

South Anchorage High School PTSO

Board Meeting

January 11, 2018

Tracy Wayt  
Kate Matheson

Meeting was called to order by Kate Matheson at 6:30pm

Present:

Kate Matheson, President; Amy Carman, Treasurer; Tracy Wayt Secretary; Wendy Pondolfino, Principal, Niles Woods, Faculty Representative; Kya Ethredge, Student Representative; Michele Hoskins, Student Store; Heather Clopton, Store; Tammy Hogge, Hospitality; Alison Arians, Goldenview MS parent; Luke Oiffen, Baseball Captain; Chase Subiteh, Baseball Captain; Lian Lincoln, Baseball Captain

Board meeting minutes from November 2017 approved

*\*Note: due to inclement weather, there was no December meeting*

**Special Guest: Alison Arians**

Goldenveiw MS will be hosting a Community Café to discuss the epidemic of prescription drug addiction on February 8. All parents and community members in the South Anchorage hillside areas are invited. Andy Jones will speak, followed by round table discussions. Pizza will be served. Alison is here to invite South parents and to ask if SAHS PTSO would help get the word out.

**Grant Requestors Presentations**

Three Baseball Captains are here to present their Mini-grant request. The team is requesting monies to help purchase training equipment items for their Spring Training Camp, which is one of their fundraisers. Items will be used not only for this year, but years to come as well. It is held over 3 days during spring break. The team members, usually around 20 students, put on the camp for approximately 60 kids.

**Presidents report: Kate Matheson, President**

Kate shared a thank you, with a photo, from the Partner's Club for approving their mini-grant. As well as a thank you from the Swim & Dive Team.

**Principal Report: Wendy Pondolfino, Principal**

First semester is done, grades have been posted. Today is the first day students are able to make changes to their schedules. Wrestling has finished. South had several wrestlers make it to State. South DDF Team has been named by NSDA as the 2016-2017 Chapter of the Year for the Western Washington District.

Planning an assembly showing the movie 'Chasing the Dragon' to students. Hoping to have DEA, FBI, and APD present. Students can opt out. Ms Pondolfino hasn't decided if the unedited or edited version will be shown. Dimond HS recently showed the unedited version over two days to all their students. She is also hoping to be able to do an evening showing for parents.

Graduation – May 14<sup>th</sup> 2pm at Sullivan Arena

**Teachers Report: Niles Woods, Teacher**

There still is no contract for Teachers, they are meeting back again today. If no resolution, a mediator is set to come in February. Teachers and Union want a three-year contract but not at zero increase for three years.

Teachers remain focused on delivering quality education to students.

**Student Report: Student Representative, Kya Ethredge**

*Daniel is at an AASAG meeting, Kya is here representing.*

Feb 9 is SOBOSS. Student Government is working on upcoming events including a canned food drive, blood drive and a book drive. 80's concert held Dec 1, discussed.

**Treasurers Report - Amy Carman, Treasurer**

- Balance: \$17,702.77
- <see printed report handout '2017/2018 Approved Budget' and 'Treasurer's Report'>

Made changes to Treasurer's Policy & Procedures to incorporate using our new safe. Will now need to revise again, due to closing of Sam's Club. Talked to Costco about shopping there: It's \$60 a year for a business membership account; items can be preordered; Costco credit card requires, one person give their social security number and then it's tied to that person, vs PTSO Board. Instead of credit card, a Costco Cash card can be pre-purchased and reloaded as needed, which seems a better option for our group. Per Michelle's request, we can also pre-purchase a Walmart Cash Card. There have not been any receipts turned in for last semester's All School Breakfast. We did not renew our membership with PTO Today, as it wasn't giving us any benefit. Ms Pondolino has receipts to turn in for custodial dinner from last semester.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Membership: Gretchen Stoddard** – out of town
- **School store: Michelle Hoskins**  
\$54,500 gross sales YTD. Nov gross sales: \$7,650 and Dec gross sales: \$8,407 (\$1,200 at a hockey game)  
Breaking it down by category, gross sales YTD for food: \$33,300 and for apparel \$21,200  
Sam's Club is closing Jan 26<sup>th</sup>. Planning on going and buying lots before then.  
Heather Clopton agreed to take over food and apparel next year. Michelle available to help, if needed.  
The refrigerator had to be repaired due to broken thermostat, fortunately it was under warranty.  
Bufs are in, ordering knit hats, jog pants and fleece headband, among other new things.
- **Candy Give-away – Rebecca Steadman** – Dec give away went well (just before finals). Next is Feb 14th
- **All School Breakfast, Shawna Parrish** -coming up Feb 9th
- **Hospitality, Tammy Hogge** – Teacher luncheon will be Feb 22nd, planning on having a gourmet potato and salad bar.
- **Senior Night of Inspiration** – no date yet. Need administration to give us dates for Honor Grad, Senior Fun Day so we can plan around those dates.
- **Emergency Preparedness** - Position still open

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

1. Nathan Levine – Orchestra, requests \$721.51 for classroom sets of 2 new method books and binders.  
Note: the amount is amended to \$571.51 per Ms. Pondolino  
A motion to approve \$571.51 made by Tammy Hogge; Amy Carman seconds  
Mini grant approved at amended amount of \$571.51
2. Taylor Nerland – South Anchorage Baseball Team, requests \$992.00 for training equipment to be used at Spring Training Camp.  
Board has additional questions regarding this mini-grant. Kate will email the Taylor Nerland. Mini-grant request is tabled until we can obtain more information.

Note: Mini-Grant request from teacher Jeff Johnson from December, no longer needed. Per Ms. Pondolino, he will ask for the funds from his own Department. Mini-grant from Steve Belds was covered by the school.

**New Business / Open Discussion:**

Ms Pondolino is asking about mini-grant emails, which are now all going to her junk email. She thinks it's due to being linked to our old website. She is asking us to get the mini grant request off old site. Kate states we are waiting for District to go to new site, moving to Blackboard.

Tammy Hogge is asking about Eagle Project. Student is looking for someone with a forklift to move the structure into place.

Tammy Hogge is asking if PTSO Board meeting can be shifted to 6pm start, instead of 6:30pm. Discussion, and decision to stay with 6:30 start time.

SAHS has a new football coach, Walter Herman. He was an assistant Coach at Dimond HS.

Ms Pondolino gave some background on new tardy policy:

ASD Foundations Program tracked data. Most significant issue was student tardiness. There were over 5,000 tardies the first semester, and only 15 kids received detention due to tardiness. It's disruptive to students and teachers. SAHS has the longest passing time (10 min) of any HS in the District. Used to be up to the teachers to track the tardies and call the parents. Now it is Security's responsibility. Now asking our teachers for attendance accurate and in by 2:30pm each day. Also asking them to be in the halls each passing time at 7 min to help move students along. Day 1 of implementing this there were 32 tardies, mainly first hour and fourth hour classes.

Adjourned at 8:21pm by Kate Matheson