


South Anchorage High School PTSO
Board Meeting
February 1, 2018



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

Present:

Kate Matheson, President; Amy Carman, Treasurer; Tracy Wayt Secretary; Wendy Pondolino, Principal, Niles Woods, Faculty Representative; Kya Ethredge, Student Representative; Michele Hoskins, Student Store; Tammy Hogge, Hospitality; Gretchen Stoddard, Membership; Shawna Parrish, All School Breakfast

Board meeting minutes from January 2018 approved

Presidents report: Kate Matheson, President

We had a nice January and there are lots of events coming up in February: All School Breakfast, candy give away, SoBoss, and Parent/Teacher conferences., Thank you everyone for working on those events.

Noticed the Black and Gold Awards is on the calendar twice. Ms. Pondolino to verify 4/24 or 5/1.

Principal Report: Wendy Pondolino, Principal

SoBoss date changed to Feb 16 to accommodate kids doing skiing, etc. Academic Awards will be going out soon.

Update on the South signage (medallion, etc.): waiting for permit from the City, which can take up to six weeks.

Sarah Miller has invoice for freshman shirts to turn into PTSO.

Upcoming dates:

April 14th prom; April 17th Freshman Faire; April 25th Honor Graduation; April 27th Jazz Band Dance (similar to the 80 concert event). Mr. S is hoping for Swing dance lessons for kids prior to the event.

May 3 Senior Fun Day, May 14th 2pm graduation

Teachers Report: Niles Woods, Teacher

There is a tentative agreement with the school district for the teachers' contract, Brian Nelson (Teacher at South and on the negotiating team) gave presentation today. Hopeful the teachers will approve. Voting closes on Feb. 16.

Teachers are looking forward to the luncheon provided by the PTSO on conference day.

Student Report: Student Representative, Kya

SoBoss moved to Feb. 16th. Student Gov adopted a wolverine at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center (using exec board funds). The AWCC is a sanctuary dedicated to preserving Alaska's wildlife through conservation, research, education and quality animal care. Student Gov kids going Saturday, Feb 3 to take toys to the animals and are continuing to raise money for the AWCC. Fundraiser is 'flocking' classrooms with flamingos. Hoping to be able to name the Wolverine. It's \$2,000 to adopt, \$5,000 to name it. Heard Dimond is looking to adopt the lynx, so a little bit of fun rivalry happening.

Seniors are planning a fundraising concert to raise money for their Senior Fun Day. Had our first Student Forum, which is made up of two students from each 3rd hour class. Class of 2019 is looking at adding another water bottle fill station, towards the front of the school, as their class legacy project.

Treasurers Report - Amy Carman, Treasurer

- Balance: \$18,720.93.
- <see printed handouts: 'Treasurer's Report' and '2017/2018 Approved Budget'>
- Treasures policies Version 3— reflects changes since Sam's Club closed, now using Costco.
- Amy Carman will look into setting up an Amazon smile account. Shoppers can choose SAHS, it should direct deposit to our acct. This would replace eScript.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership: Gretchen Stoddard**
Currently 454 Members. When we have mini-grant requestors, can we ask them to send info to their members to join PTSO. Gretchen will type up an example and Niles will send when he notifies them their grant was approved. Gretchen will send out email to parents about breakfast, candy give away, conference etc. Volunteers and food are needed for these events.
- **School store: Michelle Hoskins**
\$59,400 gross sales YTD. Jan gross sales: \$6,900. Planning on being open for freshman night on the 17th, also on the Feb 9th for Music fundraiser, Pasta & Pops. Heather and Michelle did several trips to Sam's Club before it closed, trying to stock up on what they could. Estimating saved \$600-1,000. Now ready to go with Costco.
- **Bo Seward Award -** haven't started advertising yet. Need date for Senior Night of Inspiration to put on the application as this is the night we present the award.
- **Senior Night of Inspiration –** Kelly Mills will chair this event. Looking at several dates. Possible speaker will be Senator Lisa Murkowski if her schedule allows.
- **All School Breakfast - Shawna Parrish**
Date moved to Feb. 16th; bought griddles, threw a bunch away. Will have greeters down by bus area reminding kids to eat. Fun event! Last year morning volunteers brought their food donations with them, so when she assessed the night before, food was purchased, resulting in too much food. This time, asking volunteers to let her know if they will be bringing food in the morning. Would like to send invite information to everyone at the school through an email sent by school. Ms. Pondolfino will have to put it out.
- **Hospitality - Tammy Hogge**
Everything is 'good to go'. Will be serving gourmet potato & salad bar for teachers' luncheon. Working on a Sign-Up Genius for volunteers and food requests.
- **Candy Give-Away - Rebecca Steadman, Feb 14th, Valentines Day**

Mini-Grant Requests

1. Mini-grant request, tabled from January PTSO meeting.
Taylor Nerland – South Anchorage Baseball Team, requests \$992.00 for training equipment to be used at Spring Training Camp. Board had additional questions which Kate sent to Taylor Nerland, who replied with requested information.
A motion to approve \$992.00 made by Niles Woods; Amy Carman seconds
Mini grant approved.
2. Lydia Frankenburger – SAHS Librarian, requests \$700.00 for a *Coverbind 2000*, a library thermal book binding machine to repair library and text books. It can also bind books created at South.
A motion to approve \$700.00 made by Amy Carman; Tammy Hogge seconds
Mini grant approved
3. Lt. Col J. Ramos – AF JROTC Instructor, requests \$500.00 to pay for half of this year's academic competition entry fees.
A motion to approve \$500.00 made by Wendy Pondolfino; Niles Woods seconds
Mini grant approved

New Business / Open Discussion:

- Michelle asks, on behalf of a baseball team parent, is it ok to sell raffle tickets at Freshman Fair? Wendy says no. if one club does then so will others. Parent conferences is a better place.
- A decision needs to be made about our "old website" The history is that PTSO paid for this website many years ago. It is run by a company called Sundog Testing. They help us with all administration of the site: any updates regarding content, storage of minutes from our meetings, school store content, etc. Mini grant requests come directly to Kate and Wendy, membership forms go directly to Membership Chair. ASD is transitioning to their own school websites. We need to decide if we want to
 - Keep our old website to be used just as a PTSO site and have the new ASD school website link to this. It would cost \$1000 to redesign the old website, then \$100 per month to maintain. Previously, South paid for the maintenance. PTSO would now pay this fee.
 - Close the website permanently and tack onto the school site instead, for free. School administrators would manage the site, not a full service company like SunDog testing, so the support would not be as timely. Also, the mini-grant process has been cumbersome: the format is not in place to make it easy to read the requests or disseminate them to the Board.

A decision needs to be made by next Board Meeting in March.

Adjourned at 8:01 pm by Kate Matheson