion made to accept the amended budget was made by Eva Czukkermann, seconded by Christine Longwell and passed by all members present with no objections or abstentions.

We are still looking for volunteers to run staff appreciation, reflections and the concessions at the art fair.

Secretary's Report – A motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on May 16th was made by Paula Morro Wrafter and seconded by Christine Longwell. The motion was passed by all members present.

Treasurer's Report – We raised \$966 from the commencement flower fundraiser. We will be sending a check out soon to pay the spiritwear bill.

House of 2022 – Mr Richard

- Both Mr Richard and Mr Zucchero are new to AHS this year, along with Ms Ellis their Social Worker
- They sent out a summer newsletter and are planning to send one each season to parents.
- Counselors have introduced themselves during ELA classes and are now meeting with each student.
- Activity Fair is after school on Sept 27th
- Open House is on Oct 4th
- The first small schools meeting is Oct 10th.

House of 2021 – Mr Carroll

- The first Small Schools Committee meeting is on Oct 11th, the rest are Nov 15th, Dec 13th, Feb 14th, March 14th and April 11th.
- Thank you for financing the purchase of our pens, used for outstanding admiral awards.
- Thank you to the PTSA for its continued support!

House of 2020 – Mrs Roberto

- The first Small Schools Committee meeting is on Sept 26th and will be planning a new student welcome for the 23 new students this year.
- Participating in Safe Halloween
- Are participating in the Project Hope Food Drive
- Junior planning meetings have started with Guidance Counselors and discussions about PSATs
- Junior Information Night is next Thursday and is about PSATs and the college application process and is open to everyone, not just juniors.
- Oct 24th, at 7 pm, the school will be screening Screenagers, a documentary about screen time and teens. Juniors will be watching it that morning.
- All students are doing really well remembering to wear their student IDs.
- There will be an announcement message for students and their families about behavior at sports games, especially against John Jay and Ketcham Schools.

House of 2019 – Mrs LeFevre

- The Guidance Night on college Admissions and Financial Aid last week was well attended

- Students are starting their college applications. Counselors are visiting each ELA class to help students link Naviance with the Common App
- Don't forget to check Naviance frequently for scholarship information
- The college fair is on Sept 24th, 6 – 7:30 pm
- Homecoming is next week
- Will be participating in Project Hope food drive which benefits 15 food pantries.
- Upcoming Senior events – Sept 28th is Senior Breakfast and the Senior class photo will be taken
 - Oct 14th is Puff Bowl
- The first Small Schools Committee meeting is on Oct 11th
- CAPE Teen Driving night is at Spackenkill tonight and AHS on Sept 24th
- Open House is on Oct 4th, and is a half day. Sessions are 12-2:20pm and 6:30-8:45pm
- Congratulations to our National Merit Scholarship candidates Sabrina Goldfischer Spencer Koonin and Elena Poon

PTSA Council Report – No report.

Membership – We have 79 members so far this year.

Spiritwear – We will be selling all next week and during both sessions of Open House. We also sold it during Freshman Parent Orientation and sold about \$1000 in credit card sales and \$1200 in cash/checks.

Stop and Shop A+ Rewards – Christine Lent

- The program has started already so spread the word, it also remembers your selections from last year

SEPTA – Paula Morro Wrafter

The first meeting is next Thursday at 7pm and will be a meet and greet.

Other Business – There was a question about students being kept in the cafeteria until 7:15am. Students needing to drop off instruments/sports equipment can see their house office for a pass. Students coming in early for extra help will need a pass in advance from their teacher.

Next Meeting: Wednesday October 17th

8:10 pm meeting adjourned

Submitted by

Lesley Harrison, Secretary

Approved: ~~with~~/without corrections Date: 10/17/18