

AUGUST 23, 2024 PTO MEETING MINUTES
SINCLAIR CAFETERIA 7:45 AM

Welcome by Kim Ludlow

State of School Address/ Updates - Principal Mashburn

- Kindergarten is switching from matrix grading to number grading. There has not been direction from the district yet, but when there is Mr. Mashburn will give an update.
- Rebuild - Buildings that needed to be demolished are demolished. PE building has been placed, working on interiors, electricity. Restrooms and 4 classrooms still scheduled to be rebuilt. Still looking at a December completion.
- Dismissal is still running longer than wanted. This will get better once the rebuild is complete.
- All teachers at Sinclair are fully certified.
- There is a concern about AC in the mobile classrooms. All AC units are working right now, however it does get warm in the afternoon in Mr. Railsback's classroom. The kids are only in there for a limited time during the afternoon though.
- There has been no discussion for new construction for Sinclair's main buildings/ campus. Sinclair is not slated for new construction with the new bond. Just maintenance and some renovation work.

Introduction of PTO officers - Kim Ludlow

Review of the 2024 Auction funding - Kim Ludlow

- Cafeteria refresh - mural, privacy screens, mirror film on windows. The new tables have arrived (27 rectangular tables with benches). Installation happening Tuesday August 27.
- WITS (Writers in the Schools) - for grades 2-5. 6 sessions in the fall.
- Ready to Grow Garden - The garden was taken out by trees falling in the storms. It has all had to be rebuilt including the fences. Kids will go out once a month to learn about planting, harvesting, bugs, etc. First day is Sept 10.
- Some assemblies to be determined.

Presentation of 2024-2025 budget - Grant Yip

- Budget increases were made to the following committees/ activities: auction, pumpkin patch, spirit night, community outreach, dads club, spirit store, musical fund, teacher/ staff grant fund, sign up genius account (new).
- Question of where auction funds will go this year - The PTO is looking to fund sun shades for the playgrounds since many of the trees/ shade are gone.
- Motion to approve budget made by Trish Houser and seconded by Caitlyn Reynolds
- Budget approved

Teacher Appreciation - Trish Houser

- Introduction of committee members - Trish Houser, Chevonne Greaser, Summer Smith
- Back to school recap - goodie bags for teachers, a breakfast and a lunch during in service days (one of which was supplied by a Sinclair family)
- There will typically be 2 monthly events for the teachers to lift them up.
- Lunch duty coverage is needed twice a month. Please sign up! Must be VIPS approved,
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0849A8A82BA0FE3-50746530-lunch#/>
- Things that you can personally do to support your teachers: reach out to your teachers and let them know you are here and ask if there is anything you can do to help. Also reach out to your room parent.
- There is a favorites list and a wish list for each teacher on the PTO website where they have communicated some of their needs.
- If you have any ideas, resources or connections (example: your sister owns a donut shop and is willing to donate) please reach out to the Teacher Appreciation committee.

Sinclair Strong shirts

- These shirts were created after the derecho to go to recovery from that storm and now the hurricane.
- These are still for sale (shifting to the school spirit store).
- If interested in helping with this please contact Trish Houser.

Boosterthon - Natasha Shamshiri

- September 16-27 (Fun Run Sep. 27)
- Goal: \$50,000
- Volunteer needs: parents to sort and distribute prizes, hype parents, day of event helpers
- School wide incentives:
 - \$10,000 - Mashburn and Villatoro dress up in costumes
 - \$25,000 - Lunch DJ
 - \$50,000 - kids get to slime Mashburn
- Funds raised to be used for:
 - Ready to Grow Garden
 - Teacher reimbursements
 - PTO operating expenses (insurance, permits, website fees)
 - School discretionary funds

Cultural Arts - Chelsey Nassar

- September and October are Hispanic Heritage Month
- There will be an assembly on October 2 to celebrate this.
- Plan to do bulletin boards throughout the year to showcase different cultures. If you have anything you would like to share about your culture please reach out.

Important Dates - Kim Ludlow

- Aug. 26-30 - 5th Grade Lemonade Stand
- Sep. 2 and 3 - No School
- Sept. 11 - School Spirit Night at Burger Joint
- Sept. 19 and 20 - Grandparents Day Lunch
- Oct. 9 and 10 - Open House
- Nov. 13-15 - 5th Grade Camp Cullen
- Feb. 8 - Sinclair Auction

Meeting Adjourned - Next meeting Friday September 20 at 7:45 PM

AMENDMENTS TO MEETING MINUTES:

- The Cultural Arts Assembly date has been shifted to 9/20/2024 because of a conflict on 10/02/2024.
- The next PTO meeting date has been shifted to 09/13/2024 because of the Cultural Arts Assembly.