

JANUARY 17, 2024 PTO MEETING MINUTES
SINCLAIR CAFETERIA 6:30 PM

Welcome: Kim Ludlow

HISD Updates: Kim Ludlow

- DOI was approved, school calendar will shift, we can not start before the first Monday in August, start will be between the 7th and 14th of August
- 24-25 Calendar will have 180 days in the year/185 in subsequent years, a couple draft calendars should come out in the next few weeks with a calendar being approved February 8 at the next HISD board meeting

Budget Report: Erin Fuchs

- Budget looks good, there is still money in teacher reimbursement grants, teachers have until June to submit receipts

Cultural Arts: Claire Schaeffer (Kim spoke)

- Lunar New Year (2/10)
 - Students and staff will be able to celebrate Lunar New Year with treats and crafts
- Assembly
 - The Open Story Dance Project is coming to Sinclair on 2/26 to perform Staging Story Live!- a musical dance experience created with student audience suggestions.
 - Two sessions, K-2 and 3-5, an interactive assembly

Nominations Committee: Christyn Knoop (Kim spoke)

- Seeking 5-7 members of varying backgrounds to slate officers for the 24-25 school year
- Applicants for the Nominations Committee should know that they will not be able to nominate themselves for board leadership in the 2024-2025 school year
- Nominations committee will slate the candidates and present them on election night
- Please email Christyn if interested: nominations@sinclairpto.org
 - Please include your interest and include a little about your Sinclair involvement (student's grade(s), previous volunteering, interest in this committee, etc.

Yearbook: Kit Peltier

- Yearbooks are halfway done
- Yearbooks on sale at Balfour for \$30
- Last day to purchase is January 29
 - PTO will have a limited amount of extras sold on first come first serve basis
- Room parents received a google drive to upload pictures
- Yearbook submissions must be in by March 29

Auction: Kallie Benes, Akanksha Sondhi, Sylvia Rafail, Allison Jung, Alejandra Koutros, Dina Kushalyiyeva, Michelle Rangle

- Southwestern Soiree
 - Saturday, March 2, 2024 6-10 PM
 - St. Arnold's Brewery
- Sponsorships and tables are currently on sale (if you purchased a table, you may buy a Sinclair star on the fence)
- Tickets Now on Sale
 - \$75/person or \$85 at the door
 - Golden Barrel Cactus Barrel Booster: \$350 (your family will receive a star on the fence)
- Galentine's on February 10 at Holly Butler's house, \$35/ticket
- Registration for night of childcare with After3 is open (\$25/person, ages 4 and up)
- Need for donations and socials (socials can go into the following year, but must have a definite date when submitted)
- Funds will go toward Cafeteria Refresh (Bayou Graphics) and Enrichment (Ready Grow Gardens)
 - Wrap the back cafeteria wall with fun Sinclair/space themed mural, interactive wall with magnets, dry erase area
 - New rectangular cafeteria tables
 - Privacy Window Decals

Important Upcoming Dates: Kim Ludlow

- January 17 – Spirit Night, Smoosh
- January 19 – College Shirt Day
- January 23 - Abby Kamin holding a virtual meeting (safe crossing at Ella and Grovewood)
- January 24 – Spirit Night at Stomping Grounds (four restaurants participating)
- February 9 – Class Picture Day
- February 19 – No School, Staff development day
 - Original calendar changed, we are no longer off February 20

Questions/Close Meeting - Kim Ludlow

- Look into forming a committee for future freeze prep?
- Teacher Appreciation - lunch coverage and supply drive coming up

Next meeting Friday, February 16, 2024 at 7:45AM