

South Anchorage High School PTSO
General Membership Meeting
March 26, 2026
@Raven's Ring Brewing + OWL
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Dr. Almon, Landon Forth (president), Courtney Luff, Jayme Carr, Kim Landry, Jennifer Wagner (treasurer), Amber Forth, Aubrey Forth (Student rep), Shelley Cooper (Zoom), Jennifer Torpy, Jyll Green (secretary), Carla Woods, Cristy Jensen, Janelle Walton (art teacher), Tim Purrenhage (CTE teacher), Rianne Aster (science teacher).

Apologies: Jennifer Torpy.

1. *Call to order*- 6:01 by Landon Forth.
2. *Approval of Minutes*
 - a. February meeting minutes. Dr. Almon makes a motion to approve and seconded by Kim Leary. All approved.
3. *Principal's Report*
 - a. SOBOSS went well.
 - b. Good turnout for Freshman night. Lots of parents and kids from out of South school zone, which may help boost staffing needs for next year if enrollment goes up.
 - c. Lost a lot of staff this week-6.6 classroom and 7 other support positions. Willie Overgaard (activities principal) is a big loss.
 - d. If the tax levy does not pass on April elections, we will lose 3 positions for sure. Have to tell people by April 13 if they are going to be displaced. There are other positions opening from around the school district so there may be an option to get some positions back.
 - e. Graduation is May 11. South has the first graduation. ½ day of school that day.
 - f. Found out that 7 students have made it into the most competitive west coast schools.
4. *Teacher Representative Report—Kim Leary*
 - a. The union and school district did come to an agreement, and they are operating under a contract that will go three more years.
 - b. Teachers are very worried about future employment.
 - c. Seven grants. 1) Kristina Platt \$555 to see Antigony at the PAC. Approved by text. 2) Approved via text for Janelle Walton for art classroom equipment. Janelle is here to show us what the PTSO funded and the resulting art. PTSO funded relief art printing presses, and she was very excited about the outcomes. We previously funded National Honors Society Rainbow cords and t shirts and she expresses her thanks. Board agrees in person to approve. 3) Also approved via text for CLP

group for up to \$800, all approved in person. 4) Lee Butterfield requests commercial Kutano 2 door fridges with price of \$2799.00 x2 plus one \$5,599.99 Kutano 2 door freezer. Total is \$9249.97 including delivery. This will support the culinary courses moving forward, which Mr. Butterfield anticipates will see more enrollment moving forward. He appreciates this is a big ask. Kim makes a motion to approved, seconded by Amber Forth. All approve. 5) Ms. Walton is requesting 3 toaster ovens and 6 small cookie sheets for curing polymer clay projects for art for \$213.90. She will procure these from Amazon. Kim makes a motion to approved, seconded by Jayme, all approved. 6) Rianne and Tim (teachers here today) requesting LabQuest 2 batteries and power sources to support data collection devices during science labs (used in chemistry, biology classes). Every South student is required to take chemistry, and this will support all students at South. The current devices and chargers are more than 10 years old and are broken. LabQuest 2 devices are no longer being made and LabQuest 3 devices are Bluetooth capable with the sensors. \$6,600 being requested for 10 new LabQuest 3 devices (\$450 each), and 40 batteries (approx. \$40 each) with a few other chargers and other supplies. Kim makes a motion to approve, Courtney seconds, all approved. 7) Shelley Cooper requests \$1000-2000 for transportation to take all environmental science classes on a glacier cruise. Phillips 26 Glacier Cruise agreed to a 50% discount. 75% of her students have never been on a glacier cruise or been on a boat. Phillips agreed to a pre-season 2.7-hour Blackstone Bay tour from Whittier. \$12,100 for 130 passengers and the discount is \$92. This does not include transportation costs. Mr. Overgaard was looking for cheapest transportation option, which is what she is looking to have PTSO cover. Kim makes a motion to approve, Jayme seconds, all approved.

- d. Kim requests a \$100 gift card at Amazon for Student Rep. Landon will purchase this.

5. *Student Report*

- a. Aubrey asks Mrs. Cooper to ask Student Government if they would be interested in being student representative. Mrs. Cooper agrees this is a good idea—she was hoping to have a student govt representative at every PTSO meeting, but that has not happened. Aubrey will come to Stud Gov tomorrow to make the request.
- b. All social media platforms are running well.
- c. Theme for May meeting is red and glitter.

