

Service High School PTSA Minutes

September 19, 2018 – meeting call to order at 6:48pm

In Attendance:

Amy Vukasin, President (Acting)

Eileen Foley, Teacher

Jenada Johnson, Reflections Chairperson

Kim Garcia, Membership

Frank Hauser, Principal

Brandon Garrouette, Member

Pamela Giammalva, Treasurer

Holly Rogers, Cougar Cache Manager

Sandi Lowther, Membership

Brenda Lannen, Secretary

Angie Garrouette, Member

President's Report: Amy Vukasin

- There are a couple of board positions available this school year.
- Next year, all board positions will be available due to all the current members being termed out at the end of the year.

Secretary's Report: Brenda Lannen

- PTSA minutes from the PTSA General/Board minutes from May 8, 2018.
 - Under new business, Eileen asked to have the word down added to show "Right now, without having a fall back we will be turning down fund requests next year."
 - Angie motions to approve minutes as amended; Jenada seconds the motion, and all approved.

Treasurer's Report: Pam Giammalva

- Pam handed out two reports: End of year which was as of June 30, 2018 and the other is as of August 2018.
 - Income: Did not meet the proposed budget by \$5000, so the board decided to take that amount off the budget for this year.
 - Expenses: Explained the separate categories last year and what was budgeted for this year.
 - Didn't have as many volunteers to work the Cougar Cache so more funds went to the takeover groups.
 - Brenda motions to approve the treasurer's report as presented; Eileen seconds the motion, and all approved.
- Pam handed a form showing the proposed budget for this year.
 - Income: \$67,000 with of these funds \$64,000 comes from Cougar Cache
 - Cougar Cache Expenses: \$56,500 with most of the expenses coming from consumables
 - Education Expenses: PTSA Dues - \$1,400; Education \$5,950 - half for academics/principal and sports/clubs
 - Hospitality: Volunteer and staff appreciation: \$1,800
 - Miscellaneous: Insurance, tax prep/audit and office expenses will total \$1,350
 - Eileen motions to approve the proposed budget; Holly seconds the motion, and all approved.

Principal's Report: Frank Hauser

- An email and SMS text went out last week in hopes to better communicate with the community and parents.
- Open house was a few weeks ago, and it was the most attended since he has been at Service.
- Homecoming dance was great and was another record attendance with around 900 students in the gym.
- The school website was updated at the end of the year. The events calendar is located at the bottom of the main page to help everyone keep informed of the events at Service.
- Partner's Club was recently recognized by ESPN and Special Olympics. Service is the first Alaska school to be recognized as a Unified Champion Banner School. We are one of 30 schools in the nation that was recognized.
- He is hoping to have the coffee shop up and running second semester. It will be open in the mornings to help raise funds for the PTSA and Student Government.
 - Still in communication with capital planning and one our Service parents who is the owner of Steam Dot. The parent is willing to help us remodel to make sure we are up to the Municipal code.

Teacher's Report: Eileen Foley

- Beginning of the year started out well for our teachers.
- There are two new teachers and two new teacher interns.

Student's Report: Julia Burrill

- Student Government decided not to have pig roast this year. They are hoping to replace the pig roast with something that will benefit more for the community.
- They are looking at other things to do for the community and students who do not have homes. They are working on projects right now that revolve around it.

- Talking about how many dances should they have this year and are exploring the option of eliminating one dance.
- A lot of things going on with assemblies and will probably have a decision next month for the PTSA.

Cougar Cache Report: Holly Rogers

- Cougar Cache is up and running. They made on average \$478 gross each day.
- Need more parent/adult volunteers. 13 adult volunteers are signed up for September.
- The clubs right now are getting 20% of the gross for the takeover.

PTSA Membership Report:

- State PTSA President was here earlier but had to leave.
- When you join the PTSA, you will receive a membership card specifically for Alaska PTSA. It is also a discount card for businesses across the state for this school year. It comes in the form of a hard card like a credit card.

Reflections Report: Jenada Johnson

- Reflections is the national PTA's art program and is their 50th anniversary.
- She is the State Reflections chair and her second year doing it at Service.
- It is a multi-level program and has six categories. Students can compete in one or all categories. Entries are due January 7, which is the first day back from winter break.
- Last year, one student from Service went and placed at the national level.
- She will distribute the flyers and entry packets around the school next week.
- Theme contest is due November 26

Fund Requests:

- The photography and art teacher, Ms. Chmielewski is requesting \$452. She would like to take her photography students to the zoo to take pictures of the animals. She has arranged someone to speak to the classes about wildlife photography. Many of her students have had their fee waived to take the class. She would like to have the PTSA to pay the \$7 zoo entry fee for each student totaling the \$452. Service is providing for the busing.
 - Motion to pay the full amount; second motion to approve – 10 approved and request is passed for the full amount.
- World Language German teacher is requesting 20 Cougar Cache gift cards or vouchers. They didn't request a specific amount. We have 20 German Exchange Students visiting Service for three weeks. The exchange students like to purchase items in the Cougar Cache already. In the past, Cougar Cache was open in the morning, so they could shop without Service students in the store.
 - Motion to have 20 - \$10 gift cards; seconds motion, 7 approved and 6 opposed; fund request is approved
- Eileen motions to give the two teachers that came with the exchange students a gift from the Cougar Cache. Holly and Frank will put something together for them.

Old Business:

- Frank has not heard back from the locksmith concerning the safe being able to get opened that the PTSA could use.

New Business:

- We need to approve the PTSA meeting dates for the rest of the year. Board got together in July and thought it was better to change the meeting dates to the third Wednesday instead of the second Tuesday of the month. It was pointed out many the third Wednesday are in conflict with holidays, parent/teacher conferences and graduation.
- The new meetings will be changed to the first Wednesday of the month starting October 3. The meeting in January will be moved to the second Wednesday, January 9.
 - Motion to change the dates to the first Wednesday of the month except January due to being during winter break and will be moved to January 9. There was a second motion and all approved.
- It was proposed the PTSA could pay \$1,500 up front for hockey jerseys for the Partner's Club hockey game. The hockey players and booster would work 5 days in Cougar Cache to offset the price. The jerseys are raffled off and the proceeds go to the Partner's Club. That would mean PTSA would pay \$1,000 for the jerseys.
 - Coach will write up a proposal with a fund request and will discuss at a future time.

Next Meeting Dates:

- Wednesday, October 3, 2018

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm