

South Anchorage High School PTSO  
General Membership Meeting  
August 10, 2023  
Agenda

Attendees: Landon Forth, Courtney Luff, Jennifer Wagner, Lora Huston, Jyll Green, Dr. Almon, Kim Leary, Jayme Carr, Sarah Miller (early in the meeting), others.

1. *Call to order*

- a. Meeting was called to order at 12:09 by Landon Forth. No copy of last month's meeting minutes was available, will circulate to approve via Email.
- b. Colleen Mukavitz stepping down. Board can appoint according to bylaws. Move to appoint Jyll Green as secretary. So moved, none opposed.

2. *Principal's Report*

- a. Everyone is short staffed-across the country. We are one full time administrator and secretary short due to budget cuts. Discipline, building management, and safety all need someone to oversee—parsing out these duties currently.
- b. Shortage in SPED classrooms—wages increased. City starting to advertise for SPED as they did for bus drivers.
- c. Applying for Freshman Academy which will begin next year. Need to decide what career academies we want to add at South High. Service has a Freshman Academy and has been able to sustain this—others have stopped due to staffing issues. Program should be federal grant funded. Important to have new legislation if we want budget improvements. We were given an “academy coach” (funded position) who works with businesses to help with workforce development. There are 72 open positions between paraprofessionals (75%) and teaching positions (25%). South isn't doing badly with staffing—currently 3 open positions. Low wage across all districts in AK compared to national average and no pension for school district employees.
- d. We were at 1368 (full-time enrolled, doesn't include part-time home-schooled students), down to 1320 in the past few weeks. Need 1400 for next level of funding. Supposed to be 105% of its forecasting. Might get a few staff back after school year starts. Tough to find staff after school year starts.
- e. School Board is a split-majority and doesn't want to add funding. Legislature committed to \$165m spend, of which ASD should have received about \$80m, but Dunleavy defunded. The amount South received was added to savings to soften deficit next year. Need to message our legislators to urge funding. Dane will work on getting peers to write letters.

3. *Teacher Rep Report*

- a. Kim Leary
  - i. Introduce Dane Senaga. In charge of Twitter account-Twitter@Hsptso.com
  - ii. Ethan Tran (at a key club convention) in charge of Instagram.
  - iii. Rebecca Tyler in charge of FB.

- iv. Titled: Student advisory committee (SAC). They will try to come to the meetings. All are juniors. They receive SCHOOL CREDIT. Goes towards CLP volunteer hours. Principal to sign off on these hours.
- v. SAC was emailed flyer about first event to post on social media. Trying to get more parents involved by having a social media presence. Announcing social media presence to our website: sahptso.com
- vi. Ethan suggested Snapchat. Will use Snapchat instead of Twitter.

#### 4. *Officer Reports*

- a. President's Report
  - i. Reminder to fill out membership. Complete ASD background form.
  - ii. New secretary-already discussed.
- b. Treasurer's Report
  - i. Proposed 2023-24 budget circulated.
  - ii. Need to purchase an Apple Pay device and iPad for school store.
  - iii. Sarah Miller presented requests for funding various school events prior to official onset of meeting. PTSO board approved \$1000 towards ice cream social on 8/15. Sara asked PTSO to provide ice and coolers. Ice cream provided. Place ice cream centrally across from school store. School store will be open during ice cream social.
  - iv. Student of the week will be funded.
  - v. Teacher of the month-\$280 spend-Sara will write up her request. \$10 gift cards. Principal will add to newsletter.

#### 5. *Committee Reports*

- a. Senior Events
- b. School Store
  - i. Open house 8/30, 6-7:30 PTSO will have a presence and school store will be open.
  - ii. Microwave magnet signs about cleaning up.
  - iii. Rearranged school store.
  - iv. School store provides nearly 100% of PTSO budget.
- c. Spirit Wear
  - i. Ordered more spirit wear-cropped hoodie and quarter zip for Mr. Lewis and mountain sweatshirt. Looking at trucker hats.
  - ii. Staff discount 20%. Margins are small using Alaska Serigraphics. \$0.10 credit card transaction fee.
- d. Membership
  - i. Not present
  - ii. Flyer created about volunteer sign up.

#### 6. *Old Business*

- a. Fundraising—will need to continue to discuss Fall Fundraiser. Tabled for next meeting. Coordinate with Sarah.
- b. Upcoming Activities-- Student orientation 8/22-cancelled. Combined with open house and no longer just freshman focused.

- c. Elections – PTO Secretary. Colleen Mukavitz stepped down. Jyll Green nominated and board approved appointment.

7. *New Business*

- a. Reviewed new webpage. Domain purchased for 10 years.
- b. Volunteer page-need to add volunteer form signup. Must be renewed annually.
- c. School store webpage needs some work. Sign up site has been renewed. Carla working on it. Store procedures document needs to be updated to give everyone access. Need to print signs for the store. Jamie has sign in her notes and will forward.
- d. Meetings page-need to list next years' worth of meetings to get them on the calendar. Cleaning up page to clarify who can attend. Need to update past meeting minutes. Last entry January 2018. Email all of 22-23 meeting minutes. Will forward meeting minutes to ? after every meeting to update webpage.
- e. Scholarships-application needs to be updated-wrong apply by day. Recommend amending deadline date so we don't have to upload a new form every year.
- f. Bylaws-updated PTSO membership fee from \$5 to \$10.
- g. Contact page-out of date. Want to remove contact information online. Would prefer a contact form with a behind the scenes email address to avoid spambot. Courtney is receiving a lot of spam email. Need to change committee event chairs-most have moved on. Recommend having a behind the scenes contact email, but not make email address public facing. List primary board members only and a list of committees without names. Add an apparel contact.

8. *Announcements*

- a. Confirmed meeting times during school year—first Thursday at 6:00 unless school closed for holiday or school closure in which case, we will meet the second Thursday. Location H204.

9. *Adjourn*

- a. Motion to close meeting 1:44.