

South Anchorage High School PTSO
General Membership Meeting
January 6, 2026
@Raven's Ring Brewing + OWL
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Dr. Almon, Jennifer Wagner (treasurer), Landon Forth (president), Amber Forth (spirit wear), Aubrey Forth (Student rep), Shelley Cooper on OWL (teacher/student govt), Arlena and Katana Guest (OWL), Jennifer Torpy, Jyll Green (secretary), Jared Ricket (OWL), Kim Landry (OWL), Carla Woods, Cristy Jensen.

Apologies: Courtney Luff (VP), Jennifer Wagner (treasurer), Jayme Carr.

1. *Call to order*- 6:03 by Landon Forth.

- a. No new people here tonight.

2. *Approval of Minutes*

- a. November and December meeting minutes sent out today for review and will approve next month. Still pending copies of financials from October and November. October minutes are still pending due to difficulty transcribing recorded meeting due to background noise.

3. *Principal's Report*

- a. Cuts next year are anticipated to be severe. Question to leadership: At what point do we not have enough teachers to offer what is required to graduate: 4 English, 4 social studies, 3 science, 3 math, 1.5 credits of PE and the rest are electives? This year there are 41.8 teachers that are general fund teachers (unable to hire the other 0.4 teacher position that was budgeted for). Based on the current math with pupil-teacher ratio (PTR) math of 32.5, minimally need 40.8 to staff at this anticipated PTR next year to offer the minimum education requirements. This may look like not being able to offer a fourth year of math or science to students who want that because they cannot offer these classes as they aren't required. There are an additional 10 teachers that are federally funded that serve about 90 kids (such as ROTC, etc.). Next year anticipate going down to 36.8 teachers based on budget, but we need 37.4 to meet minimum number required to teach mandatory classes. Current part time enrolled/charter school students won't be able to come in for random electives because South won't have the resources. We are getting very close next school year to offering only the minimum. Every class will have 36 students in it. Electives will be impacted as well. If too few enough students sign up for a particular elective, it won't be an option. Need 11 teachers to teach all the mandatory electives. Dr. Almon would like to invite a south side school board member to come to a meeting at the school or at Raven's Ring upstairs depending on interest. Landon recommends announcing the meeting at the Community Council meetings. We could schedule an hour before the PTSO meeting on February 5 or could move to Tuesday February 3 to have Raven's Ring on a typically closed day. Shelley recommends educating

the students that this is coming and recommends engaging the student government body to attend the meeting.

4. *Teacher Representative Report—Kim Leary*

- a. Looking at a vote to strike sometime mid-February. 51% of unionized teachers will have to vote yes. If they vote yes, the strike will be soon after.
- b. No grant requests for this month.

5. *Student Report*

- a. Aubrey asks about who can wear certain grad cords at graduation. Dr. Almon states there are recognized graduation cords from long-standing student organizations and then you can also adorn your gown in any way you want. Dr. Almon is in favor of limited official cords (student government, national honors society, scholastic honors). There are school district adornment guidelines to be adhered to-gives example of a special badge on the back of the lapel for civic leadership program students.
- b. The SAHS PTSO account is now attached to Kim Leary.
- c. Kim Leary asked for Aubrey to send the TikTok link to her to add to our PTSO page.
- d. She is connecting Instagram and Facebook accounts so posting on either will post to the other page.
- e. Aubrey will work on finding two more people for next year.

6. *Officer Reports*

a. *President's Report*

- i. Thanks to everyone for attending despite the snowstorm and thanks to Lee for opening the store for us.
- ii. All school breakfast was well attended. Photos were circulated. Kim Leary said it was amazing and was thankful for the event-lots of teachers attended.
- iii. Movie night was a fun experience. Lessons learned for next time to enhance turnout. David the tech guy was so cool and helpful. The school has both a Blu Ray and DVD player.
 - 1. Amber states there was a slight loss on the movie night, but they did buy some things that will be there for next time (popcorn supplies). The movie licensing company has free material to help promote the movie nights. Recommends advertising to the local elementary schools as well. Dr. Almon states he can send information to Huffman and O'Malley Elementary Schools for the next movie night.
- iv. The dinner for the night crew was well received. Jayme Carr took this to task.
- v. AIM insurance had been double paid, but they did get the refund check and that was given to Jennifer Wagner.
- vi. Four meetings left in the school year. The PTSO will reorganize next year-Landon/Amber and Jayme will be gone. Hoping Courtney will step up to president and we will need a VP. Spirit wear will need a new volunteer.

b. *Treasurer's Report*

- i. Jennifer is out, nothing special to report.

7. *Committee Reports*

a. *Senior Events*

- i. No report, but next month we will get started. Graduation is May 11 at 2 pm.

b. School Store

- i. Jack Tuomi has not gotten back to Carla about helping in school store-Shelly is looking for replacement on student government.
- ii. Appreciation of the parent volunteers.

c. Spirit Wear

- i. We donated around 42 buffs to the Polar Plunge kids who raised \$16k and they were the top high school and second behind Bear Valley for all schools. Go South!

d. Membership

- i. Kim states she has nothing to report.

8. *Old Business*

- a. None outside of what was mentioned above (movie night).

9. *New Business*

- a. Shelley states they are still seeking volunteers for Prom. When she gets details, she will reach out to us. Alivia Bailey is organizing. Theme is Carnivale (bright colors and flamboyance).
- b. Sadie Hawken is February 7 "Sadie goes to Vegas" is the theme.

10. *Announcements*—Next meeting Tuesday February 10 at 6:00 p.m. at Ravens Ring Brewing. Lee Butterfield kindly agrees to open special on that evening. Will invite school board member Andy Holleman to this meeting.

11. *Adjourn*—Motion to adjourn by Landon Forth at 7:25 p.m. Second by Jyll Green.

Treasurer's Report