

South Anchorage High School PTSO  
Board Meeting  
August 4, 2016

*Kate Matheson  
Tracy Wayt*

Meeting was called to order by Kate Matheson at 6:32pm

Present: Kate Matheson, President; Kelley Mills, Vice President; Amy Carman, Treasurer; Tracy Wayt Secretary; Michele Hoskins, School Store; Elizabeth Roberts, Membership Chair; Haley Edmonson Student Representative; Kirsten Johnson, Principal; Gretchen Stoddard, Lee Butterfield, Allison Wayt, student

Approval of the May 4, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes was tabled till next month.

Presidents Report: Kate Matheson, President

- Registration:
  - Volunteers needed: 2 for PTSO table each day & 2 more to help direct families.
  - Per Dr. Johnson, people will be directed to come through H hall then head to main office. If they've registered online, they can go straight to library.
  - Almost 1000 families did online registration this year, compared to 400 last years.
  - Life touch will be at the school for 3 days: Tues, Wed, Thurs for school id photos. (if they miss getting it during registration days)
- Still using South website, Kate updated this summer (forms and bylaws still need to be updated)

Principal Report: Dr. Johnson, Principal

New Superintendent focused on moving the district forward; increasing graduation rates, reducing failure/drop-out rates, etc.

Chelsea Johnson is the new front desk person. Not a lot of staff turnover, good/solid staff this year.

No standardized testing this year, no free SAT/ACT (PSAT will be offered on a Sat)

Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 8:30am Teachers in-service day, PTSO board to come meet teachers explain how to apply for a grant, join PTSO, etc.

March 6 & 7 SAHS will have an accreditation review, (on-site visit of evaluators). Usually done every 5 years, hasn't been done in 10 years. School will need parent representatives, etc. prior to help with the process. There are five standards SAHS to be graded on; school climate, leadership, student performance, surveys for parents and students.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

- Sept 1<sup>st</sup> – 6:15 General Meeting; 6:30 Open House
- Sept 5-9
  - 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Spirit Week
  - 9<sup>th</sup> – 6:30am All School Breakfast; 8pm-11pm pm Homecoming Dance in the Commons
  - 10<sup>th</sup> - 2:00pm Homecoming Game
- Sept 8<sup>h</sup> PTSO Board Meeting (moved due to Back to School Night/Open House on the 1<sup>st</sup>.)
- Oct 26<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Luncheon (half day) [Mon, Tues, Thurs are full days; Wed half day; Fri no school]
- Oct 31<sup>st</sup> candy giveaway
- Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> - PTSO Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- Nov 11<sup>th</sup> - In-service for teachers, no school
- Nov 24/25 no school

- Dec 1<sup>st</sup> PTSO Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> candy give away, last day of school before Winter break
- Jan 12<sup>th</sup> - PTSO Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- Jan 23-27 SoBoss Week
- Jan 27<sup>th</sup> All school breakfast
- Feb 14 candy give away
- Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> Teacher Luncheon (conferences) half day Thurs: no school Friday
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> - PTSO Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- March 13-17 Spring Break
- April 1<sup>st</sup> or April 8<sup>th</sup> will be prom
- April 6<sup>th</sup> - PTSO Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- April 14<sup>th</sup> - Bo Seward Award applications due
- Last week April/ First week May - AP testing
- May 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> - Teacher Appreciation week
- May 4<sup>th</sup> - PTSO Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- May 5<sup>th</sup> - Senior Fun Day
- May 10, 11 & 12<sup>th</sup> - Senior Finals
- May 12<sup>th</sup> - Seniors last day; candy give away
- May 14<sup>th</sup> Night of Inspiration (Sunday 6:30 pm)
- May 15<sup>th</sup> - Graduation 7pm, Sullivan Arena
- May 24<sup>th</sup> - last day of school

Student Report: Student Representative, Haley Edmondson

- Class color day first Friday Aug 26; shirts will be sold during registration, and first week (maybe at school store also)
- Homecoming Dance Theme "Night in Shanghai - Big Cities"
- Alaska injury prevention center / safe driving etc. during Sept 9 homecoming assembly
- Aug 13<sup>th</sup> - First football game, at South field; 10am Cross Country Meet
- Homecoming week dance – need chaperones.
  - PTSO will put out sign up sheet during registration. Elizabeth will give Haley the list
  - Right after registration, PTSO to put out broadcast email out for volunteers
- Student Government's big goal is communication to increase attendance, working to get all clubs together once a month (3<sup>rd</sup> hour). To promote and support each other's club, avoid conflicting dates and work together. Each club, sport, music, drama sends one rep to this meeting. Modeling after UAA. First meeting in Sept
- Communication to parents is important. Minutes from the meeting above to be distributed. (Wired wolverine, daily bulletin, Facebook, morning announcements, etc.)
- Holding a drive to raise money for Dominican Republic
- Oct 1<sup>st</sup> organizing a South team for the breast cancer research walk to raise money
- Mother daughter fashion show maybe Oct 8 or 22 to try and get more community involvement
- Student government retreat, for class communication going camping this weekend Eklutna lake.

Treasurers Report - Amy Carman, Treasurer

- Books are being looked at by outside 3<sup>rd</sup> party. To be returned in a couple days
- Few changes to be made to Treasurers Policies & Procedures
- Check Requests and Reimbursement forms will be in the PTSO box
- <see printed report handout '2016/2017 Approved Budget'>

Teachers Report: <Niles Woods not present>

Committee Reports:

- Membership: Elizabeth Roberts – 26 members; has updated moving everyone up a grade; redid form adding credit card payment area and info about online payments; Can use the iPad at student store for payment of membership; Free membership offered if you buy a \$20.00 punch-card from the School Store, only offered during registration.
- School store: Michelle Hoskins
  - Store will be open on Aug 17 for teachers, hours TBD. Michelle to email Dr. Johnson with time
  - Several new items; winter hats, military hats, letter jackets, fleece jackets,
  - Special orders will be taken during registration and maybe back to school night (takes about 3 wks);
  - 500 planners have come in.
  - No soyo yogurt this year, business changed hands;
  - Scan system is now in place. Michelle will come in and train school store workers.
  - Small refrigerator died will be removed, looking at Sam's club to get it replaced
  - Sales goal for registration is \$17,000
  - will have \$1 coupon cards for the teachers

Committee chairs needed – Bo Seward Award, Nominating and Senior Night of Inspiration

New Business / Open Discussion: none

Adjourned at 8:23pm by Kate Matheson