

South Anchorage High School PTSO
General Membership Meeting
May 11, 2023

Attendees: Landon Forth, Jennifer Wagner, Courtney Luff, Cristy Jensen, Lora Huston, Jane Tuomi, Monica Torsen, Jayme Carr, Kim Lear, Joan Wilson, Dr. Almon

Call to order:

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Kim Leary and seconded by Dr. Almon. Motion to approve the minutes by Christy Jenson as amended by adding Kristi Jenson to the attendees, seconded by Landon Forth. Minutes were approved.
- 2) Principal's Report:
 - a) Graduation next week. Tickets to be reallocated as extras are turned in. Band will go to graduation rehearsal early on Thursday to practice. They will be riding a bus to practice and will have dinner for them at school then will bus them to graduation.
 - b) Positions – significant number of positions to be filled.
 - c) Finals – are on a Monday / Tuesday so last day for teachers is a Wednesday.
 - d) PLC's were approved – one hour late start for all K-12 – this doesn't change much for us except it will extend PLC period from 40 minutes to 1 hour.
 - e) Grants Requests:
- 3) Teacher Rep Report:
 - a) Life skills bowling trip went well – the group appreciated the donation.
 - b) Need to firm up requests for funding grants particularly funding individual students for trips. Need to further consider this and discuss. Kim Leary to draft some guidelines for consideration.
 - c) Spanish library request is not receiving a lot of donations.
- 4) Officer Reports:
 - a) President's Report
 - b) School Board member Andy Holleman is attending the meeting and discussed advocacy. This is a critical time – it is important to make sure each person's representatives realize how you feel about the schools. There is a general perception that schools are failing, and it would be good for people to push back on this and reflect their experiences to legislators. We would like the budget to be inflation adjusted as we move into the future as without this schools cannot plan and maintain programs.
 - c) PTO needs a plan for the summer with dates for the first meeting. Jane will send out some regular message and communicate plans.
 - d) Treasurer's Report – Expect to carry over more than our minimum \$6,000. Still have money in the budget for teacher grants. School store is doing better and better and staying very busy. Colleen Mukavitz to move to approve the proposed 2023/24 budget. Seconded by Jayme Carr. Budget was approved.
- 5) Committee Reports:
 - a) Senior events – Hospitality room is ready to go.

- b) School Store – Looking at purchasing cart from Amazon. Have made posters on how to open/close the store and have training day. Will also reorganize school store materials and PTSO room before school starts. Working on getting more parent volunteers and Mr. Lewis will also provide a student when needed.
 - c) Spirit Wear – considering different source for spirit wear.
 - d) Membership – Jane will send out note every month.
- 6) Old Business
- a) Fundraising – consider having a fun run next year. Perhaps jointly hold run with cross country team. Will try to progress this concept over the summer.
 - b) Bo Seward award – has been selected and will be awarded tomorrow.
 - c) 2nd Semester activities – 2nd Breakfast went smoothly. Was very helpful to have ROTC helping. Hopefully we can fill this as a chair next year.
- 7) New Business
- a) Elections – All board members are available for re-election so this is the proposed slate of officers for next year. Kim Leary moved to approve the slate. Jayme Carr seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
 - b) Students – Kim Leary has a committee of three students to participate. The students will also in charge of maintaining Facebook and Instagram. One of the students will attend each meeting and will bring student concerns to the PTSO.
 - c) Jayme Carr proposed that PTSO consider funding vape detectors in the restrooms. Will look into this.
 - d) Next meeting – May 11 at 6:00 pm at South HS library.
- 8) Announcements: No announcements.
- 9) Adjourn: Dr. Almon moved to adjourn. Kim Leary seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Dates:

18 May – Graduation, 7 pm at Alaska Airlines Center / PTO to host hospitality.

2023/24 School Year

16 Aug – Ice Cream Social

17 Aug – First Day of School

23 Aug - New Student and Freshman Orientation