



Minutes
August 30, 2023 at 6:30pm
South High School

PTSA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

6:30pm Welcome - Crissy

- The PTSA Board for the 23-24 school year was introduced as well as Principal Rachel Goss.

6:35pm Treasurer's Report and Budget Approval - Angie

- The budget for the 23-24 SY was presented and approved without amendments.

6:55pm Administration Update On All Things Denver South - Rachel

- The school year is off to a good start. We are receiving positive feedback from students and staff. Current enrollment is 1,800, with a projected estimate of 1830 for the year. We are at where we want to be. We have over 50 clubs students can join. A club fair is being held on Friday, 9/2.
- Shortage of chromebooks. Friday afternoon or Tuesday the latest, the chromebooks should all be in. It was a slower process across the district to refurbish them all.
- Back to school bash was a huge success and the kids had a blast despite the rain. It is great for the students to have fun in a safe space.
- Photos taken today. Id's go out next week and lanyards. Remind your student they need to wear their id's. Staff will need to wear their id's as well. Each grade level has a different color.
- A/C question: It is only run when students are in the building. There is a/c in the science room and main hallway. There is no a/c in the older parts of the school. Those areas have fans and a heat mitigation system. Don't know if South will ever be in the a/c list because of the age of the building.
- Two APs introduced: Darius Ortega, activities director and Shazia Sulehria, exceptional students

7:20pm Committee Updates

- Thank you to Crissy who did a great job organizing the Student Back to School Bash! It was a great start to the school year.
- Homecoming - Maggie
 - Schedule on PTSA website. It is extra early this year. Starting September 18
 - Volunteers NEEDED - stay tuned for a Sign Up Genius
 - If you have a convertible or jeep, let me know. The Homecoming Royalty will ride in these cars during the Homecoming Parade.
 - We will have Ravens Gear (t-shirts, hoodies, hats) to sell during Homecoming Week.



- Mini-Grants - Krista
 - We support the 4As - Academics, Arts, Athletics & Activities by providing grants to teachers and staff. It is such a widely used and successful program that we have increased our budget to \$60,000.
 - We give up to \$1,200 to fund events, classes or clubs. I.e. Dance - costumes, props and international dance instructors; Forensics - it's a new class at South and supplies were needed; Special Education - a zoo membership for personal and community growth
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation - Jennifer
 - This is Jennifer's last year and it would be great if someone could shadow her for next year
 - treats in mailboxes, teacher appreciation, breakfast, amazon wishlists, etc.
- Giving Grocery Food Bank- Christy for Jen
 - This is an amazing program that gives free food every Thursday and is open to all.
 - It is its own operation, well run, information is online.
- Kings Soopers - Krista
 - link loyalty card. It is free and money goes to South. South raised 12K last year.

7:40pm New Business/Topics

- Ken/South Alumni introduced himself and the museum. He gives tours of clock tower, usually during reunions. South opened in 1926 and will celebrate 100 year anniversary in 3 years!
- Crissy reviewed all the awesome things the PTSA does for south:
 - After party at Dave and Busters. Last year it was covered in full and they hope to do that again this year. Some of culture fest, etc.
- Crissy described all volunteer needs- it takes a village. Most pressing needs:
 - Communication. About 30 minutes a week on Mail chimp
 - Volunteers. Posting volunteer positions on sign up genius.
 - Please sign up for upcoming homecoming volunteer opportunities.

8pm Adjourn

Upcoming Important Dates

Back to School Night: Thursday, 9/7

Homecoming Week: Week of September 18- powderpuff games starts it

- BBQ: 9/19
- Homecoming Parade: 9/20
- Football game: 9/22
- Dance: 9/23

Next PTSA meeting: 10/25

I AM DENVER SOUTH Fundraising Event: Thursday, November 16th