

South Anchorage High School PTSO
General Membership Meeting
December 14, 2023
Agenda

Attendance: Landon Forth, Jyll Green, Dr. Almon, Lora Huston, Jennifer Wagner, Rebecca Tyler (online), Dane Senaga, Courtney Luff, Kim Leary, Cristy Jensen

1. *Call to order*-6:07pm
2. *Approval of Minutes*
 - a. Approve November meeting minutes. Dr. Almon made a motion, Jennifer Wagner seconded.
3. *Principal's Report*
 - a. Nutrition visit completed. Good news as they could have shut down the school store—unable to compete with school lunch sales. District inspector didn't see any competitive food sales, so we are good to go. We have received warnings in the past.
 - b. Budget. \$95m deficit. No more federal covid funds to pay for teachers or staff. Last year SOA paid for all personnel without federal funding was 2019. Federal funding paid for staffing. Enrollment in school is up as of last year, so there is more funding, but not enough. 850 full time employees=\$95m. This would be spread across the district and would have a detrimental impact. \$75m in the bank-part from savings and part from vacant positions. So, we have a \$35m budget gap. February 22 board meeting will determine budget. Legislature needs to act in time to give one time funding or force us to displace people. Historically, Dr. Bishop had to pink slip people—1/3 moved out of state and the rest returned to their job when offered it back. Wages are not competitive in AK and cost of living is too high to hold onto any staff that would get pink slips again due to funding issues. Potentially would lose 8 staff members and funds associated with graduation would be gone. He will determine BASIC program needs, then pick teachers and extras based on seniority and qualifications (how many different subjects are they certified to teach). AP offerings could be at risk as well as dual enrollment students. Could reduce sports to minimum required and reduce number of PE teachers. Could potentially zoom teach from out of state educators. **Legislators need to hear from parents** e.g., what I like about South and what I value and fill out a budget survey for the district—tell the human story to both the school board and senators/representatives.
 - c. Steve Johnson is coming to teach seniors next year (English and Civic Leadership). Under his lead of the UAA debate team, they beat Harvard. Next year we will be graduating the first cohort of Civic Leadership students. Might turn a celebration into a scholarship funding opportunity.
4. *Teacher Representative Report*
 - a. No new grant requests. Kim has been advertising. Thinks low morale and apathy may be at the root of the low request level. Wonders if teachers just aren't doing the extra things. Dr. Almon states we received \$129k in federal funding to cover student fees/extras, so that might be part of the low request level.

- b. Teacher conference was cancelled—scheduling issues amongst teachers. They would like to go next year, but not return the funding to the PTSO budget (hold over the fees for use next year to avoid need to request again).
- c. Finals next week—everyone is stressed and overwhelmed.
- d. PTSO Calendar page assistance needed. Reviewed yearly activities and updated the list. Website lists months and the activities we do monthly, rather than specific dates that need to be changed every year. Add link to the school calendar where they can find specific dates. Hard to manage links requesting volunteers—don't want to add those to PTSO page.
- e. Academy of Anchorage is full steam of ahead. They will be contacting PTSO to find a member(s) for the parent engagement committee. There is some fear of change amongst the teacher community. Looking forward to more information about the program. Dr. Almon discussed plan briefly, but the rub is how are we going to teach highly specialized courses if school funding doesn't come through and we need to eliminate teachers that would teach this coursework. Grant itself was awarded to increase access to programs for all students across the district but didn't necessarily cover all teacher costs—maybe 2 per school. No kid will have to pay to dual credit for the next four years. Funds will increase material resources.
- f. Ask for stadium seating for visitors to separate visitor fans from home fans. Consider movable bleachers to visitors' side. Kim has looked into fee—its about \$16k. We do make some money on gate revenue and adds funds that would be available. Discussed neighboring HOA and zoning agreement with the MOA. 10 events per year max. Carly Johnson is contact. Put together estimate to present to PTSO—consider starting separate campaign to the parents.

5. *Officer Reports*

a. President's Report

- i. This week has been a good reminder of how cool the South PTSO community is. He appreciates the boards and the teachers.
- ii. Social media presence is fun to watch and effective—thanks to the student members' efforts.
- iii. Breakfast next week. Still some slots to fill. JROTC plans to come and help.
- iv. Would like to start a letter campaign for PTSO members to send to board and legislators regarding funding. Will leave Dr. Almon out of this campaign.

b. Treasurer's Report

- i. See attached report.
- ii. Compared this year to last year budget for a change and income above expenses is about \$7k vs \$2k last year. Going strong!
- iii. Remind teachers about gift card availability. Had about 20 staff members request and receive. Maybe 8 cards have been returned. Could expand the gift card offering next semester.
- iv. Dr. Almon recommended we consider giving a larger gift card to a student exemplar and push it out on social media.
- v. Renewed business license and QuickBooks software license.

