

South Anchorage High School PTSO  
Board Meeting  
January 12, 2017

Kate Matheson  
Tracy Wayt

Meeting was called to order by Kate Matheson, at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Kate Matheson, President; Amy Carman, Treasurer; Tracy Wayt Secretary; Kersten Johnson, Principal; Niles Woods, Faculty Representative; Elizabeth Roberts, Membership; Haley Edmondson Student Representative; Tammy Hogge, Hospitality; Michelle Hoskins, Student Store; Heather Clopton, Student Store, Cindy Ljubicich, Elizabeth Miller, United Way of Anchorage

Agenda Approved

Motion to approve the Board meeting minutes from December 2016 made by Amy Carman second by Elizabeth Roberts.

**Special Guest: Elizabeth Miller from The United Way of Anchorage**

Update on "90 by 2020" (aka Destination 2020). Anchorage graduation rate in 2006 was 59%; ten years later, in 2016 graduation rate 79.7%. The United Way partners with the Anchorage School District to help the families be successful, with programs such as Campfire and YMCA. Most recently United Way has shifted focus to the feeder schools to the High schools with lowest rates (Bartlett, West and East). UW is looking for adult volunteers to help impress graduation is important. In May, they will utilize social media, 'chalk-the-walk' with good wishes to graduates, etc.  
<<several handouts>>

**Presidents report: Kate Matheson, President**

Just coming back from the holidays, not much to report. Asking the Board and Committee members to start thinking about what they might want to do next year.

**Principal Report: Dr. Johnson, Principal**

Apologizes for missing last meeting, her daughter broke her foot  
With the new semester, handful of new students, about 20. Schedule changes coming along. There is an upcoming Budget session for ASD, forms for community input can be found on the ASD website.  
Boys' basketball tournament games this weekend. Teams coming from all over the state and couple from out of state. On Friday there will be a 1:00pm game/assembly. Teachers have the option to bring their classes or not.  
United Way gave stats for ASD, however, when 90 by 2020 came out, SAHS was already at 90% graduation rate, so SAHS focus instead was on sub groups of kids with low attendance rates and low scores.

**Teachers Report: Niles Woods, Teacher**

Nothing to report.

**Student Report: Haley Edmondson, Student Representative**

Give Back week in December was successful, good effort by the teachers to help. Language Arts classes raised over \$2000 for the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society  
SOBOSS / Spirit week Jan 23-27. The 27<sup>th</sup> is the All School Breakfast and the assembly.  
ABOSS = ASD, March 25<sup>th</sup> 'Battle of the Schools' @ SAHS, 6 schools signed up so far. Each school is supplying staff for coverage and safety. Partnering with American Heart Assn, promoting healthy hearts & choices. Currently looking for sponsorship. Radio stations have agreed to promote. \$5 admission. 300 tickets available for each school. Hope it goes well and will be able to have it at the UAA Center next time.

**Treasurers Report** - Amy Carman, Treasurer

- Balance: \$28,024
- Found out what the 'coin fee' is that keeps showing up: charge by the bank if we deposit over \$200 in coin for the month.
- Distributed up to date budget showing where we are at with income and expenses so far.
- Written Financial Review for 2015-2016 school year was emailed to all Board members and copies were available at the meeting. All procedures are in place for financial stability and transparency.

**Committee Reports:**

- Membership: Elizabeth Roberts – 510 Members
- School store: Michelle Hoskins - \$70,000 YTD, need \$45,000 to meet our goal for the year  
Store donated \$200 to 'Pennies for Patients'; was open for the recent concerts made about \$450
- Hospitality, Tammy Hogge – teacher luncheon Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Candy Give-away – Kate thanks Mary Ann Esplin for coordinating candy giveaway the last day of school before first semester finals.
- All School Breakfast – Juli Robinson, scheduled for Jan 27<sup>th</sup>. (Dr. Johnson to verify Commons reserved.)
- Senior Night of Inspiration – Coordinator needed. Kate is attending meeting with Senior parents Jan 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss. Event will be May 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm in the South Auditoria
- Bo Seward Award – Frances Jones will chair/coordinate, but will not judge, due to having a son who is a Senior.

**Mini-Grant Requests** Niles Woods is Mini Grant Coordinator

- Shasta Miller, teacher for Wilderness Recreation class, is asking for \$200 to cover pool rental at Service HS (includes certified life guard) so students can take a course (given for free) learning water survival and rescue skills, as part of the "Kids Don't Float" program.  
A motion to approve \$200.00 for mini grant made by Niles Woods, Amy Carman seconds. Approved unanimously.
- Window covering mini-grant request made by Ms. Seward: ASD has said no to the window covering idea. ASD states they are looking for a solution.

**New Business / Open Discussion:**

- Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 6:45pm, TedX, "South Speaks"
- Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> – South Music fundraiser – 'Pops and Pasta' – dinner at 6pm at SAHS, Choir, Band, Jazz Band and Orchestra will play. There will be a silent auction also. Raising money for trip to Anaheim to compete.
- Dr. Johnson will send reminder to teachers, if you have an event, get the information into the bulletin by sending to Chelsea Johnson.
- Feb 4<sup>th</sup> – Declamation, to be held at SAHS
- Its noted that dance scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> is the same date at school play 'Fiddler on the Roof'
- Kate would like the 20 new families to receive a PTSO membership form and a school planner.
- April 7<sup>th</sup> – Freshman Fair

Adjourned at 7:50 pm by Kate Matheson