

## **SINCLAIR PTO MEETING**

November 6, 2018

Kojack's, 7:15 – 8:00am

37 people in attendance

### **Agenda:**

Welcome – 7:20am start

- Thank you for coming. We are trying to include as many people as possible by having meetings at different times.
- Thanks to Kojacks for opening early and allowing us to have our meeting.

### **Pumpkin Patch Recap – Hallie /Erin**

- Very successful – first few Saturdays went well, final sat/last week was less attended due to rain
- Rough profit estimate - \$3000

### **Fall Festival Recap: Traci**

- Looking for Feedback: sent out survey, Will resend, please give positive/negative feedback
- First year we did food, 100% profit will go back to school. Clubs that volunteered earned money.
- Need more volunteers for next year!
  - Reach out to [fallfestival@sinclairpto.org](mailto:fallfestival@sinclairpto.org) to get involved
- Still putting numbers together – meant to be community event, not huge moneymaker
- Holding event on Saturday in future?

### **Veterans Day Ice Cream**

- Monday, November 12th 1:30-2:30
- Ice Cream Social in the cafeteria
- Way to support, thank veterans
- Students encouraged to invite family members who are veterans, and students will be able to attend the social with their veteran
- Trying to get substitutes for teachers who are veterans

### **Thanksgiving Feast:**

- Thursday, November 15
- Times sent out via flyer and living tree
- Need volunteers – set up, sign in/direct people, assist in cafeteria, clean up
  - Sign up genius on FB, will send out and put on Living Tree
- Well attended event so arrive early
  - 2 guests Max/student

### **November Teacher Appreciation: Cindy**

- Wednesday, November 14
- Items must be in before 7:30AM due to GT testing (campus closed to visitors)
- All grades participate; sign up genius online

### **November Spirit Nights: Adrienne**

- Chick Fil A : 610 Location ONLY!

- Wednesday, November 7, 4-8PM
- Drive through and Dine in eligible
- Must mention Sinclair when you order
- Live Oak Bar and Grill: 10444 Hempstead
  - Sunday, November 11, 4-7PM
  - Family friendly – will rope off area for Sinclair near playground
    - Please remember to watch your children!
  - 20% kicked back when you mention Sinclair
- Field and Tides: 705 E. 11<sup>th</sup> St
  - Tuesday, November 13, 5:30-8PM
  - ADULTS ONLY!
  - New section of restaurant reserved for Sinclair
  - Free Appetizer for teachers who attend
  - 20% - none alcohol related kicked back to school
  - Please RSVP via FB invitation
- Smooth Cookies: 718 W 18<sup>th</sup> st
  - Wednesday, Nov 28, 3-7PM
  - First spirit night they have done
  - 20% kicked back to school when you mention Sinclair

#### **Movie Night: Kim**

- December 7 @ 5:30 on the Sinclair Front Lawn
- Short performance by Christmas Show Players (approx. 30 min) with feature presentation to follow
- Kids will vote during gym time between 4 movies
  - The Grinch
  - Home Alone
  - A Christmas Story
  - The Nightmare Before Christmas
- Food/concessions will be sold during the event
- All donations/proceeds will benefit the Music Program

#### **Living Tree: Kara**

- Room Parents – Kara can see if you are sending things to classroom
- Known Issues with attachments
  - Need Help or have Issues? Email Kara [sinclairlivingtree@gmail.com](mailto:sinclairlivingtree@gmail.com) or Living Tree directly [support@livingtree.com](mailto:support@livingtree.com)
- End of year will revisit with survey and get feedback.
- Reminder this is our first year using, so we expected hiccups. Benefits of Living Tree include
  - Gives us extra avenues to get things home
  - Ability for more people to see what is happening at school

#### **Website Update: Jessica/Raina**

##### [www.sinclairpto.org](http://www.sinclairpto.org)

- 3 featured content listed and can promote for committee heads – just need to email or ask
- Encourage people refer to website – find calendar, events, committee emails, ect
- Calendar is updated and can synch to personal calendar

### **Nature Center Beautification Cleanup**

- Saturday, Nov 10, 9-12
- Beautification of Nature Center led by Dad's Club
- Bring tools, and wear jeans/work boots
- Hoping to overhaul the space to make it more functional/education for students and teachers

### **Yearbook**

- Only hardcover offered this year
- 2 week window to purchase at cost (\$23 with handling fee).
- Pricing increase
  - 11/17 - \$25
  - 1/1/19 - \$30
- Business ad opportunities – new this year. Will start at Thanksgiving
- Ms. Lauritzen handling design
- To purchase
  - Visit [www.Balfour.com](http://www.Balfour.com) put in Sinclair or our zip code
  - Follow link on FB
    - Will also post on living tree and PTO website

### **Next Meeting**

Dec 4, 7-8PM in Library

### **Additional Topics/Comments**

#### **Communication from Room parents**

- Too many emails coming from room parents
  - Concern: People will miss things
  - Solution: PTO weekly wrap up email once a week via room parents
  - Possibly send Wednesday to correspond with Wednesday Folders

#### **Boosterthon Funds**

- Currently using \$4500 to fix 2 smartboards.
- HISD has waitlist of 10 weeks to fix 1 board. Because of boosterthon we are able to write check and have them fixed ASAP

**Meeting Close: 7:54AM**