

Service High School PTSA Minutes

10 September 2013

The general membership meeting was brought to order @ 1800 with introductions.

In attendance:

Dan Garcia, President	Jeff Turner, Rep. Millett's office
Amy Vukasin, Treasurer	Bret Davis, Student Gov't Advisor
Kim Garcia, Secretary	Greg Mamikunian, Student Body President
Laurie Northey, Membership Chair	Gail Anaruk
Frank Shaffer, Faculty Liaison	Lesli Olson
John Gaskins, Principal	Doug Potter
Sen. Kevin Meyer	Tracy Breimo

Minutes -

~ The minutes of the August Board meeting were read and approved with one amendment adding Grant Fraser Memorial Theater to last item of new business.

Treasurer's Report

- ~ The Treasurer's report was approved with one amendment of \$101,503.46 instead of ##### in YTD Totals column.
- ~ The proposed budget was approved. Amy explained that it's not broken down as much as we would like due to last year's final report not being broken down. Teacher Appreciation upped to \$3200. Cougar Cache donated older merchandise to girl's volleyball.
- ~ Frank moved, Laurie seconded, all approved Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget.

Principal's Report

- ~ C hall construction is moving along fine, estimated completion in March.
- ~ Bleachers construction has started. Began rerouting drivers first day of school. This will be a permanent route due to the bleachers being installed on the back road. Verbiage including a map was included in September Southsider as to how to drive around the school. Public meetings have been held for the past year and a half as to how this process will go. John will put it out again. New signs have been ordered to assist drivers.
- ~ John Deere tractor - brochure given to Jason Caldarera to choose the order. Won't place order until spring when storage may be available. Hoping to

- incorporate storage underneath bleachers. Won't be done until summer.
- ~ Open House tomorrow, 11 Sep, 1830-1900 in gym. Parents free to go to whichever class(es) they choose for however long. New format – no bells. Café will have tables set up for clubs, sports, etc.
 - ~ Homecoming 5 Oct, game at AFS @ 1400 (2 p.m.). Dance following 8 – 11
 - ~ At leadership' meeting today, talk of cutting all ASD subs to free up \$2 m in budget between now and next school year.
 - ~ Possibly free up \$1.5 m in construction funds from current construction to redo GFMT. Sen. Meyer suggested legislative grants might help if awarded.
 - ~ At John's request, James Hancock is looking into rotating uniforms for when we get funds requests for uniforms, to prevent some unnecessary requests.
 - ~ Activity fund down to \$2500 from \$5000. John requested for registration lunches, staff breakfasts.

Teacher Report

- ~ Thank you e-Mails have been sent from Vani Pillai and Devon Roberts thanking PTSA for funds donated for various items. Frank will forward the e-mails to attach here.
- ~ Cougar Cash Coupons will be stuffed in mailboxes tomorrow along with an e-mail from Frank notifying staff about these. Deanna will also be notified to let volunteers know what to do with these when they're redeemed.

Student Report

- ~ Greg reported about Homecoming. Dance will be from 8 – 11, game vs. Dimond at AFS @ 2 p.m.
- ~ Spirit Week prior: Monday – Green and Gold, Tuesday – 80s work-out day, Wednesday – Camo Day, Thursday – Sports Day, Friday – Class Colors (Seniors – Red, Juniors – Blue, Sophomores – Yellow, Freshmen – Green)

Cougar Cache Report

- ~ AZ Tea switched to Peace Tea and delivered by Odom. Diet sodas added to selection to compete with school vending machines.
- ~ Dan asked AK Serigraphics for a compilation of past logo designs.
- ~ Sweatshirts have been requested as opposed to hoodies.
- ~ Considering vests to offer to staff.
- ~ Open during Open House with membership forms available

Sen. Meyer's Report

- ~ (see attached handout)

Rep. Millett's office

~ Jeff had nothing to add to Sen. Meyer's report

Old Business

~ Projector for Grant Fraser Memorial Theater, Frank will talk to Chad Sant and Bill Corbett to research A/V equipment. John suggested waiting on permanent fixtures – seats, curtain, etc. to see if surplus funds will be available from current construction.

