

MARCH 8, 2024 PTO MEETING MINUTES

Welcome: Kim Ludlow

Introduction of Speaker: Kim Ludlow

- Principal Mashburn
 - Budget Updates/Changes
 - Intention is to maintain the current teacher roles, including two PE teachers, librarian, and teaching assistants
 - Another teacher assistant position was opened up and has been filled
 - No current plan to add an additional fifth grade classroom, there are currently no 5th grade magnet spots
 - The goal is to continue down the path that Sinclair has been on for the past six years, students are showing strong achievement on tests and continue to show good growth
 - It has been communicated to principals of A/B rated schools that they will maintain autonomy in managing their campus
 - Sinclair teachers continue to feel appreciated by the PTO and parents, a hand written note of thanks goes a long way
 - Has not heard anything about magnet funding changing at this point

A motion to pause plans for the cafeteria renovation amidst budget uncertainty was made and passed

- Suggestion was made for bringing in “student appreciation” days, will begin the week after spring break (popsicles on the playground, etc., open to non food based suggestions)

Budget Report: Erin Fuchs

- Budget report was presented and is looking great, there are not any current concerns
- Reach out if you have any questions

Auction: Kallie Benes, Akanksha Sondhi, Sylvia Rafail, Allison Jung, Alejandra Koutros, Dina Kushalyiyeva, Michell Raihle

- Thank you everyone!
- Gross total is at \$183,000
- Auction recap: the community showed up, each year gets bigger and better
- Ask for a company match if you donated to the auction

Teacher Appreciation: Trish Houser, Caitlin Reynolds

- Past/future events - model changed a bit this year, the committee is at the school about twice a month (snack bars, face to face encouragement)
- Teacher appreciation week - open to ideas
- Reach out to your teacher about what you can help with (bulletin boards, science experiment, reading to the class)
- Lunch coverage has been very appreciated

Nominations: Christyn Knoop

- Open March 8-April 17 - submit on the PTO website
- All officer positions are open (President, Vice President (Internal & External), Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary
 - Must have served as a board member (either current or in the past) to be considered for President Position
 - The slate will be presented May 15

Important Upcoming Dates: Kim Ludlow

- March 11-15: Spring Break
- March 20: SMOOSH Spirit Event
- March 25: No School
- March 29: No School
- April 4: Career Day
- April 10: No School
- April 17 - STAAR Testing, ELA (3-5)
 - Campus closed to visitors
- April 19 - Author Visit (Kathryn Otoshi)
- April 24 - STAAR Testing, Science (5th only)
 - Campus closed to visitors
- April 30 - STAAR Testing, Math (3-5)
 - Campus closed to visitors
- May: Book Fair

Questions/Close Meeting: Kim Ludlow

Next Meeting Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 6:30 PM