

Service High School PTSA Minutes

March 8, 2016

In attendance :

Mary Rosenfield, President

Kerri Scoggins, Vice President

Ron Bates, Treasurer

Kari Gardey, Secretary

Holly Rogers, Cougar Cache Mgr.

Eileen Foley, Teacher Liaison

Rodger Nicolls, Asst Principal

Bright Nygard, parent/XC booster parent

Devon Roberts, Teacher

Jeff Turner, Rep. Millett

The PTSA Board Meeting was brought to order at 6:02 p.m. in the conference room, B102, by President Mary Rosenfield.

Minutes – Kari Gardey

- Minutes from the February meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Ron Bates

- Income last month \$9,007 Expenses \$6,162
- Income year to date \$49,940 Expenses \$71,699
- Current balances: Checking \$7,813 Savings \$49,842
- Cougar Cache earns on average \$7,000/month.
- Still waiting on the audit and last year's taxes from Amy Vukasin. Kerri will follow up.

Principal's Report – Rodger Nicolls, AP

- The maintenance department is looking into the water bottle refill stations. There are funds from the FF&E funds leftover from construction. (Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment.) They are looking at installing 4 stations and redoing the sink in the gym and making all of them accessible. Hopefully installation will occur in the summer.
- Selling the large size Peace Teas in the Cougar Cache is not approved. Holly will look into if they can stock a smaller size. These are very popular with the students.
- It looks like the gym sound system will be able to covered by FF&E as well.

Teacher's Report – Eileen Foley

- There are 5 teachers, including Mr. Gaskins, retiring from Service who will be acknowledged with an oar ceremony.
- They celebrated PI day early with apple and cherry pies for all teachers and staff.
- The breakfast to fundraise for the student diagnosed with lymphoma raised over \$4,000.
- In April they will hold the second staff lunch for those new to Service, this is hosted by the PTSA.
- Administration Assistants' week is in April and all the departments will take turns treating all the wonderful assistants at Service.
- Instead of doing anything for the staff during staff appreciation week at the beginning of May, we have done something each month and will do something a little extra when we host their lunches during finals at the end of term.
- April 29th is the pig roast.
- May 6th is the last day for seniors.
- Eileen proposed providing gifts to long-term subs who perform a valuable function at Service. This was agreed and any costs will be covered by teacher/staff appreciation.

Cougar Cache Report – Holly Rogers

- Deanna is still covering the Cougar Cache when the student clubs are signed up.
- Everything is running smoothly through the transition.

Fund requests

- **Freshman Academy Interactive Notebooks** Devon Roberts explained that the non-Seminar freshman english teachers have been using Interactive Student Notebooks and he provided examples. These have been helpful teaching tools and they could use some funds to cover the costs of the notebooks for these students. For 1,440 notebooks the cost ranged between \$792 and \$2,866. There will be some funding provided by Service to cover these costs.
Motion to approve up to \$750 to purchase notebooks for this purpose. Approved. (Note that this money will be transferred into the Freshman Academy account.)
- **\$5,000 request to cover the cost of singlets and shorts for 100 cross country running uniforms.** Bright Nygard returned with an updated request for just this part of the uniform. The Booster Club will take on purchasing warm ups and covering the costs of replacing missing equipment. She provided a quote from the Trophy Shop for \$5,000. There was quite a bit of discussion since this is still a larger amount then the PTSA has paid out before to other teams for uniforms. There was concern about accountability for the uniforms and that these are actually not the responsibility of the booster club but the coaches. **This request was tabled with a request for the coaches to attend the next meeting.**
- **Ron Bates proposed a resolution to indicate Service PTSA's opposition to SB 89.** This is a senate bill aiming to restrict access of non-profits to students, particularly around health education, and Ron suggests that these decisions are best left to the local rather than the state level. The board agreed that this seems unnecessarily intrusive and would disrupt teaching at Service HS. **This resolution passed and will be sent to our local legislators.**

Old Business

- **Credit card machine for the Cougar Cache** – Mary reported that Credit Union 1 has no machine that would be useful to us. She did note that the staff at CU1 are available for volunteering at Service.
- **Toiletries/Snacks for CIT students** – Eileen and Mary will work together on this. BCA has expressed interest in helping out.

New Business

- Since we cannot get a credit card machine from our bank, Mary proposed purchasing a tablet and obtaining a Square for the Cougar Cache. It was suggested that Paypal be considered as well depending on who has the lower fees.
Motion to approve up to \$200 to purchase a tablet and credit card reader for the Cougar Cache. Approved.
- Sandi Lowther was assigned all responsibility for Mr. Gaskins' retirement celebration. Devon noted that there were some Hawaii decorations that might be useful.
- Mary noted that Lisa Landeis has expressed interest in joining the board as VP. We will vote on the new board in April.
- April 7th is Freshman Night from 6-7:30 pm and it looks like we have enough volunteers for the PTSA table and the Cougar Cache, but all are welcome.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Next PTSA meeting April 12, 2016 at 6pm in conference room B109, by the library.

Resolution of Service High School Parent Teacher Student Association:

Be it resolved:

1. The Service High School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) notes that the content and delivery of matters involving Health Education, including such matters as sex education and education regarding sexually transmitted diseases, has traditionally been a matter of local purview, as directed by the board of the local school district, with input from parents, educators and administrators. The PTSA also notes that local school districts routinely include an "opt-out" provision for sensitive matters, thereby preserving the rights of parents to opt their children out of content and/or delivery of matters to which the parents object.
2. The Service High School PTSA is aware that a matter currently pending before the Alaska State Legislature, known as Senate Bill 89 (SB 89), would limit the authority of local school districts to determine how this sensitive content is delivered to students.
3. Therefore, the Service High School PTSA hereby declares its opposition to SB 89, as written in its present form, as an unnecessary intrusion into matters traditionally left to control of local school boards. The Service High School PTSA believes these matters should continue to be within the purview of local school district boards, with input from parents, educators, and administrators. The Service High School PTSA continues to support the opt-out provision offered by the Anchorage School District. The Service High School PTSA believes sensitive content matters such as these should be delivered to students in a manner determined by parents, through their locally elected school board officials, in consultation with ASD administrative officials.

Adopted by the Service High School Parent Teacher Student Association this

8 day of March, 2016.

Mary Rosenfield President

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Kari Gardey Secretary

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