

# Robert Service High School PTSA Zoom Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 9, 2024

**Meeting called to order: 6:02 PM**

## **In Attendance:**

Amber Lathrop – President  
Willow Peyton – Vice President  
Liesl Carter - Secretary  
Imtiaz Azzam – Principal  
Christopher Lubken – Teacher Liaison  
Angela Watts – Cougar Cup  
Robin Wittrock - Spiritwear  
Tasha Lucas - Parent  
Krista Ralls – Parent; Cheerleading Team  
Kari James – Parent; Cheerleading Team

## **QUORUM**

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

- Progress on goals
  - To increase all membership types: 120 parents, students, and staff, as well as overall involvement of each.
  - To reach out and include students who are not involved in Service activities.
    - Mural
    - Robert Service Day
    - School Of Excellence application

## **Vice President’s: Willow Peyton**

## **Secretary’s Report: Liesl Carter**

- Amber motions to approve February minutes with amendment under spiritwear: “\$1600 for Gold hoodies”; Robin seconds. Approved.
  - CORRECTION: amendment needs to read “Willow motions to spend \$16 for labels in the Cougar Cache; Chris seconds; Approved.”
- Robin motions to approve March minutes. Angela seconds. Approved.

## **Treasurer’s Report: Vacant**

- Bank balance           \$38,177.81 total, \$37,545 checking, \$632.81 Green and Gold Days
- Outstanding           \$11,208.49, 10 checks out still
- Total                    \$26,336.51 in checking
  
- 990 form – will ask Kelda to assist with this
  - Willow will research and handle this

### **Cougar Cache Report: Willow Peyton**

- April is a tough month; takeovers have wound down
- Kelly and Stacey are both out for a week
- When we start to know lunch times for next year, then maybe we can encourage more parents to volunteer during their lunch hours
- Enjoying shopping at new Business Costco

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

- Still no replacement
- Gold hoodies came in and we fulfilled about a dozen online orders
- Requests:
  - Can we do a fire sale on some of the merchandise just hanging around (e.g., white hoodies in large sizes, half zips, etc.)?
    - Liesl motions for a clearance sale on limited inventory; Chris seconds. Approved.
  - Liesl motions for up to \$2500 on sweatpants; Amber seconds. Approved.
  - Could the visitor parking sign be moved to the next western light pole? Having an issue with visitors parking in Cougar Cache spots
    - Ms. Azzam will look into this issue

### **Cougar Cup Café Report: Angela Watts (absent)**

- Last couple weeks have been a little slow
- At least three students showing up every morning
- Have a parent interested in helping for next year; will train before school is out
- Several students want to continue to work next year
- Is there any way we can have the MPR door open? No handles on the door
  - Busses come in there and Cougar Cup workers constantly opening door to let students in
  - Ms Azzam will talk to Mr Little about propping door open

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

- 72 members (7 required for voting)
- 3 new members
- Need more volunteers
  - Need an Active President, Secretary, and Treasurer or we won't be sanctioned

### **Alumni Report: Vacant**

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

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

- Great news from state level!!
  - Four state winners, and three move to Nationals!! Awards to come!!
  - National Winners will be announced by May 15th
  -
- [Special Artist](#)

- Versailles “Sai” Jones- grade 10, age 15
- [First at State, moved to Nationals](#)
- “Driftwood” - acrylic painting on wood with bark edge
- Acrylic painting
  
- [Indigenous Arts](#)
  - Arianna Leuer- grade 11, age 16
    - [First at State \(No National Category\)](#)
    - [Second at State under Visual Arts](#)
    - “Kavirliq Nepaituq” - Yupik for Red Silence
    - Beaded earrings, indigenous
  
- [Literature](#)
  - Dean Pagalilauan, grade 11, age 16
    - [First at State, Moved to Nationals](#)
    - “Nail Polish” - poetry/prose
    - Poetry
  
  - Deanna Vendiola-grade 11, age 17
    - [Second at State](#)
    - “A Stargazer’s Reverie” - short story
    - Science Fiction
  
- [Visual Arts](#)
  - Isabella Surlles- grade 11, age 16
    - [First at State, Moved to Nationals](#)
    - “Positives and Negatives ”- ink, paint, watercolor, and medical supplies
    - Mixed media painting
  
- Next year’s theme will be “Accepting Imperfections.”
- November 15, 2024 – Students can submit new ideas of theme for 2025-2026

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

- Graduation May 16 at 7 pm
- Senior Activities:
  - Honor Grad Breakfast (3.5 and above) - Apr 23
  - Crossover – Apr 25
  - Senior Breakfast – Apr 26
    - IDEA: should we have the Cougar Cup open?
  - Senior Fun Day - Apr 26
- Event honoring retiring teachers
- Tie Dye event possibly coming back
  - Freshman Academy – one day only for freshman

### **Teachers’ Liaison: Christopher Lubken**

- Very busy at Service High School
- Lots of kids going places and having competitions

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

### **PTSA Student Representatives: Yuna (absent)**

- Amber will meet with the representatives this month
- Still interested in having them help with our Instagram account

### **Funds Request:**

- Kari James – Cheerleading Team
- Varsity still had uniforms last year, but most were personally bought
  - Now still don't have matching uniforms
  - Hoping to have all cheer under one head coach; currently different teams for different sports
  - Four more Cougar Cache takeovers for the rest of the year
  - Approximately \$5000 varsity uniforms
  - Approximately \$3000 for junior varsity uniforms
  - Tasha Lucas – boxes and boxes of spandex uniforms
  - Chris recommends Donor's Choose
  - Need coach decided for next year and funds secured
  - Amber makes a motion to table this issue until May; Liesl seconds. Approved.

### **Old Business:**

- Katie Harter will get games in mailboxes
- Have not heard if iPad covers came in yet
- Talked to Tim Galloway about getting a storage area
- School of Excellence
  - Working on Focus Area of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for family engagement, and Standard 4 Speak Up for Every Child, from the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships, and goal #2: Address inequitable outcomes and access.
  - We got the second survey submitted – Erin Hamilton assisted;
    - Sent out in English and Spanish
  - How do we reach out to parents with English second language?
  - We want PTSA to represent our students and currently it doesn't
  - Robin has a couple contacts that tries to represent all the cultures
  - Fall survey showed Service is very proud of multi-cultural community
  - Application needs to be done by June 15, 2024
- Robert Service Day
  - Mr Jackson teaches an animation class and will help with a 10-minute video about Robert Service
    - Reine Soule is working on Robert Service video
- Robert Service Mural
  - Jen Joliff received samples of material; it is metallic
  - Teri Jensen is having students come up with some designs
  - Murals will be around other spaces in the school
  - Will brief at staff meeting on April 1 at 2:15 pm

- Have not heard back from counselors for Children in Transition

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

- Elections:
  - Chris will be back
  - Amber willing to serve
  - Liesl willing to serve or step down and support in other ways
  - Robin stepping down
  - Definitely need a Treasurer – will send a specific e-mail recruiting a treasurer for next year
- Teacher Appreciation
  - Will do a coffee and treat day towards the end of the school year
  - Not doing a coffee in April
- Administrative Assistance Day & Para-Professionals – 24 individuals
  - Provide a small gift
  - Robin motions \$15 gift cards to House of Bread up to \$360; Tasha seconds. Approved.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

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

### **2023-2024 Meeting Dates:**

- May 14, Jun 11
- Second Tuesdays at 6 pm (\*exceptions)

**Next Board Meeting Date:** May 14, 2024

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:25 pm**

**NOTE:**

- Indicates motion