South Anchorage High School PTSO
General Membership Meeting
May 12, 2026
@Raven's Ring Brewing + OWL
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Dr. Almon, Landon Forth (President), Kim Leary, Jennifer Wagner (treasurer), Amber Forth, Aubrey Forth (Student rep), Shelley Cooper (Zoom), Jyll Green (secretary), Cristy Jensen, Annika Schmidt (this year's talent show winner, next year's student rep), Van Angel (Junior class VP student government, next year's student rep), Tara (teacher).

Apologies: Courtney Luff, Jennifer Torpy, Jayme Carr, Kim Landry (memberships).

1. *Call to order*- 6:14 by Amber Forth. Technical difficulties.

2. *Approval of Minutes*
    a. March meeting minutes. Jennifer moved to approve the minutes and Dr. A seconded.

3. *Principal's Report*
    a. Lost Mr. Holmes and Ms. Kearn and Ms. Johnson. They have all been rehomed in ASD. They also lost a clerical staff (Autumn Stanley will move to a paraprofessional position). Ms. Johnstone is going to SAVE high school.
    b. Government class size 52. Other largest class is 42. Lab classes are in the low 30s. English classes are large as well. There will be less points in the grade book and more emphasis on projects and presentations.
    c. Amy Habberstaad was going to be laid off but will stay and support graduation for those who need it.
    d. Mr. Overgaard's fate is still up in the air-should hear soon.
    e. Thinking about adding a reading period on Fridays for 40 minutes next year. Some teachers have expressed concerns about student ability to read instructions—seems that many kids do not read outside of school. He will meet with the department chairs on Thursday to discuss. Mr. Butterfield feels this will be beneficial. Round table discussion on pros/concerns of this plan.
4. *Teacher Representative Report—Kim Leary*
    a. Thankful for the teacher appreciation week activities. She has 28 thankful notes. Thank you to Jayme for being the lead on the activities and Student Government helped decorate the weekend prior.
    b. Introduction of student reps.
    c. Tara expresses thanks to the board for donating to her Thrive group of students.
    d. Jyll Green discussed an ask from Coach Lew about potential funding for new hurdles for track and field. Kim Leary will discuss with him and show him the way to ask for a grant.

5. *Student Report*
    a. Aubrey recruited Van and Annika for next year. They are juniors next year so should be able to serve for two years!
    b. TikTok followers increased by 300%. Instagram and Facebook thrived this year. She felt it was easy to handle all the social media accounts. Amber states the TikTok videos were easy. Annika will take over all of the social media accounts next year. There is a PTSO account for TikTok-this is tied to Kim Leary's phone number.
    c. She completed 540 volunteer hours throughout her high school career (including student rep role).
6. *Officer Reports*
    a. President's Report
        i. Landon came back to the meeting at 6:52pm.
        ii. Elections are due by the end of the school year. Can do tonight or do a special meeting or send an email. Group agreed to conduct elections via email. Kim Leary will track down anyone on the board who does not respond to the email regarding board position elections.
        iii. He will redo the South PTSO group text list once we complete elections.
        iv. He wants to thank the board for encouraging him to join the PTSO board as it has been a meaningful and enjoyable experience. He is confident that the up-and-coming board will be able to continue serving well.
    b. Treasurer's Report
        i. Jennifer will send out financial's in an email.
        ii. Store income was $88k for the year so far! The expenses are roughly half of that. We are way over budget because she was conservative about her financial projection at the beginning of the year.
        iii. We will have $15-20k to roll over next year. Goal is $6k to roll over.
        iv. The PTSO is always interested in business partnerships!

7. *Committee Reports*
    a. Senior Events
        i. Prom was great and Senior Fun Day went well. Cristy said the continental breakfast went well and clean up was easy.
        ii. Courtney came to Senior Fun Day with her photo booth as well as another photo booth.
        iii. Hospitality room at graduation was an upgrade and was great.
        iv. Dr. A states the teacher appreciation efforts were well appreciated.
    b. School Store
        i. Carla Woods will take over school store and offered to be VP as well.
        ii. Summer school is happening again at South. The perishable food will be donated to the summer school (Ms. Hemmingway).
    c. Spirit Wear
        i. Amber will be leaving her role in Spirit Wear and there is someone interested in taking this over (Jennifer Torpy?).

ii. Working on ordering more spirit wear and Cristy's husband's company is donating free shipping.

iii. Amber went to student government to get opinions on what spirit wear should be ordered. She said this humbling but educational.

d. Membership

i. Kim Landry is not present but will remain in role next year.

8. *Old Business*

a. None other than discussed above.

9. New Business

a. Elections will be held via email. Landon will email out later this week.

10. Announcements

a. Next meeting for 2026-27 will be scheduled after the new board is elected and organized.

11. *Adjourn*—Motion to adjourn by Landon Forth at 7:22 p.m.

Treasurer's Report