

Sullivan PTO meeting
Tuesday, November 7, 2017
Sullivan conference room
6:15 PM to 7:15 PM

In attendance were PTO president, Courtney Bala, Principal Shane Goodwin , Assistant Principal Gwendolyn Lindsey, and parents: Sarah Hembra, Alan Hembra, Gwendolyn , Kisha Wilmore, Mitchellene Swann, Amahl Bennett, Kelly Scott, Jodie Smith, Amy Hudson, Karen Willson, Thomas Randel and Amanda Randel

Meeting began with everyone at the table introducing themselves.

Mrs.Bala started with the agenda items.

- PTO is still in need of a vice president and a secretary.

The next item was the committees that need to have leadership.

- The fundraising committee still needs a chair. Fundraising ideas are: a fun run or walk-a-thon to be held in the spring, spirit night, or signs with sponsorship on them that can be hung on fences around the campus. Formerly PTO had a list of supporters that could purchase signs. Parent Kim Wilson can be contacted for the list. The fundraising chairperson would be responsible to make sure that these different ideas are organized, staffed and completed. There has been interest of several people to support the fundraising chair, but no one has stepped forward to be the leader yet.
- There was a suggestion to send out a survey to Sullivan families to find out what companies/businesses are represented.

A brief summary of the history of the PTO for last few years at Sullivan was given by Mr. Goodwin. He and Mrs.Bala stated that the next few years will be re-building years for our PTO.

- Mr. Goodwin expressed thanks from the faculty and staff to the PTO for the Halloween treat bags that were distributed to them.

Report on the Membership for PTO from the membership drive at the beginning of school year shows total membership donations were \$1,445 and a business partner is sending in monthly donation of \$140 to support Sullivan.

- A new bank account has been opened and we are still waiting for 503c designation.
- The opening balance in the PTO account is now \$1,507.42.

Box tops were turned in and collected and organized by parent Karen Willson. She donated several hours getting them ready and sent for the school to benefit. We should receive check for \$135 in the spring.

Group discussed other ways to raise funds such as Amazon smile for charity and becoming a Publix School. Parent Mitchellene volunteered to talk to Publix.

If anyone would like to sign up for a specific PTO group such as teacher appreciation, they should contact Mrs Bala to have their name added.

The next teacher appreciation will be a December Cookie Exchange. Sullivan families will be asked for cookie donations to be distributed to teachers as holiday cookie trays.

Red Ribbon week and its events were successful.

Beautification of the school will be on hold at least for inside school until renovation complete according to Mr. Goodwin.

- Some outdoor landscaping is being done by the district office- trees, shrubs and pine needles.
- The new track should be usable after Thanksgiving.

New Business: SIC chair and parent, Kelly Scott, brought idea of a parent event during lunch time on Dec 6th that will be both Canvas help for parents and Book Fair shop opp for them. Kelly asked that PTO/SIC partner to organize and facilitate parent event. Perhaps PTO parents could provide some cookies/drinks for event.

A suggestion for a school wide w PTO newsletter that includes academic and athletic information. Also parents suggested that more ways to communicate to parents about important papers that need to be signed might be helpful and less frustrating to those involved.

There will be no PTO meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 9th.