

SEPTEMBER 13, 2024 PTO MEETING MINUTES
SINCLAIR CAFETERIA 7:45 AM

Welcome by Kim Ludlow

Guest Speaker - Wraparound Specialist - Dana Tritico

- There is a need by some students for food, clothes, school supplies, etc. This is what Dana helps students with. There is an opportunity to donate to this need as well as submit for student assistance at www.houstonidsaf.com.
- She is also partnering with the PTO to bring some programs to the school.
- One program happening will be Justice the dog along with Officer Bennett coming on Wednesdays to visit classrooms.
- Another program will happen in November for 4th and 5th grade. Enzo the corgi will be here with his owner to do a bullying presentation.

Enrichment Update - Kim Ludlow

- Ready Grow Garden started this past week.
- WITS (Writers in the Schools) also started this past week for 2nd grade.
- The new tables for the cafeteria are now here and being used.

Treasurer Report/ Updates - Grant Yip

- Updated treasurer reports were passed out for review.
- Grant reviewed the net budget for each committee, where money was spent vs made. He reviewed 5th grade committee, Boosterthon, and teacher reimbursement grants specifically.
- There is also a recovery fund. Money was set aside for storm repair expenses including the new fence.
- An Amazon business account was recently set up for the PTO. If you need to make a purchase as a committee, please reach out to Grant or Kim Ludlow so they can help you.
- Sinclair PTO benefitted from Heights Mobil roundup campaign this past month. Any purchase that is made and Sinclair is mentioned, they will round up the charge and donate to Sinclair. We will also be the recipients for this month so please go by and let them know you are with Sinclair when you make a purchase.

Boosterthon - Natasha Shamshiri

- Boosterthon kicks off this week! September 16-27 (Fun Run on Sep. 27)
- The goal is \$50,000 and we are already at \$30,000.
- Volunteer needs: parents to sort and distribute prizes, hype parents, day of event helpers as well as set up the day before. Please see sign ups on the Parent Square posts.
- Please register your student even if you cannot donate. Currently 45% of students are registered.

Outreach - Marco Cano

- The outreach committee is looking for a third chair. Please email community@sinclairpto.org if interested.
- The outreach committee's first event will be in correlation with the Dad's club movie night in December. They will host a bazaar at Sinclair leading up to the movie starting.

Cultural Arts - Chelsey Nassar

- September 20th will be the Flamenco Assembly
- October 1 will be Loteria night at 6pm. There will be a sign up genius posted for volunteer needs (MC for the evening, handing out Loteria cards, handing out prizes.)
- There is discussion of doing a cultural festival in the spring. More information will be forthcoming.

Fifth Grade Committee - Chelsey Nassar

- Dues for each 5th grade student are \$100. 42 of 100 students are currently paid up.
- Dues will cover about half of the expenses for the 5th grade activities. The other half will be covered by fundraisers such as the lemonade stand they did this past month.
- There will be a Kids Night Out on September 28 at Kid Create Studio at the Stomping Grounds. 20% of this will go back to the 5th grade. Contact Kid Create Studio to sign up. Mention Sinclair when you sign up. [Kid's Night Out - "You're a Star" \(5-12y\). Sep 28th, 2024 \(kidcreate.com\)](https://www.kidcreate.com/kids-night-out-5-12y-sep-28th-2024)
- 5th grade will also be selling Kid Create craft kits starting at Thanksgiving. More information to come to purchase.

Auction - Allison Jung

- Save the date for auction - February 8 - 7-10pm.
- There will be a Moms Night Out at Crisp on September 26th. Please bring a bottle of wine greater than \$20 to donate to the wine pull for the auction.
- Auction will be raising funds for sunshades for the playground now that there are no trees to shade the kids while they play due to the storms.

Fundraising - Kim Ludlow

- The PTO has received an estimate to do one large sunshade over the main playground, one over the rockwall playground, and one over the kinder playground. The estimate is \$179,000.
- This can be installed over the summer if the money can be raised at the auction.
- To supplement the auction funds, there will be a capital campaign project starting in October to sell brick pavers to be installed at the new mural wall.

- There is also a company that wants to donate \$30,000 after the storm destruction to the school. This money will be earmarked for technology at the request of the donor.
- The PTO will need to discuss and prioritize needs if we are unable to raise the \$179,000. This would likely impact enrichment programs like Ready Grow Garden and WITS next year. We will need to discuss this impact at future PTO meetings.
- There will also be a second estimate for the sunshades.

Important Dates - Kim Ludlow

- Sept. 17 - Author visit (grades 3-5)
- Sept. 19 and 20 - Grandparents Day Lunch
- Sept. 24 - Spirit Night at Lua Viet Kitchen
- Sept. 26 - Moms Night Out at Crisp
- Sept 27 - Spirit Night at Raising Canes
- Oct. 3 and 4 - No School
- Oct. 9 and 10 - Open House
- Oct. 17-27 - Pumpkin Patch
- Oct. 25 - Individual Picture Day
- Oct. 31 - Book Character Day
- Nov. 4 - Forces of Motion Assembly

Meeting Adjourned - No meeting in October. Next meeting in November.