

NOVEMBER 6, 2024 PTO MEETING MINUTES  
SINCLAIR CAFETERIA 6:30 PM

Welcome by Kim Ludlow

**HISD Bond update** - Kim Ludlow

- The bond did NOT pass. This will not impact the recovery situation for Sinclair.

**Recovery Update** - Kim Ludlow

- The original timeline was November. The bathroom and PE rooms were installed but the rest are not.
- Bathroom and PE rooms to be usable by Thanksgiving.
- There is no timeline given for the rest of the buildings.

**Budget Report/ Updates** - Grant Yip

- Updated treasurer reports were passed out for review.
- Finances are good. End of October we have \$260,000 total.
- Amazon Prime PTO account - Committees can use this. Some committees already are. We are looking into setting up a Google Form for purchases. Committee chairs can put wishlists on Amazon and give to Grant for Google form tracking.
- AET fund - \$30,000 donated to the school. This can only be used for school supplies. We have purchased 15 Chromebooks and 3 CLever Touches so far. The Clever Touches are for Coaches Gregor and Vogler's classrooms. We must keep track of the purchases with this money to give back to the donor.
- We renewed our insurance last month.

**Boosterthon Recap** - Kim Ludlow

- Total is now at \$95,166 (we will be over \$100,00 with corporate matches. Still working those out.)
- If you have a company matching a donation please let Grant or Kim know.
- Boosterthon money will be going to enrichment programs as well as Teacher Reimbursements and school discretionary fund

**Pumpkin Patch Recap** - Kim Ludlow

- The pumpkin patch made \$7400 net this year.

**Fifth Grade Committee** - Jim Freeze/ Chelsey Nassar

- Next week is the Camp Cullen trip. Permission slips were due today! The group leaves on Wednesday and gets back Friday.
- 5th grade will also be selling Kid Create craft kits starting at Thanksgiving. More information to come to purchase.
- The group is working on some other fundraisers that will be announced.

**Outreach** - Marco Cano/ Marissa Nering-Goette

- The bazaar will be on the same night as the movie night, from 5-9 with the movie starting at 7pm. The movie is the animated Grinch. There are 20 vendors so far with several being from the local farmers market. 5th grade will have concessions. Please help spread the word about the event. The movie will be located at the kinder entrance. We are working on some lighting. Some vendors will be bringing their own. We do need help decorating the front lawn. There will be a costume contest. The Grinch will make an appearance and will be reading to the kids and sleeping on the roof.

**Auction** - Allison Jung

- Save the date for auction - February 8 - at Heights Social.
- Theme is Great Gatsby - A Gatsby Night of Giving.
- Appetizers and drinks will be served. No dinner will be served.
- Business sponsorships are now being sold.
- Tickets go on sale November 24.
- We are currently looking for donations and socials. If you have connections to restaurants, jewelers, vacation homes, etc that you could get donations please reach out to the auction committee.
- There will be a Community Happy Hour on November 24 at BLVD park from 3:30-7pm. Please bring a \$20+ bottle of wine and you will get a free raffle ticket. The bottle of wine will go to the wine pull at the auction event.
- If you would like to volunteer please let the committee know. There are many needs for this event.
- There is a social media post for the auction class baskets. Donations are needed for these. Please see the Parent Square post.

**Book Fair** - Kim Ludlow

- The Book Fair this fall will be at Barnes and Noble (2030 West Gray) on November 15. There will be arts and crafts, authors, and a signature drink!
- Anything you buy, a percentage of the sales will go back to Sinclair.
- If you can't make the event, you can also shop online November 15th thru 20th and use the code 12810800.

**Reminders** - Kim Ludlow

- Yearbooks are on sale through January 31. 5th grade ads must be purchased by then, but do not have to be submitted until February 28th.
- We have a Minted fundraiser that is ongoing year around. You can save 20% and the school earns 15%. Use the code: FUNDRAISESINCLAIRPTO. Please tell your friends and family so they can use the code as well.

**Important Dates** - Kim Ludlow

- Nov. 6 - Spirit Night, Crust Pizza
- Nov. 8 - No School, staff PD day

- Nov, 11 - Veteran's Day Social
- Nov. 15 - Book Fair - Barnes and Noble
- Nov. 18-22 - Thanksgiving Lunch Visitors
- Nov. 24 - Community Happy Hour, 3:30-7:00pm at BLVD park
- Nov. 25-29 - Thanksgiving Break

**Meeting Adjourned** - No meeting in December. Next meeting January 10, 2025 at 7:45 am.