

South Anchorage High School PTSO  
Board Meeting  
Sept 14, 2017

Kate Matheson  
Tracy Wayt

Meeting was called to order by Kate Matheson at 6:32 p.m.

Present: Kate Matheson, President; Wendy Pondolfino, Principal; Amy Anderson, Vice President; Tammy Hogge, Hospitality; Michelle Hoskins, Student Store; Frances Jones, Career Resources/Bo Seward Award; Gretchen Stoddard, Membership; Amy Carman, Treasurer; Tracy Wayt, Secretary; Niles Woods, Teacher Representative; Kathy Bruzzi, parent (*Kya absent – sick*)

Agenda approved

Minutes from August 3, 2017 approved, with no comments or changes

**Presidents report: Kate Matheson, President**

PTSO hosted a “mix & mingle” before the General Meeting at the Open House. School store had tables with lots of spirit wear for purchase. Shawna Parrish is working hard getting ready for All School Breakfast tomorrow morning. Thank you to Tammy for the staff breakfast at start of school.

Funeral for Emily Tredway is Saturday. PTSO will be sending flowers (money will be used from PTSO ‘Family Emergency’ fund). Kate asked Wendy to let the PTSO know if we can do anything for Emily’s family.

**Principal Report: Wendy Pondolfino, Principal**

Regarding Emily Tredway; Student Government changed the Tuesday spirit day to wear blue for Emily. There was a big poster in library for kids to sign along with canvas shoes and a guitar that the parents brought in for students to sign. In 6-8 weeks family will be contacted to see if they want to put something in the yearbook, either this year or next year, which would have been her senior year... South will give them a full page, if they want it. ASD sent a crisis team and South counselors were available as well throughout the week. Staff was notified on Sunday and there was a staff meeting Monday morning.

Homecoming Dance needs more volunteers to help chaperone. PTSO will send out email to parents for more volunteers. Students have been notified that their vehicles will be searched – everyone out of the car, open your bag, etc. Dancing will be in the Auditoria, as it will be easier to manage. The garage doors from the Auditoria to the Commons will be open. In the Commons will be ping pong and retro arcade games. There has been discussion recently about discontinuing guest passes for dances, and possibly adjusting hours to 7pm-10pm. School enrollment is at 1448, over projected of 1411; requested an FTE but the district doesn’t have it to give. Ms. Pondolfino will be gone end of Sept to her in-law’s funeral and also possibly the end of Oct. to be with her daughter, who is at end of difficult pregnancy.

**Teachers Report: Niles Woods, Teacher**

Beginning of year. He’s glad to be back. Transitioning the new website to submit grant request, Mr. Woods to inform teachers when the change takes place.

**Student Report: Kya Etheredge, Student Representative by email**

Kya is unable to attend as she is home sick. She has emailed report to Kate.

Spirit Week: Monday-Neon Day / Tuesday-Wear Blue for Emily / Wednesday- Tacky Tourist / Thursday-Farmers vs. Charmers Friday- Black and Gold. Saturday is the Homecoming Dance 8-11pm at South. Theme is glow-in-the-dark, ‘Glo-Co’. There will be games, refreshments and photos, in the Commons area. Homecoming Court and DJ will be on the stage in the Auditoria, as well as dancing in the Auditoria. Student Gov is pumped up about the games: several retro arcade games and three ping pong tables. Canned food drive ends the Sept 15th.

**Treasurers Report - Amy Carman, Treasurer**

We have reconciled the bank statement, net profit to date is \$10k not \$7800 due to additional deposits.

Purchased a safe, it's in the new PTSO room and can be recoded as new Board members change year to year.

