

August 20th PTA Meeting

6:00 pm at SBCE

Meeting Agenda Co-Presidents Update - Lynda Nicolay and Katie Vander Velde
Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year!

In attendance: Lynda Nicolay, Katie Vander Velde, Mrs. Marques, Ms. Hall, Jill Francis, Heidi Mueller, Erica Mabe, Lauren Novinski, Brook Howard, Katie Shenoy, Ashley Jarc, Daphne Honore', Michele Allison, Isha Lee, