

South Anchorage High School PTSO  
General Membership Meeting  
February 1, 2024  
Agenda

Attendance: Dr. Almon, Landon Forth, Jyll Green, Cristy Jensen, Jennifer Wagner, Kim Leary, Courtney Luff, Jayme Carr, Lora Huston.

1. *Call to order*-6:33 Landon Forth

2. *Approval of Minutes*

- a. Approve November meeting minutes. Dr. Almon, second by Courtney Luff. None opposed.

3. *Principal's Report*

- a. Career Academy—define 3 career-based academies by 2/29. Surveyed 945 8/9/10 graders about their #1 interests out of 16 big categories of jobs (healthcare, law, STEM, Architecture, Arts/video/communication, etc.). So far #1 choice (13.9%) is healthcare, Arts/video/communication is 2<sup>nd</sup> (12.6%) ,STEM is 3<sup>rd</sup>( 10.6%), 4<sup>th</sup> is architecture/construction (9.3%), law/public policy was 5<sup>th</sup> (6.3%). “I have no idea” was one of the largest (12.5%). Parents will be surveyed next, anticipating 2000 responses. Looking for broad agreement between kids and parents. Some kids may change schools depending on desired focus. This should not force kids into a career path but prepare them for a few options in college. Example: a theater/arts program will prepare them for a communications major or healthcare because it enhances communication with others. General ed will all remain the same. This will be 3 elective courses and won't completely change the curriculum. Change is hard. Some pathways may help students get certified (i.e., phlebotomist or CNA or other trade-based jobs). Goal is to bring more businesses into the school and establish 2-way communication between school and community. South won't offer some pathways due to space/resources (i.e., welding). King Tech will continue. After we choose the 3 pathways, we send plan to district. District adjusts and fine tunes plans. Announce pathways May 1. Kids will have access to other programs in other schools—parents will have to figure out transportation. Specific core classes (math, English, science) will also be tailored to students within a particular academy. Grant funds they currently have are focused on equipment procurement and training (\$137,000)—small amount. Next year they will receive about \$110,000 and then around \$85,000 the following year and so on. This money doesn't pay for the teachers.
- b. First reading of the budget February 6. CFO and other high-level leaders will paint a high-level outlook based on current budget deficit. Dr. Almon will receive a briefing tomorrow morning. Anticipates class size increasing by 1 (31.25/1 teach presently). Divide enrollment by number of teachers. Might lose whole teachers based on this—anticipates losing 3 if the basis increases by 1 student. Might end up with 42 kids per class. Need to influence process by Feb 20 at the school board meeting. Need to write/call legislators. Laddie Shaw is not running for another term-so this is a huge opportunity—he has never voted yes and might because he wouldn't face any repercussions. Budget book will be available on the school website and can see the budget for

South for next year. Currently 7 vacancies right now and 3 history teacher retirements planned, 1 PE teacher will retire next year, and one retirement already happened in January. Cannot touch special education as this is federally funded. This year if we burn all the savings, you can close \$70m of the \$100m gap but you have nothing saved. Anticipate \$100m+ deficit in the coming years—this is equivalent to 850 employees in one year. Possible to have constitutional lawsuits because we would not be able to meet the education requirements with a lack of funding. Very lean situation until additional tax revenue is collected (oil). Cathy Giesel is on board for educational spending. Need to consider spend down of PFD during lean times to fund programs or sales tax.

- c. Getting email complaints about parking lot/path to the school. Limited financial resources for snow removal due to cuts. Only 4 snow graders in the whole school. The walking path is not life/limb dangerous. Turnagain View is welcome to come shovel the path. Again, need to approach legislation regarding funding.
- d. Teacher pensions has been discussed in the legislation. Alaska doesn't have a pension for their teachers. Salary, benefits, cost of living elsewhere doesn't make it reasonable to stay in Alaska. Nationwide shortage of teachers, but competitive pay is essential. State of Washington has historically treated teachers well. We have systemic issues.

#### 4. *Teacher Representative Report*

- a. Update RE Colin—found his box of environmental signs for non-readers that was lost. He was very happy and appreciative. Plan to post on social media.
- b. Dance—Sadie's dance February 10<sup>th</sup>. PTSO will provide water support at no cost to students. Need a parent volunteer to take this to task. We will buy water bottles and just give them out. Business center at Costco opens February 2<sup>nd</sup> to order. Courtney can help set up-ROTC could potentially hand out next to their coffee stand. Teacher King and Queen Royalty is NEW!
- c. Teacher Grants—
  - i. Frau Freeman asking for a cheese grant-\$176.14 in cheese reimbursement. Jennifer Wagner motion to approve, Lora Huston seconded. None opposed.
  - ii. Drew H (science teacher) wrote a grant—he took a field class on fungi in Denali and wants to go back—class is \$500 and is asking for PTSO to fund—he will bring knowledge back to classes. Motion to approve by Kim Leary, seconded by Jayme Carr, but he must become a PTSO member and submit grant. Dr. Almon has witnessed the teachings on fungi and said it was good information.
  - iii. Joscelyn Hemmingway and 2 other teachers would like to go to the conference previously discussed \$1000 each for 3 teachers (they were going to hold off until next year but decided to go this year). This was previously approved so no new vote. This is going to teach them on learning/teaching the anxious brain.
  - iv. Teach grant requesting a projector—sped ed students need to have breaks out of their seats and an iPad works better with a projector/screen. Requestor would need to complete the grant form but sent a detailed email. ASD removed projectors from a lot of rooms. Discussion to ask if the projectors are still around and able to be installed. There are 5 preapproved projectors, and an adaptor bracket is needed to mount. Kim researched cost of replacement bulbs as well. Dr. Almon said the projectors were pulled

down due to bulb costs (around \$450 for old projectors). Issues with network compatibility with the old projectors. If nothing will be plugged into the building, it might be OK—issues tying equipment into the network. Most schools are all moving away from projectors. Landon recommends she submit a request directly to ASD first before requesting funding from PTSO.

- d. Bleachers Update—neighborhood might complain loudly, but there is nothing legal allowing the neighborhood to deny South from adding bleachers. The bleachers are collapsable/removable. This is a small addition to the stadium-not like large permanent stadium bleachers. \$47,052.52 is the total cost. More expensive due to need for safety rails. Chris is working on getting freight donated. Chris is working on getting \$7,000 donated as well for a total of \$39,000. Football booster said they would pay for half. Soccer and flag football can put in half. Bleachers would have to be on the track because there is no concrete pad to put the bleachers up. Over the next 5 years, can fund raise for the concrete pads. They have identified a space near the bunker or softball fields to store the bleachers during the games. Plywood on the track would protect the track. Jayme will see if her friend would be willing to donate the concrete pads to the school. There is a “school-initiated project” form to discuss modifications to the school grounds. If form is completed with cost of \$0, they will likely approve. Ground is not level, so it is a big project. We do currently have the funds in our budget to cover our half of the bleacher costs. But could do additional fundraising (a fun run has been discussed). Dr. Almon recommended starting a Go Fund Me to circulate. Safety concerns at the games due to fighting between team spectators. Recommend ordering now and fundraising over the next six months before they first appear. Dr. Almon recommended a ribbon cutting and recognition of the donations at the first football game. Need to clarify that Football Booster has the funds already available. Ask Mr. Ruggles to reach out to other sports to see if they would donate. Soccer already trying to fund new uniforms. Kim made a motion to fund roughly half of the bleachers (\$19,595), Cristy Jensen seconded. No objections. We will cut the check to the school as they will be ordering. Landon would like to message to the various teams to fundraise for concrete pad costs. We can message our need for fundraising during the PTSO membership drive next fall.
- e. Parent Conferences—cancelled for high school. No school 2/19 and 2/23, but full days Tues-Thurs.

## 5. Officer Reports

### a. President’s Report

- i. Need someone to take over for school breakfast and other special events. It has been advertised. Need someone for staff appreciation in May. Hopefully at freshmen fair we can find someone. No one wants to be in charge, but people are willing to volunteer to help. Kim will have the students advertise on social media.
- ii. BSN sports/spirit wear. They have all South Anchorage on one account but have divided it into PTSO and others. Accounting challenges. Most of South’s invoices go to Landon and the PTSO invoices go elsewhere. Landon working with them to separate it out with BSN.
- iii. Next meeting March 7 would fall the day before spring break. Asking to move meeting to Monday March 4 at South Room 204 at 6:00.
- iv. Need an election committee per bylaws. All committee positions are open—positions are elected for one year.
- v. Bo Seward scholarship recipient will need to be decided. Award is given in April. Committee lead was Vicky Kearn-need to see if she is still interested in spearheading this.

### b. Treasurer’s Report

- i. See attached budget. Doing well. Well over budget on store income-at \$31,000 and budget was \$45,000. Expenses-we are at half of anticipated spend.
- ii. Spirit well sales is at \$11,000 and we planned on \$20,000. Freshman fair coming up-usually sell \$3,000-4,000. Next year we will go in with a good inventory and will have a reduced spend. We sold a lot at Homecoming, so need to keep that up.
- iii. Needs to make a sign-up genius for Valentines Candy.

