

# **Robert Service High School PTSA Zoom Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 10, 2022**

**Meeting called to order: 6:00 PM**

## **In Attendance:**

Amber Lathrop – President  
Liesl Carter - Secretary  
Robin Wittrock - Spirit Wear Coordinator  
Allen Wardlaw – Principal  
Holly Rogers – Cougar Cache  
Jenada Johnson – Former PTSA President  
Jen Clark – Media

## **President's Report: Amber Lathrop**

- Creating PTSA yearly calendar and SHS events
- Met with Anchorage PTA President – great information
  - State conference coming up
- Contacting Ms Dooley for cougar cup workers
- Check out trainings on state and national PTA website

## **Secretary's Report; Liesl Carter**

- April minutes reviewed – Holly motions to approve minutes; Robin seconds. Approved.
- Drafted SHS PTSA Accomplishments for 2021-2022
  - Will combine with Amber's list

## **Treasurer's Report: Kelda Barstad (absent)**

- Treasurer's Report online

## **Cougar Cache Report: Holly Rogers**

- Still need a new Cougar Cache replacement
- Last week of school: plan is to run out of snacks Monday or Tuesday then sell Costco pizza the last two days
- Volunteers were thrilled with spirit wear thank you
- Still have a couple clubs doing takeovers
- Five takeovers in May
- A few students want to volunteer next year
- Plan is to close out volunteer credit cards on the last day of school

## **Cougar Cup Café Report: B. Alvarado (absent)**

- Open one more week

### **Spirit Wear Report: Robin Wittrock**

- Spent \$6204 on spirit wear purchases
- Spent \$3076 for teacher gifts
- Mr Wardlaw spent \$138 in merchandise for staff
- Spring sale – pretty effective online orders and cougar cache very busy

### **PTSA Membership Report: Vacant**

- 54 members – no gain

### **Social Media Report: Jen Clark**

- Will start a new media report

### **Reflections Report: Amber Lathrop**

- Trying to recruit orchestra, choir, band, fine arts teachers
- “Show your Voice” is next year’s theme
- SHS PTSA is already signed up
- Three state-wide winners went to Nationals (Taryn Lathrop – Photography; Sophia Lathrop – Dance Choreography & Emalyn Peterson – Literature)
  - Sofia Lathrop earned an Award of Merit for her dance “It’s Okay”
  - Only Alaskan to place at Nationals

### **Principal’s Report: Allen Wardlaw**

- Mr Lubken – Denali Award Winner for ASD
- Opportunities: Native American Student Advocacy
  - College Board conference
  - Focuses on indigenous students
- Discipline Data
  - Penalties & Involvement – Attendance and tardy issues; Freshman & Sophomore mostly
- Mission for next school year
  - ASD Repeating phase II – Equal Opportunity schools
  - EOS Insight card
    - Trusted Adult and Teacher Recommendation – Giving teachers time to reach out and talk to these students
    - Also provides support system for kids
  - 60% complete survey for insight cards
- Piloting springboard; inclusive – co-taught by SPED and Gen-ED
- Lots of retirements and new hires
- Dress Code Policy – students desired gender neutral policy and make policy non-discriminatory
  - Shouldn’t take students out of class to handle issues with dress codes
  - Working with staff to create a new dress code
- End of Year Calendar Meeting
- Graduation - May 11
- Last Day - May 19
- Last Day for Teachers - May 20

### **Student Government: Absent**

- N/A

## **Funds Request:**

- Barb Dexter works with child in transition (homeless grant); suggestion 4-8 didn't even have any senior spiritwear; approximately \$200-\$300
  - Senior sweatshirt & T-shirt
  - Holly motions to donate a T-shirt and sweatshirt; Amber seconds. Approved.
- Tablecloths, banners, easels of who we are
  - Liesl motions to spend up to \$500 for equipment; Jenada seconds. Approved.
- Conference Friday 20-21; wings café; \$75
  - Liesl motions to approve; Allen seconds. Approved
- Recommend PTSA have own zoom link; \$150-\$200
  - Liesl motions to own zoom link; Jenada seconds. Approved.

## **Teachers' Liaison: Christopher Lubken**

## **Old Business:**

## **Nominations:**

- President – Amber Lathrop
  - Vice President – Janeen Wilkins
  - Secretary – Liesl Carter
  - Media – Jen Clark
  - Spirit Wear – Robin Wittrock
  - Teacher Liaison – Christopher Lubken
- Jenada motions for officers and committee chairs; Robin seconds, Approved.

## **New Business/Tasks:**

- Mr Caldera interested in reinvigorating Alumni Group
- PTSA received thank you card from Melinda Dooley
- Amber will work with Kelda to ensure PTSA remains in good standing
- Huge shout out to Kelda, Holly, & B for their service and work to the PTSA
- Recommend sending an e-mail to new teachers introducing the PTSA, as well as retiring teachers thanking them for their service
  - Liesl will help draft
- 12% of staff involved in PTSA this year
- Holly – end of year we usually buy pizza or subs for teachers
  - Also have leftover ice cream and toppings
  - Usually pick up things at Costco, but Holly may need help getting it distributed
- School of Excellence scholarship; Grant is a 2-year-long commitment
  - Come up of areas of weakness in school
- Creating a Cougar Closet
  - Clothing and food
  - Creating a place where toiletries and needs can be kept
  - Amber looking into grant

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

- 2022-2023 PTSA Positions –Treasurer, Cougar Cache Manager, Cougar Cup Manager, Alumni Representative, Membership Chair
- Cougar Cache and Cougar Café volunteers will be needed next year as allowed to open

**Meeting Dates:**

- Second Tuesdays at 6 pm (\*exceptions)
- Summer Meetings at 6 pm: Jun 14 & Jul 26

**Next Board Meeting Date:** June 14, 2022

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:08 pm

**NOTE:**

- Indicates motion
- ❖ Indicates task
- Indicates a question / open discussion