

SEPTEMBER 8 2023 PTO MEETING MINUTES
SINCLAIR CAFETERIA 7:45 AM

Welcome and introduction of board members - Kim Ludlow

Coffee with the counselor - John Augustine

- Bullying 101: Do's and Dont's presentation
- Lessons with all grade levels will begin next week
- Every 6 week coffee with the counselor a possibility

Presentation of 23-24 **budget** - Erin Fuchs

- Budget increases were made to the following committees: 5th grade, beautification, community outreach, cultural arts, spirit store, book fair (Lujan will take this on, moving away from Scholastic), sunshine fund (added)
- New line items in the budget: field trip (two buses per grade level per school year), student enrichment, online platforms, creative arts, special events & student clubs, teacher classroom support grants, interventionists, bulletin boards, special projects (to be board approved before fund is used)
- Motion to approve budget made by Erich Rosenow and seconded by Ann Van Wagener
- Budget approved

Boosterthon - Sara Hyder

- September 19-29 (Fun Run Sep. 29)
- Registration and donations are live, 20% currently registered
- Goal: \$50,000
- Volunteer needs: parents to sort and distribute prizes, hype parents, sponsors for "Golden Ticket" incentive (2 Golden Ticket prizes per grade level valued at around \$25)
- Funds raised to be used for:
 - Touchscreens (12 room still need)
 - Teacher reimbursements
 - PTO operating expenses (insurance, permits, website fees)
 - School discretionary funds

Fall Festival - Kim Szymczak, Rachel Kuehn

- October 14 9:00-1:00
 - A community event that brings together Sinclair and the community with games, rides, bounce houses, dunk tank, food
 - Coffee truck onsite from 9:00-1:00
 - Sno Cone truck on site from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Sponsorships are live on Cheddar Up
- T-Shirts for purchase (combined shirt with pumpkin patch)
 - Presale will likely start next week with limited availability at the event

- Wristband sales will likely begin September 18, pricing will depend on sponsorships
- Art vendor wanted for an art station at the event
- Volunteers needed, hoping to include FBMS Honor Society volunteers for carnival games and stations
- Will be a call for donations (cake walk and game prizes)

Pumpkin Patch - Alison White

- October 12-22 (Fun Run kickoff October 12)
- Volunteers needed, a signup will go out
- Dad's Club to unload pumpkins in conjunction with Pints & Pumpkins (pumpkins delivered October 11)

Auction - Kim Ludlow

- Southwestern Soiree
 - Saturday, March 2, 2024 6-10 PM
 - St. Arnold's Brewery
 - After3 will provide childcare (details TBA)
- Volunteers/how to get involved - volunteers will be needed to help solicit donations and contribute items to class baskets

Teacher Appreciation - Trish Houser

- New approach this year: twice a month parents will cover lunch duty for teachers and teachers will have a treat (eg. granola bar)
- Open to ideas for lunch treats
- Ways to contribute: sign up for lunch duty, Cheddar Up contributions, cover/sponsor a monthly initiative
- Will continue to stock the lounge with drinks and coffee, etc.

Spirit Nights - Kim Ludlow

- Sep. 20 - Burget Joint
- Sep. 29 - Raising Canes
- Oct. 16 - Crust Pizza 5-9
- Nov. 8 - Torchy's Tacos
- SMOOSH - end of grading periods

Questions/Meeting Closed - Kim Ludlow

- NES and Sinclair is not an NES aligned school, exempt to the open door policy due to fire code, district official observations have begun, timers in classrooms for instructional check ins
- How often does the PTO meet? - typically once per month
- Reminder to sync your calendar to the PTO calendar

Meeting Adjourned - Next meeting Wednesday October 4 6:30 PM

