

South Anchorage High School PTSO
Board Meeting
February 2, 2017

Kate Matheson
Tracy Wayt

Meeting was called to order by Kate Matheson, at 6:31 p.m.

Present: Kate Matheson, President; Amy Carman, Treasurer; Kelley Mills, Vice President; Tracy Wayt, Secretary; Kersten Johnson, Principal; Niles Woods, Faculty Representative; Haley Edmondson Student Representative; Tammy Hogge*, Hospitality; Michelle Hoskins, Student Store; Gretchen Stoddard; Logan Borger, student; Phillip Andress IV, student; Kya Etheredge, student; Emma Potter, student; Ally Wayt, student

*gave committee report but was not in attendance for grant votes

Agenda Approved

Motion to approve the Board meeting minutes from January made by Amy Carman second by Niles Woods.

Presidents report: Kate Matheson, President

Thank you to all who helped with recent All School Breakfast. Thank you to all the School Store volunteers. Without our volunteers we wouldn't be able to do the things we do to support the school, students and staff. Everything is going super well. Not much to report.

Principal Report: Dr. Johnson, Principal

SoBoss was a success, best attended. Thank you for All School Breakfast. SAHS has a couple new student teachers and they were impressed with the event.

This weekend at Bartlett HS, 'Every Child Succeeds' (ECS, replacing NCLB). Bunch of SAHS students will be there as well as Dr. Deena Bishop, Dr. Johnson, etc. All information gathered at this informational gathering session will be taken to the State. Decisions will be made in April. Once things are set, it's harder to change. In addition, it's ASD budget season. The initial release will be Monday, there will be more discussions before the budget is released. There are several opportunities for public comment, then the School Board decides.

Incoming Freshman, now 8th graders, are coming Feb 8 and 10 to tour SAHS and learn about South. Peer Mentors will help

Teachers Report: Niles Woods, Teacher

Looking forward to Parent/Teacher conferences, to meet with parents and kids, and of course the luncheon. Teachers Union has been re-negotiating, contracts are coming to an end.

Student Report: Haley Edmondson, Student Representative

Introductions of Kya Etheredge, she will now be coming to PTSO Board meetings to begin the handoff from Haley to Kya. Emma Potter, here to talk about the Spring Dance

SoBoss – Seniors won! Raised about \$1k for Children's Hospital at Providence. Thank you PTSO for All School Breakfast. Student Gov received an email from the United Way, and will begin volunteering.

Every year SAHS Student Gov works with Alaska Injury & Prevention, this year is a little different, they are targeting Parents instead of Students. Haley plans to show us a video in March and hopes PTSO will help promote. Student Gov gets a grant for participating.

Continuing to work on All Boss, March 25th (other schools competing, held at SAHS)

Emma Potter – Spring Dance will be March 9th, theme is Monte Carlo. Lots of activities like: dance, games (black jack, etc.) in the SAHS Commons & Auditoria, catered dinner. Need PTSO help with prizes, and volunteering. [Tracy Wayt to work with Student Gov to understand needs, and create a sign up genius for parents to volunteer.]

Treasurers Report - Amy Carman, Treasurer

- Balance: \$28,918.64
- Nurse to have receipts for Wolverine Den
<<see attached Treasurer's report>>

Committee Reports:

- Membership: Elizabeth Roberts not in attendance, however she emailed Kate: - 511 Members
- School store: Michelle Hoskins – at about \$75k YTD, January had \$7,200 in sales.
Will be open for upcoming music dept. event “Pasta & Pops” and conferences and Freshman Fair
Still looking for person to take over apparel for next school year
- Hospitality, Tammy Hogge Teacher’s luncheon coming up 2/23. Will serve enchiladas and lots of fresh fruit. Will send out sign-up genius for donations and help.
Already starting to plan Teacher Appreciation week in May (brunch, BBQ, etc.)
- Candy Give-away – Next one is Feb 14th, Mary Ann Esplin will coordinate
- All School Breakfast – last one went great. Need someone to take it over, Juli is ready to step aside. Kate suggests changing set up from Thurs 5pm to Thurs 2:15pm. Kate also asks the group if maybe it should only be once a year. Various people voice their opinion for continuing tradition of twice a year, aligned with Homecoming and SoBoss.
- Bo Seward Award – flyers to be put in all English teachers’ boxes who teach Seniors. Friday 4/14 is the deadline for application to front office.

Mini-Grant Requests Niles Woods is Mini Grant Coordinator

1. Brian Sheffield, SAHS Life Skills class, requests \$352.80 for bus fee to transport students to Alyeska to participate in Challenge Alaska.
A motion to approve \$352.80 for mini grant made by Amy Carmen, Haley Edmonson seconds. Approved unanimously. (note: date needed is actually March 2017, not 1/26/17 as in form)
2. Taylor Nerland of SAHS Baseball Team, requests \$1,209.98 for six ball bags and one Stalker sport radar gun (includes shipping).
note: this sport receives no funding from ASD. Any student with hopes of playing at the university level must have stats on their pitch speeds to be recruited.
A motion to approve \$1,209.98 for mini grant made by Kelley Mills, Michelle Hoskins seconds.
Approved unanimously. (note: need to confirm PTSO membership status)
3. Jessica Williams, SAHS Peer Mentor teacher, requests \$3,000 for Ignition training. Cost is for travel costs associated with bringing Ignition trainer to Anchorage.
A motion to approve \$3,000 for mini grant made by Niles Woods, Amy Carman seconds
Approved unanimously.
Note: Dr. Johnson tells us the club that was to bring up Rachel’s Challenge has disbanded and no one else wants to coordinate. PTSO approved \$3,600 for Rachel’s Challenge. This money will need to be reallocated.
4. Phillip Andress IV and Logan Borger, student club members of newly formed Science club requests \$220.47 for supplies needed to build a magnetic accelerator, for learning, fun and to inspire others to join their club.
A motion to approve \$220.47 for mini grant made by Haley Edmondson, Tracy Wayt seconds.
Approved unanimously.
Note: Mr. Kemper, who is a PTSO member, sponsors this club.

New Business / Open Discussion:

Senior Fun Day will be April 28th at Fox Hollow (The Dome recently collapsed)

Senior Night of Inspiration desperately needs a coordinator. All we have is a date; no speaker, no plan, etc.

Senior Committee Meeting was held Jan 26th, only 3 people showed up. This was the day of terrible weather, ASD cancelled all after school activities. Maybe parents thought cancelled?

Dr. Johnson informed us of how she will spend a portion of her Administrative Grants:

1. Student Act Council wants sweatshirts for their members, \$1,332.95
2. Incoming Freshman, who tour SAHS in Feb, will be given a SAHS t-shirt. \$3,000*
3. AP Capstone classes (AP Seminar and AP Research), pilot 2-year program. \$4,000 to send teacher Lisa Healow, to week long out-of-state training.

Activities person is leaving; Chelsea will be going to cover that window.

President of Huffman-O'Malley Homeowners' association is asking to put in a gate on the north entrance of school (entrance to visitor and staff parking lots). The HO association will pay for all costs. At this time the SAHS PTSO Board does not support this request. We always have an interest in being good neighbor. There are cameras installed in that area. This can be revisited at a later date if Board feels there is an issue.

*Needs to be a line item. Incoming freshman T-shirts

Adjourned at 8:58 pm by Kate Matheson