

# **Robert Service High School PTSA Zoom Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024**

**Meeting called to order: 6:03 PM**

**In Attendance:**

Amber Lathrop – President  
Willow Peyton – Vice President  
Imtiaz Azzam – Principal  
Christopher Lubken – Teacher Liaison  
Marjorie Burr – Staff  
Robin Wittrock - Spiritwear  
Tasha Lucas - Parent  
Ellen Scott - Teacher  
Rebecca Haviland – Teacher  
Yuna – PTSA student representative  
Jennifer Rafferty – Parent

NO QUORUM

**President's Report: Amber Lathrop**

- 66 members
  - Send request to parents, staff, and students
- Hoping to get a few more submissions for Reflections
- Will send out newsletter in January

**Vice President's: Willow Peyton**

- Cougar Cache still struggling for volunteers
- Doing well for takeovers
- Could we do an incentive for volunteering
  - Also need student volunteers
  - Could kids recruit a parent/trusted adult
  - Perhaps if adult volunteers four times then kid gets \$25 punch card
  - The time may be a difficult time too; starting at 10 am, next year may be different with time change
- Cougar Cup going well and kids seem to like it

**Secretary's Report: Liesl Carter (absent)**

- Will vote on November and December minutes next month

### **Treasurer's Report: Vacant**

- \$42,000 balance
- Still vacant
- Amber working on budget

### **Cougar Cache Report: Stacey Martin (absent)**

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

- The order paid for today is second order of the year
- Still an issue with the first order
  - I have a dispute with Dooley's, and will figure it out soon
- May go to Seri-graphics
- Got the beanie hats
  - Asked to sell gear at home game on January 23, 2024, 6 pm and 7:30 pm
  - Still need to pick up order, but should be enough
  - Could use volunteers to help sell gear

### **Cougar Cup Café Report: Angela Watts**

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

- 66 members (7 required for voting)

### **Alumni Report: Vacant**

### **Social Media Report: Vacant**

### **Reflections Report: Amber Lathrop (absent)**

- Next year's theme: I am hopeful because...
- Four entries
  - Indigenous earrings
  - Disability
  - Visual Art
  - Hope for change in the future with T1D

### **Principal's Report: Imtiaz Azzam**

- Freshman Academy next year
  - Requires dedicated Principal, Counselor and Security
  - Teacher volunteered to pilot class for Freshman Academy
  - Career Fair in the Spring
  - College Exploration
- Activity Principal Stone – great addition
  - What is a Cougar? What does it mean to you? Who are we?
  - Branding name for Service
  - Integrate School of Excellence with Branding effort
- February Community Night
- Mr Lubken received two grants!

## **Teachers' Liaison: Christopher Lubken (absent)**

- Alaska state council and art foundation
  - Bring in guest artists
  - Intensive with West and South this weekend
    - Guest conductor from University of Montana
  - Jazz festival next month
    - Bringing in judge from University of Montana

## **Student Government Report: (absent)**

## **PTSA Student Representatives: Yuna**

- Service won for the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow contest
  - Targeting seasonal depression in Northern regions worldwide
  - SAD light; device attaches to glasses; light mimics sunlight
  - Going to Round 2 (State finals)

## **Open Comments**

Ellen thank you for the induction \$500

- \$10 gift certificates for new staff plus cinnamon roll
- Kaladi cards for new position folks

## **Funds Request:**

- Marjorie Burr - staff
  - Focus is school spirit; would like to provide zip up green hoodies with design by students for the staff;
  - Cost \$36 per sweatshirt; approximately 100 hoodies
  - Staff hoodies helps demonstrate school pride
  - Requesting \$2000 and will look to find the rest of the money somewhere else
  - Two years since we did puffy vests and three years since we did tie dyed T-shirts
  - Lots of new staff
  - Amber moves to fund \$4000 for the hoodies; Chris seconds. Approved.

## **Old Business:**

- Katie Harter will get games in mailboxes
- Still need help with state
  - Business license, insurance and liability items
- School of Excellence –
  - Trying to get more involvement from community
  - Artworks
- Robert Service Day
  - Got on neighborhood to see if anyone wants to be interviewed about what it was like to be at Service back in the 1970s; still hoping to get some responses
  - Mr Jackson teaches an animation class and will help with a 10-minute video about Robert Service

- Mural idea
  - If anyone knows an artist or muralist, please let me know
  - Robert Service sign student ideas:
    - Painting large cement sign in green and highlighting in yellow
    - Maybe put a mascot on the top
    - Alaska memorials and monuments
      - Have students work with them on designs
    - Maybe Student Government would like to get involved
    - Willow will reach out to Blaine's Art
- Agenda Planners
  - \$1750 for 600 planners
  - Approved last month
- Large seasonal cookies - \$1.95/cookie
  - Many thank yous for the cookies
- 30 students who will not be getting food services over the break
  - \$1050 of gift cards
  - 32 gift cards purchased
- Children in Transition
  - 2 students requesting to do senior pictures
  - 1 parent donated a photo package

### **New Business/Tasks:**

- Possibly identify extra space in school, plus Wifi for parents to hang out for volunteers
  - Could be present for volunteers to work during classes so they are available when classes change
  - Possibly across from Nurse Panna
  - National PTSA has been working on mental health; how do we get more community members in the school?
  - Survey that was sent out; students concerned about bathrooms (e.g., locked, inappropriate behavior, etc.); how can we get more eyes/presence in the school?
- Could we try to meet in person?
  - Perhaps April?
  - Freshman Orientation is February 27 from 6 – 8:30 pm
- Could we get a contact for each booster club?
  - Help remind parents we are here and support the clubs

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Treasurer
- Alumni Chair
- Social Media Chair
- Spiritwear Assistant
- Membership Chair
- Cougar Cache and Cougar Cup volunteers \

**2023-2024 Meeting Dates:**

- Feb 13, Mar 19, Apr 9, May 14, Jun 11
- Second Tuesdays at 6 pm (\*exceptions)

**Next Board Meeting Date:** February 13, 2024

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:05 pm**

NOTE:

➤ Indicates motion