6. *Officer Reports*

- a. President's Report
 - i. Landon gives his sincerest gratitude to this community of parents and teachers and Dr. Almon supporting South High. He is always impressed that every interaction at school functions and with the students is overwhelmingly positive.
 - ii. Congratulations to Dr. Almon for being nominated for the ASD Denali Award for principals.
 - iii. May 7 is next meeting, and elections will need to be help for board officer positions. Courtney will start messaging this tomorrow. All board positions are up for grabs every year although there are no real takers. We need a VP/President and will need to find a volunteer to appoint for Spirit Wear and Staff Appreciation.
 - iv. He signed us up for an Amazon Business account—advantage is that we often get a discount on some things and free shipping without signing up for Prime membership. Also easy to pull up invoices.
 - v. He will need to tie up some loose ends as he transitions out of his role.

b. Treasurer's Report

- i. We have \$21,000 in books for grant requests (the first three above have already been covered). Total amount of new grant requests tonight is \$18,063.87 plus an additional \$1000 for staff appreciation week.
- ii. Jennifer states we don't have a cash flow issue. We are way over budget earnings for the school store and have earned more than planned in membership and donations as well.
- iii. Jennifer states we can safely purchase up to \$12000 in spirit wear.
- iv. Our credit card anniversary rebate came for the year and that total was \$924 using the Costco Credit Card.
- v. Bo Seward scholarship: Vicky Kearn is in charge of this, and it is on the website, and it was in the recent newsletter. This is an award based on community service. Deadline is April 13.

7. *Committee Reports*

a. Senior Events

- i. Junior class members asked if PTSO would sponsor the prom deluxe photo booth for \$1200 (background, machine, and 2 staff for 3-4 hours). Courtney states she has access to a photo booth, and she could do it for free—Carla asks if we can do this for Senior Day only and continue with the Prom Deluxe Photo Booth. The booth has been reserved already. Shelley Cooper states the senior class has money to give towards the photo booth. No additional funds needed for senior event budget.
- ii. Senior Day is May 1 with crossover assembly. Last day for seniors is May 8. Kim makes a motion to approve, Amber seconded, all approved.
- iii. Met with Senior and Junior class presidents and working on end of year events.
- iv. Has prom chaperone Sign up genius ready to send to Dr. Almon.
- v. Senior fun day—they want to keep it simple, and they said we do not need to make breakfast at school first before going to the Dome. There will be a continental breakfast sign up and Smokehouse BBQ at the Dome. She would like one of the Junior Class officers to come to Senior Fun Day so they can see what happens and start planning for the next year.

b. School Store

- i. Doing great. Way over budget earnings for the year.

c. Spirit Wear

- i. Requesting a large apparel purchase to restock and fulfill new apparel ideas such as smaller sizes for younger siblings, undereye black strips, stadium seat cushions, pennants, license plate frames, beach sand towels, pom poms, temporary tattoos, mittens, rally towels, foam claw mitts, and custom stickers. Kim Landry recommends seeking local business sponsors for some things. PTSO has not purchased much spirit wear this year—in prior years post COVID we had been spending more than we are making. Shipping is very expensive—it is about ¼ of the total price. The total for all items she would like to procure is just under \$15,000. Amber would like to take care of this before she steps out of the role as her kids will be out of South. Our last big purchase was at the end of last year. We have seen sales steadily increasing and this year we have sold \$8000 worth of spirit wear. After discussion with Treasurer, board recommended lowering total to \$10-12k max for

spirit wear. Shipping to Lynden in Fife, WA was recommended by Mr. Butterfield to save on shipping costs.

ii. We don't see much action on the BSN online shop.

iii. Shelley Cooper states that student government had wanted to sell some items as a fundraiser.

iv. Showed up for Basketball game and they sold a little.

d. Membership

i. Kim states she has nothing to report.

8. *Old Business*

a. None.

9. *New Business*

i. Jayme is asking for funding for teacher appreciation week. The budget is \$5000, but Jayme is requesting an additional \$1000 for a total of \$6000. Occurs May 4-8. Dr. Almon will give exact staff headcount. Shelley states she usually budgets for 100 people and it works out. Dr. Almon states when he sends all staff emails, there are 93 people.

10. *Announcements*—Next meeting Thursday, May 7 at 6:00 pm at Ravens Ring Brewing.

11. *Adjourn*—Motion to adjourn by Landon Forth at 7:41 p.m.

Treasurer's Report