~ Concerning activity fund, Carolyn can give proof of expenses.

New Business

~ Over 70 members YTD

~ Eileen Foley, new staff coordinator, wants PTSA representatives to join the Grubbin' with Gaskins lunch for new staff since PTSA funds the lunch, which will be 18 and 26 September

~ Doug brought up the subject of a closed campus. He said that from his personal knowledge as a heavy equipment operator on the roads that too many students still leave school at lunch and what is the possibility of a closed campus? John will bring it up at the next leadership meeting. With a quarter of our 1770 student population on free/reduced lunch, the rest bring lunch or leave. John makes announcements on days the roads might be treacherous; doesn't make a difference according to Kim, whose office is right by the D exit. Currently, no ASD campuses are closed.

Fund requests

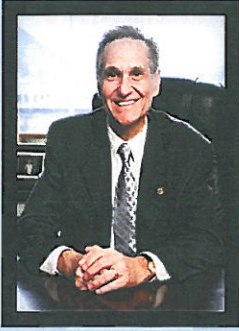
~ Activity fund \$2500; Frank made the motion to accept, Gail seconded, all were in favor.

~ Lesli Olson presented her fund request. She is teaching a Life Skills music class and has very few materials. She is requesting from \$452 - \$7877 + shipping for modified instruments, books, etc. Sen. Meyer suggested capital funding for next year. Continuous class will benefit scores of students. Laurie wanted to go on record that this is "a lot of money". Sen. Meyer commented that at an FAS (Fetal Alcohol Syndrome) awareness meeting, there are plenty of examples that these children have hidden talents - many in music. Doug made the motion to approve, Frank seconded, all were in favor.

Adjournment

~ Meeting adjourned at 1904 (7:04 pm)

~ Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 8 October @ 1800 (6:00 p.m.)



Senator Kevin Meyer

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SERVICE HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Principal Gaskins, Teachers, & Parents of Service High School:

Welcome to the 2013-2014 School Year! I hope that the school year is off to a great start. I look forward to working with you this year on issues that are important to you and the students of Service High.

Working with the Service High PTSA, Principal Gaskins, and supporters of various athletic and student organizations, I have been able to secure important capital budget grants. Below is a summary of the grants awarded in FY 2013 & FY 2014:

FY 2014 Capital Budget

FY 2013 Capital Budget

Field Improvements & Lighting - \$700,000	Security Camera Upgrades - \$218,000
Rifle Team Equipment - \$25,000	Mobile Computer Labs - \$134,400
Swimming Pool Filtration System - \$150,000	Track Upgrade- \$840,000
	Field Improvements - \$800,000

This summer has been a busy one for education in Alaska. The work has continued into the fall and I would like to take this opportunity to update you on just a few items. Several committees were created to look at education funding.

Sustainable Education Task Force — The task force will focus on the adequacy and proper use of education funds, alternative methods of funding education, evaluation of the availability of courses that meet academic standards, and will provide recommendations to the State House in January 2014 based on the work done by the task force.

Dept. of Education & Early Development Senate Finance Subcommittee — The Senate Finance Subcommittee will be looking at cost drivers in delivering education, pupil transportation, school construction, and energy use in schools.

Senate Finance Study on Health Benefit Costs —The Senate Finance Committee commissioned a study to collect and analyze data from all 53 school districts in Alaska on the cost of health benefit programs. This study will show if consolidating public school employees under one statewide benefit program is in the best interest of public school employees and whether costs will be saved by districts which will result in more dollars going to instructional and educational services. I serve as the project manager for this study.

Thank you for your service and the work that you do on behalf of our students. I hope that you have a successful year! Please feel free to contact my office at any time to discuss items that are important to you!

Sincerely,