\*attached treasurer report and up to date budget

**Committee Reports:**

- **Membership:** Gretchen Stoddard – 286 members, plus the ones from last year that will drop after Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, when the list will be cleaned up and those who haven't renewed are removed. While we can't add ability to purchase PTSO membership to Zangle, it is on school store site. Maybe add a link/info to the bulletin also?
- **School store:** Michelle Hoskins – August sales \$13,555, down \$7,800 from last year. Sept so far \$6,700. Getting more shelves, the room is coming together, put up more signs. Got a new big TV mounted where the other smaller one was. The smaller one is now in the Commons. Michele and Heather update the advertisements on the school store tv.  
Talked to Ms Williams about creating a 'spirit closet'. Students leaving SAHS can donate their gently used South Spirit wear, then other kids could purchase for cheap. For Class shirts, EOY trying to get a closer count to what sizes are needed for next year so we don't end up with so many leftovers.  
Can Student Store be open for Rabbit Creek Craft Faire?
- **Hospitality,** Tammy Hogge – Verifying Teachers lunch for conferences is Oct 25<sup>th</sup>? Ms. Pondolino confirms.
- **All School Breakfast,** Shawna Parrish - new coordinator for this twice-yearly event. She is super organized and has posted signs all around the school. She also purchased a few more griddles and power strips. Jr. ROTC helped set up today right after school. Everything is ready!
- **Career Resources/Bo Seward – Frances Jones –** Last year ASD indicated they were looking at making the Student Scholarship Portfolio process electronic. Frances asked about the status of ASD making the process electronic, where all agencies looking to give local Alaska students scholarships can review the student's information on-line, giving Alaska businesses easier access to the binders vs. driving to school and reviewing on site or checking out binders. Ms Pondolino states she asked for an update and there is no plan currently to make the process electronic. Two Parent nights are coming up: Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> –Choosing a Career/School; Oct 4<sup>th</sup> – Help with FAFSA.. Parents who are unable to attend the two sessions at South, have the option to visit AK Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) Success Center, located in the Dimond Center, next to Perfect cup and the movie theatre, for FAFSA assistance, scholarship searching, applying to colleges, etc. Website: <http://acpe.alaska.gov/SuccessCenter>
- **Emergency preparedness –** Still looking for someone to take this on.

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

1. Nathan Levine – South Orchestra Teacher, requests \$1,000 for two ¾ size cellos for instrument inventory. A motion to approve \$1,000 for mini grant made by Niles Woods; Amy Anderson seconds  
Approved unanimously.
2. Daniel Jeoun – Student Government, requests up to \$1,500 for travel/ fees, for students to attend AASG. Discussion was held and it was determined more detail is needed: How much per person? How have they fundraised so far and how much? What is the impact on South?  
A motion was made by Frances Jones to table the discussion until more information is given, Michelle Hoskins seconds. Motion to table was approved. Kate will talk with Daniel / Student Gov.

**New Business / Open Discussion:**

Frances Jones - Concern for theft. Yearbook cameras missing. They were all accounted for at the end of the school 2016/2017 school year, gone beginning of this year. (note the classroom was relocated) Estimated at \$30k - \$40k. Ms. Pondolfini wasn't aware, she'll investigate.

Frances Jones - Chasing the Dragon video, med disposal kits, maybe PTSO could sponsor a night and show the movie? Oct 12<sup>th</sup> at Goldenview parent meeting. Frances will meet with Ms Pondolfini to discuss further.

Michelle Hoskins- Has a suggestion for a Prom Faire. Could be for just South or for all high schools. Vendors (limos, tux, dresses, flowers, etc.) could come and advertise their services and maybe give a discount. Example: If booked within 7 days, 15% off. Michelle will talk to Sara Miller.

Zangle to Que, slow transition, teachers grade books, enrollment

Ms. Pondolfini – Past Principal had asked been given funds for a \$20k basketball scoreboard, Wendy would instead like to get a \$6,400 scoreboard and get thirty chairs with South logo, to be used for players “on the bench” during basketball, volleyball, etc. Old ones are 14 years old. Also researching some signage for the building, things to show school spirit. She has a \$6,800 bid from Lifetouch for large signs. Still considering. Board agreed she can use the money as she deems fit for all the above. Wendy to report back to board to keep us up to date.

South website, being rebuilt by Dan Arends and Rick Stone in conjunction with ASD IT person. Kate met with them as well, added our PTSO mini-grant form. Still need PTSO membership form to be added. Transition period right now.

Adjourned at 8:29pm by Kate Matheson