6. *Committee Reports*

- a. Senior Events—Has a group of people who want to do senior things.
  - i. Proposing a senior “thank you” by printing certificates that students can complete and send to teachers or staff at South or other schools.
  - ii. Needs to discuss Senior Fun Day—there has been a senior parent committee in the past and they are organized (Dorene).
  - iii. Prom sounds like it is sorted, but PTSO provides cookies.
- b. School Store—running well.
  - i. Hiccup: November until Christmas Break—a student stole the stack of \$20 punch cards worth \$2,000. Suddenly lots of new cards were appearing at the school store. We had sold 66 cards in 4 years. We are no longer going to sell the gift cards. Student presenting new card at the store must prove purchase. Since the word got out that there was an investigation, the number of cards being presented has gone back to normal.
  - ii. Asking for another freezer-has been looking on FB Marketplace. Cristy might have a lead on a freezer. They are selling a box of Uncrustables a day. Landon wanted to make a motion to buy a freezer for the School Store up to \$500 and Courtney seconded. No opposition.
  - iii. Dr. Butterfield is working on the kegerator. Motion by Lora to have our next meeting at Raven’s Brewing and Courtney seconded. This might help increase attendance. March meeting moved to Monday March 4<sup>th</sup> so Raven is not open but can plan for April.
  - iv. Teacher approached school store asking for donated food for a student who was hungry. Asking to donate the \$5 cards. Historically there was the “Wolverine Den” which provides snacks to the school store. This is already funded in our budget. Could use some of the budgeted funds to purchase the \$5 cards.
  - v. Considering adding Prime beverage—plans to sell for \$3 apiece. Has 1 gram of sugar, but electrolytes. Not purchasing the one with caffeine.
    - 1. Dr. Almon noted the cafeteria manager unexpectedly passed away and there is concern about substitutes challenging the presence of the school store food offerings.
- c. Spirit Wear—not ordering anything new. Basketball sales weren’t great-around \$1,000 total. A teacher asked for a sweatshirt for a foster child—she was very excited to receive this. Jennifer will expense this at cost in treasury report.
- d. Membership—Courtney is considering a membership appreciation. “Spring into new membership” was recommended by Dane-prorated cost for the remainder of this year if purchasing membership for next year. Still discussing PTSO membership appreciation lunch with Costco pizza.

7. *Old Business—None additional.*

8. *New Business*

- a. Fund Raising—see discussion in bleacher purchase above.
- b. Other—Valentine’s candy grams. Jennifer will purchase the candy and manage this.
- c. Family Engagement is trying to create a parent ambassador program.
- d. Parent ask to PTSO Board member about inclusion of Unified Athletes at school pep rallies.

9. *Announcements—None additional*

10. *Adjourn—at 8:45 pm.*

## PTSO Member Report

February 1, 2024

(No change from December 2023.)

### **2023-2024 Members = 230 (6)**

- Parents - 134
- Students - 73
- Teachers - 23
- Alumni - 0

Donations = \$870 (\$20)

Last Donation: October 5, 2023

Family Memberships = 37 (1)

1. Looking for Membership Chair replacement. Jane will need to step down at the end of this year and will help with the transition.
2. April 10, 2023 was when we started accepting new memberships for the current year. Do we want to do that again? It coincides with middle schools starting South High School tours. Are there events we can set up a table to inform incoming freshman families?
3. Spring Membership Drive - Do we want to do a Spring Membership Drive? We have 8-10 unclaimed prizes from the Fall Membership Drive. We could do a slower paced drive (1-2 prizes per week.) in April.
4. Membership prices. Current it \$10 per membership and \$20 for family. Do we want to keep them the same?

