

Sutton Central PTO Meeting October 10, 2023

Meeting Notes

Principal Updates:

Field Trips:

- Mrs. Scolaro shared that students will have many opportunities for enrichment through various field trips and activities this year.
 - 3rd and 4th graders participated in a mapping activity with the Telephone Museum
 - Kindergarten visited Spring Ledge Farm
 - 2nd graders spent time in the Garden of Eatin'
 - 4th and 5th graders will attend *The Lightning Thief* at the Capitol Center for the Arts
 - 5th grade will participate in Watershed Day with the Lake Sunapee Protective Association
 - The whole school worked with Wampanoag Cultural Advisors, CheeNulka and David Pocknett

Sutton Central School Building Goals:

- Mrs. Scolaro shared that this year SCS will prioritize providing students with multi-age social experiences, allowing students to interact with students in various grade levels. Project-based learning will also be a focus this school year.

Movie Night

Movie Night is Friday, October 13th @7pm at the back field of Sutton Central School. There will be free popcorn, as well as hot dogs and drinks for purchase.

Trunk or Treat

Steph Perkins is organizing the Trunk or Treat to be held at Sutton Central School on October 31st. Boys and Girls Club would like to participate and will be invited to decorate the kindergarten door. Steph will make a PTO Facebook post requesting donations for a candy drive.

Cougar Cupboard

This program is covered by the nurse's funds in the PTO budget. A local woman who runs an organization called *Food for Thought* is interested in helping to provide funding for Sutton's Cougar Cupboard program. She and Nurse Beauchemin will join an

upcoming PTO meeting. Tracy Mingarelli will set up a Hannaford To-Go account for the PTO and shop for/deliver groceries to the school for Nurse B. to distribute.

Garden of Eatin'

Items from the garden were for sale at Open House and will also be for sale at Movie Night. Kindergarten had a wheat harvesting demonstration by a Musterfield Farm representative.

Financial Report

Emily Cooper shared that there's about \$16,000 of cash in the PTO account. September expenses included an Amazon order for teacher's room supplies, a NH State Park fee for use of Wadleigh State Park during the *Strut* 5K fundraiser, and a motion picture licensing fee for Movie Night. The Strut was very successful and raised its second highest funds in 16 years, about \$6,700. Emily is working on shifting some line items for clarity in the PTO budget, such as student activities/events and field trips. The PTO budget includes about \$16,350 income and \$16,200 expenses.

Winter Activities

Last year at Mt. Sunapee a designated number of volunteers were free and there was a volunteer fee for additional volunteers. Once the PTO has more information about this year's program, we will need to decide if we will fund volunteer fees. When forms go home with students for winter activities, there will be an opportunity for families to receive or provide scholarships for students. Mrs. Scolaro shared that field trips require a 1:5 adult student ratio.

School Concert

Ms. Densmore shared that this year's school concert will be held at Kearsarge Regional High School so the PTO will not need to budget for the tent rental.

Scholastic Book Fair

The school earned \$891 through this year's book fair. Ms. McNamee will use these funds to purchase hardcover and library bound books for the school library.

Requests for PTO Funds

The PTO approved \$336 for the 4th and 5th grade field trip to *The lightning Thief* on October 17 at the Capitol Center for the Arts. Also approved was a \$150 reimbursement to Ms. Densmore for gifts for the Wampanoag Cultural Advisors that visited the school. \$350 was approved for the Sutton Book Awards program to cover the costs of the assembly and the purchase of a hardcover book for each classroom.

At the beginning of 2024 the PTO will decide on funding the One School One Book program organized by Ms. McNamee and Ms. Ciance. The cost would be about \$1134 to purchase a hardcover copy of the book for each student in the school.

Upcoming Fundraising Opportunities

School Store Fundraiser:

This was a popular fundraiser last year that provided gift cards and materials for teachers and classrooms. Becca Rowe is setting this up for the holiday shopping season.

Sutton Central School Gear Store:

This will take place around mid-November. Families can purchase Sutton Central gear such as sweatshirts, hats, etc.

The next PTO meeting is Tuesday November 14th @6:30pm.