**Sutton Central PTO**

**January 18, 2024**

 **Meeting Notes**

**Principal’s Report**

Mrs. Scolaro shared that students have been engaged in many learning opportunities recently including:

* + Hour of Code for K-5 students
	+ Math League
	+ Mixed grade level “Scramble Groups”
	+ Icy Bandit visited with the Sutton Police Department
	+ Winter Activities are taking place each Thursday for 5 weeks
	+ There have been 2 recent snow days for the district
	+ It is the end of Quarter 2 and Health classes will begin for students not currently having Health class
	+ Winter benchmarking for math and reading has been completed
	+ Sutton Central School is currently looking for a full time Paraprofessional and a Building Substitute 3 days a week
	+ Sutton Central School teachers are working on Project-Based Units for the 2024-2025 school year as part of their building goals pertaining to Project-Based Learning

**Financial Report**

Emily Cooper, PTO treasurer, shared that as of the end December 2023 there was about $20,932 in the PTO account. Recent expenses included winter activities, a mini fridge for the school nurse’s office, and chaperone tickets for Mt. Sunapee which have increased substantially in price.

There was discussion about looking into Pat’s Peak and Ragged Mt. for skiing and snowboarding for winter activities next year. Emily and Jill will try to contact the mountains and share the information at the PTO meeting in February.

A thank you card from the PTO will be sent to the Sutton Ridgerunner Snowmobile Club for their generous donation of $2300.

**Fundraising**

Ideas for fundraising were shared including:

* organizing a community flea market/yard sale in the spring
* direct donations through a QR code or checks made out to the PTO
* A wish list of items needed by teachers or for events that families or community members could purchase
* A Fall Fest/Spring Fling/School Carnival

**Upcoming Events:**

**Valentine’s Day Carnations**

The PTO will purchase a carnation for each student in the school, accompanied by a note/card from the PTO. These will be passed out on Valentine’s Day and are about $2 each.

**Indoor Movie Night @ SCS**

Emily will look into this and it will tentatively take place on a Friday evening in March.

**Community Bonfire at Smiley Grove Park**

Area families and community members are welcome to attend a bonfire hosted by the North Sutton Improvement Society on February 17th at Smiley Grove Park near Kezar Lake.

**Sutton Free Library Visits**

The PTO will reach out to theSutton Free Library staff to see if groups of students can visit in May to obtain library cards, learn about what the library has to offer, and to hear about the summer reading program.

**PTO By-Laws**

In preparation for becoming a 501c3 non-profit organization, the PTO is working to create by-laws. Emily will send a google doc out for the group to edit and make suggestions in.

**Portrait of a Learner**

Mrs. Scolaro shared about the Portrait of a Learner initiative in the district. A committee of teachers in the district are working to create a document that describes the district’s vision for students, including attributes that the district seeks to cultivate in students. Mrs. Scolaro asked for ideas and feedback from the PTO and she will also gather more input from parents/caregivers in the school in the upcoming weeks.

**The next PTO meeting is Tuesday, February 6th @6:30pm at Sutton Central School.**