6. *Committee Reports*

a. Senior Events

- i. Nothing to report. Will get started in January.

b. School Store

- i. Jayme sent report via Lora. Has everything for beverage dispenser. Mr. Butterfield is happy about their product being offered out of the school store.

c. Spirit Wear

- i. Need student models to take photos and make videos and put on social. This might help attract membership to social media as well.
- ii. Loving the new vendor. Easy to work with.
- iii. Might want to align spirit days with spirit wear offerings. Pink hats for pink days!

d. Membership

- i. Need to increase social media engagement. Invite friends.
- ii. Dane has an idea for “New Years New Members” campaign. Free pizza for all PTSO student members! Get kids to enroll for \$10. Advertise it ahead of time. QR code sign up.
- iii. Consider giving wrapped candy bar and deliver to their class to encourage other kids to sign up. PTSO Membership recognition day. Consider doing this on Valentines Day. Add to social media. Will get Jane involved. Need print out of all student names.

7. *Old Business*

- a. Getting a credit card. Requires bylaws change. Costco Business card is the way to go. Will table until next meeting.

8. *New Business*

- a. Fund Raising—No report
- b. Other

9. *Announcements*

Next meeting: Thursday January 11 at 6:00 pm.

10. *Adjourn 7:28pm.*

Treasurers Report

South High PTSO 2023-2024					
Dec 13, 2023	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024	2023-2024	Difference
	Budget	Actual	Proposed	Actual	last report
Income		approximate			
Donations	\$500.00	\$2,040.00	\$1,500.00	\$700.00	\$150.00
Amazon Smiles /Fred Meyer	\$100.00	\$151.80	\$50.00		
Interest	\$12.00	\$10.99	\$12.00	\$5.78	\$1.27
Other income		\$115.00			
Membership Dues	\$1,000.00	\$1,420.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,850.00	\$280.00
School Store					
Clothing	\$20,000.00	\$11,999.00	\$20,000.00	\$10,202.30	\$456.00
Food	\$30,000.00	\$39,146.70	\$45,000.00	\$24,626.96	\$7,446.36
Carry-over from previous year	\$15,000.00	\$16,939.35	\$23,277.98	\$23,277.98	
TOTAL	\$66,612.00	\$71,822.84	\$91,239.98	\$60,463.02	
		\$54,883.49			
Expenses					
Administrative Grants	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00		
Freshman Shirts/welcome gift	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		
All School Breakfast	\$750.00		\$500.00		
Bank Fees	\$750.00	\$1,569.83	\$1,800.00	\$1,127.86	\$285.92
Fees paid for other organizations					
Bo Seward Community Service Award	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00		
Business License 2 years due Dec2023)	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	100
Emergency Preparedness	\$500.00		\$200.00		
Hospitality	\$500.00				
Staff Luncheons	\$200.00	\$43.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Staff Appreciation Days/Weeks	\$2,500.00	\$3,216.02	\$4,500.00	\$106.00	
Custodial Christmas Party					
Family Emergency					
Graduation Support	\$500.00		\$500.00		
Senior Fun Day	\$1,000.00	\$530.78	\$1,000.00		
Senior Night of Inspiration					
Graduation Hospitality Room	\$500.00	\$264.88	\$500.00		
Insurance	\$515.00	\$510.00	\$515.00	\$515.00	
Memberships	\$150.00		\$150.00	\$94.60	
Mini-Grants	\$15,172.00	\$4,310.76	\$29,000.00	\$1,432.28	\$696.34
Operation Supplies	\$200.00	\$596.18	\$600.00	\$1,652.29	\$639.18
Professional Services	\$625.00	\$315.34	\$500.00	\$84.99	84.99
School Store					
Clothing	\$15,000.00	\$14,761.50	\$15,000.00	\$13,972.41	\$4,958.51
Food	\$15,000.00	\$18,733.65	\$23,000.00	\$10,892.35	\$3,107.28
Payout to other organizations					
Student Enrichment (Planners)					
Student Treats	\$750.00	\$936.73	\$750.00		
\$5 Teacher Coupons for student rewards				\$20.00	20
Wolverine Den	\$500.00	\$226.21	\$500.00		
Carry over to next year	\$6,000.00	\$23,277.98	\$6,000.00		
TOTAL		\$66,612.00	\$90,815.00	\$30,197.78	
Net Profit (Loss)					
Bank Balance (approx) 12/13/2023	\$31,267.45				
Quickbook Balance	\$30,303.24				

includes
\$100 business

might not make budget?
After ~1st quarter 38% of way to our b

\$306 for back to school breakfast item

online tax prep

4 \$5 student gift cards to store availabl
after they are redeemed book as \$2.50