# Treasurer Report

## South High PTSO

Jan 31, 2024

2023-2024

	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024	2023-2024	Difference	
	Budget	Actual	Proposed	Actual	last report	
<b>Income</b>						
		approximate				
Donations	\$500.00	\$2,040.00	\$1,500.00	\$850.00	\$150.00	includes \$100 business
Amazon Smiles /Fred Meyer	\$100.00	\$151.80	\$50.00			
Interest	\$12.00	\$10.99	\$12.00	\$7.05	\$1.27	
Other income		\$115.00				
Membership Dues	\$1,000.00	\$1,420.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,650.00		730 single, 920 family
School Store						
Clothing	\$20,000.00	\$11,999.00	\$20,000.00	\$11,255.30	\$1,053.00	might not make budget?
Food	\$30,000.00	\$39,146.70	\$45,000.00	\$31,003.87	\$6,376.91	After ~1st quarter 38% of way to our budget
Carry-over from previous year	\$15,000.00	\$16,939.35	\$23,277.98	\$23,277.98		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$66,612.00</b>	<b>\$71,822.84</b>	<b>\$91,239.98</b>	<b>\$68,044.20</b>		
		\$54,883.49				
<b>Expenses</b>						
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	\$55.45	55.45	
Bank Fees	\$750.00	\$1,569.83	\$1,800.00	\$1,360.77	\$232.91	
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		
Emergency Preparedness	\$500.00		\$200.00			
Hospitality	\$500.00					
-Staff Luncheons	\$200.00	\$43.00	\$200.00	\$200.00		\$306 for back to school breakfast items
-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		
Operation Supplies	\$200.00	\$596.16	\$600.00	\$1,652.29	\$639.18	signs, ipads, minifridge, etc.
Professional Services	\$625.00	\$315.34	\$500.00	\$84.99		online tax prep
School Store						
Clothing	\$15,000.00	\$14,761.50	\$15,000.00	\$13,972.41	\$0.00	
Food	\$15,000.00	\$18,733.65	\$23,000.00	\$13,441.18	\$2,548.83	
Payout to other organizations						
<b>Student Enrichment (Planners)</b>						About \$170 for Halloween candy
Student Treats	\$750.00	\$936.73	\$750.00			forgot to separate this from store expenses
\$5 Teacher Coupons for student rewards				\$40.00	\$20.00	4 \$5 student gift cards to store available to each staff member after they are redeemed book as \$2.50 in expense and
Wolverine Den	\$500.00	\$226.21	\$500.00			
Carry over to next year	\$6,000.00	\$23,277.98	\$6,000.00			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$66,612.00</b>	<b>\$90,815.00</b>	<b>\$33,054.97</b>		
<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>						
Bank Balance (approx) 12/13/2023	\$35,953.44					
Quickbook Balance	\$34,989.23					

# South High PTSO, Inc (new)

## Statement of Activity Comparison

July 2023 - January 2024

	TOTAL	
	JUL 2023 - JAN 2024	JUL 2022 - JAN 2023 (PP)
Revenue		
Business donations	100.00	
Clothing sales	11,255.30	8,955.30
Contributed income		
Donations directed by individuals	750.00	535.00
<b>Total Contributed income</b>	<b>750.00</b>	<b>535.00</b>
Food Card	40.00	320.00
Investment income		
Interest	7.05	5.82
<b>Total Investment income</b>	<b>7.05</b>	<b>5.82</b>
Membership PTO	730.00	1,240.00
Family PTSO membership	920.00	
<b>Total Membership PTO</b>	<b>1,650.00</b>	<b>1,240.00</b>
Sales		
Food sales	30,963.87	17,861.50
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>30,963.87</b>	<b>17,861.50</b>
Uncategorized Income		115.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$44,766.22</b>	<b>\$29,032.62</b>
Cost of Goods Sold		
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Cost clothing	13,972.41	14,761.50
Cost Food	13,441.18	10,103.38
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>27,413.59</b>	<b>24,864.88</b>
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$27,413.59</b>	<b>\$24,864.88</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$17,352.63</b>	<b>\$4,167.74</b>
Expenditures		
All School Breakfast	55.45	
Awards & grants to others		
Student gift cards	40.00	
<b>Total Awards &amp; grants to others</b>	<b>40.00</b>	
Contract & professional fees		
Accounting fees	84.99	275.00
Biennial Report - Domestic Nonprofit Corporation		30.00
Business License	100.00	
<b>Total Contract &amp; professional fees</b>	<b>184.99</b>	<b>305.00</b>
Insurance	515.00	510.00
Mini-Grant	1,432.28	1,014.00



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July 2023 - January 2024

	TOTAL	
	JUL 2023 - JAN 2024	JUL 2022 - JAN 2023 (PP)
Office expenses		236.20
Bank fees & service charges	1,360.77	745.52
Memberships & subscriptions	94.60	
Office supplies	1,652.29	
Software & apps		40.34
<b>Total Office expenses</b>	<b>3,107.66</b>	<b>1,022.06</b>
Staff appreciation	306.00	43.00
Wolverine Den		226.21
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$5,641.38</b>	<b>\$3,120.27</b>
<b>NET OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$11,711.25</b>	<b>\$1,047.47</b>
Other Revenue		
Amazon smiles/Fred Meyer		35.40
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$35.40</b>
Other Expenditures		
Other Miscellaneous Expenditure		
Student candy handout		804.30
<b>Total Other Miscellaneous Expenditure</b>		<b>804.30</b>
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$804.30</b>
<b>NET OTHER REVENUE</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$ -768.90</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$11,711.25</b>	<b>\$278.57</b>