

South Anchorage High School PTSO

Board Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2015

Kate Matheson
Signed

Called to order 6:40 p.m.

Present: Kate Matheson, President; Audrey Kirn, Vice President; Cindy Ljubicich, Treasurer; Stephani Green, Secretary; Kersten Johnson, Principal; Niles Wood, Faculty Representative; Michele Hoskins, School Store; Frances Jones, CRC Representative; Haley Edmondson, Student Representative; Kendra Green, Gretchen Stoddard and Tracy Wayt.

Introductions – Since a few members came in during the last meeting, those present introduced themselves again.

Approval of Minutes for November Board Meeting – Motion to approve by Stephani, seconded by Cindy, all approved

President's Report – The school store has been doing wonderful. The sales have exceeded any prior year. Thanks and congratulations to Michele for her efforts with the store this year.

Principal's Report – This month has been quiet while we have been focusing on wrapping up first semester. South High School has been selected by Castle Education Consultancy to be one of the sites that outside visitors will attend as one of their model schools for excellent education. Castle will be stopping by to see what we do that is helping to promote the social and emotional health of students.

Scores for the AMP tests will be arriving home soon. This is the first year this test has been used, so the scores give mostly a baseline for the test but no long-term data for the students. The regulations with testing are changing on the federal level. That effect what test will be used going forward. Next year, we are expecting to have the same tests, but the following year, we can expect something different.

Teacher's Report – Thank you for the student coupons. The teachers can give these to students who do something outstanding to recognize them. The teachers wanted to recognize that Lee Butterfield has been selected to be on the committee to choose a new superintendent.

Student Government – The blood drive was very successful; they even had 25 more people than they could use. The canned food drive was also successful. Student Government is currently doing Pennies for Patients to benefit the Children's Hospital. Student Government will also be doing a "Teddy Bears and Books" drive for Kids' Kitchen. There will not be a Crystal Ball this year. Instead, there will be a dance on March 4th. However, they are still holding a Spirit Week now just before the holidays. SOBOSS will be coming up the end of January, as well. There will not be a dance or activity near the end of the year, because the calendar is full of activities. South is organizing a district-wide SOBOSS, which is planned to be held in the Alaska Airlines Center.

Treasurer's Report – A tax extension has been submitted, so we have a little more time to get the taxes in from last year. The books have finally been balanced from last year. There are checks for tonight to sign and some more receipts are in. The Sam's Club payment also needs to be made. We have also been getting a few dollars in from E-scripts that we had not expected.

Membership – We still have the same number of members as last month with no new additions.

School Store - \$72,000 YTD. They recently held a sale at Ben Boeke at a hockey game, and the scarves and blankets sold well. Teachers can buy additional coupons to hand out to kids if they would like. The cheer team bought 20 quarter-zips for their team. There will be holiday shopping nights during the concerts for parents to shop. Soyo Yogurt is the store's new sales item, and it has been very popular. The school website has no button for school store on the main page; Michele asked if this could be changed. The request was made to add a button for school store. Dr. Johnson suggested we change the PTSO button to PTSO/School Store. Michele would like to add a photo, as well. It was suggested that an announcement for the school store be added, so Dr. Johnson will add an announcement on the South High Facebook Page.

CRC – Parents have requested a scholarship portfolio workshop and a college essay night. These events would likely happen after Christmas break.

Candy Give-away – There will be a candy give-away during lunch the last day of school before the Christmas Break.

Mini Grants- Mrs. Wright-Elson request for mini grant and Kendra Green present the information on the Ted Ex conference that will be held at South. As part of the curriculum, the AP Lang classes have each student do a CRAVE Project in the style of a Ted Talk based on a subject they feel strongly about. Selected students will be able to present it for a Ted audience on January 23rd. The talks will be live-streamed by Mr. Butterfield's class. So far, there are 11 speakers with the passion the organizers are looking for. TBA Theater will be providing some training to help with the public speaking. The cost for the training room will be \$100. A hospitality room would also be provided; the group is requesting \$100 to provide water and simple snacks. The grant request is for a total of \$200. One member raised the question of how does South benefit by associating with the Ted Ex organization. It was explained that the notoriety and licensing that is provided give some prestige to the event and provides the opportunity for students to place this on their college applications. This will also provide national recognition. Other questions: Will it be advertised to parents? Yes. Who will present the public speaking training? TBA Theater.

Ted Ex. \$200 Requested. Dr. Johnson made a motion to approve the mini-grant and Niles seconded the motion. Parents commented in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Outdoor Wilderness - \$350 for cold-water safety class designed to decrease water deaths in Alaska. Mini grant is for pool and busing, the class instruction will be donated. Cindy made a motion to approve and Niles seconded. All approved.

New Business – Assembly by the FBI was requested by Frances. The training is a 90-minute community presentation planned from students' perspective to prepare them for an active shooter situation. No action was taken at this time. Dr. Johnson will consider this further.

Meeting Adjourned - 7:27 P.M.