South Anchorage High School PTSO
General Membership Meeting
October 1, 2026
@Raven's Ring Brewing + OWL
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Dr. Almon, Courtney Luff, Jennifer Wagner, Jennifer Torpy, Kim Leary, Carla Woods, student reps, Shelley Cooper, Jyll Green.

1. Call to order- 6:06 by Courtney Luff

2. *Approval of Minutes*
    a. Approval of August meeting minutes. Motion to approve: Kim, Seconded by: Courtney. Kim requested copies from May on for website.

3. *Principal's Report*
    a. Big grant end of last year for the freezers for Lee Butterfield. These have turned out to be indispensable. Three culinary classes have made so much food (Mozzarella, pesto, smoked ham, focaccia, etc.) and 400 lunches have been prepared in class for an upcoming career expo. This will be noticed and helpful for years to come. Ask from Courtney to get a picture to add these to a poster advertising what PTSO supports.
    b. Parent teacher conferences are coming up. Q1 is almost over. Dr. A might ask for food money for morning coffee/sweets as Q2 is much longer than Q1.
    c. Graduation is 5/11 and kids don't get out until 5/28!
    d. School environment seems like a lot of kids and not a lot of adults due to staff reductions.
    e. Awaiting November election for Governor.

4. *Teacher Representative Report—Kim Leary*
    a. Anika has a grant for $1000 to support Civic Leadership program for pizza at meetings, and a pizza party, and end of year banquet. Motion by Kim Leary and second by Carla. Approved by all. We will reimburse as receipts are sent
    b. Shawn Kennedy, teacher, $490 for registration fees for two professional dev courses to teach how to do Question Formulation Technique. Kim makes a motion and Jyll seconds a motion. All approved. Per Dr. Almon, he is in an English professional learning community, and he will present to the group. He will request reimbursement.
    c. Lydia Frankeberger for $250 to make pancakes for students on Monday mornings. Wants to start 10/19. Her PLC is community involvement to encourage students to have a meal together and build community. Gathering kids ideas about what changes they would like to see at school to create a more welcoming environment. Dr. Almon reviews these recommendations and has implemented several changes from these meetings. Kim makes a motion to approve and Courtney seconds. All approved.

d. Joseph Tiede, teacher with Alaska Native education, wants to bring Bird TLC in for biology classes. He initially only considered one class but now all bio teachers have gratefully approved. Amount requested was $2000 but this would increase to $2160, and he received a $1000 Grant from the Alaska Council on the arts. Motion by Carla to approve, Courtney seconded. All approved. Check direct to the ASD Grant department.

5. *Student Report*
    a. Need more chaperones for student dances. Without enough chaperones, we cannot have a dance. Will message to all PTSO members. Need 12 staff and same number of parents. Perhaps PTSO could offer a raffle gift for volunteers. PTSO could do this out of their grant budget for teachers who volunteer.
    b. Lots of student activities are coming up with concerts and competitions. Might be good to have a PTSO table at music events. Fall showcase is 10/8 and it is standing room only. 11/5 is Broadway concert. Winter choir concert is 12/8.

6. *Officer Reports*
    a. President's Report
        i. Carla was added to the account.
        ii. Pop up canopy used by South High is broken. We have one in our PTSO room that we can donate or we can buy a new one. Motion to purchase a new one by Kim Leary. Courtney will look into adding a South Logo to it. Seconded by Courtney.
    b. Treasurer's Report
        i. Nothing exciting, school store is doing well.
        ii. $14k in income, $3500 spirit wear, donations still pending on cheddar up.
        iii. Bo Seward charity checked has not yet cashed the donation for $1000.
        iv. Finished last year's taxes. Joanne volunteered to audit as a donation for the third year. Thank you to her. Courtney will send a thank you card and gift.
7. *Committee Reports*
    a. Senior Events
        i. None to discuss today.
    b. School Store
        i. Encourage people to volunteer.
        ii. Ask to replace 10 pancake griddles. They are used often. Approved by all.
    c. Spirit Wear
        i. Met with exchange students and had a private shopping event and offered 20% off.
        ii. Donated 10 buffs to a teacher. Donated a lot of things for homecoming to student government worth $631. This list will be provided to Treasurer. Donated $403 to volleyball pink auction.
        iii. Sold gear at Dimond football game and made a few hundred and at homecoming they sold around $700.
        iv. Spirit wear isn't really a money maker, but more a public service.
        v. Ask to hang some things up high near the school store for permanent display.

    d. Membership

i. Total membership 51.
ii. Kim Landry wants to do a "Rocktrober" campaign to get 200 members total for PTSO and incentivize 50% of the staff to become members. Social media will be utilized. Dr. Almon recommends putting a QR code on the entry doors during conference times. PTSO will have a table there as well. The banner needs to be rehung-it is falling and there's an old QR code on one sign that doesn't work and needs to be covered. Student government is willing to make a social media post, repost, or request a collaboration with PTSO. Reach out to local businesses for a donation for the membership drive-want all donation items by 10/20.

8. *Old Business*
    a. None

9. New Business
    a. All school breakfast 12/14 this year. More to come.
    b. Staff lunch 10/29.
    c. Cristy Jensen will do PTSO for Trunk or Treat and she asked for $200 for candy. Discussion that day of the trunk or treat could have a lot of traffic due to a South hosted playoff game that day. Might move Trunk or Treat to 10/29 during partner teacher conferences. Recommendation to increase ask for $500 and leftover candy could be used for candy handouts.

10. Announcements—Next meeting November 5, 2026, at 6 pm at Ravens Ring Brewing Company.

11. Adjourn— Motion to adjourn Carla at 7:22, Shelley seconded.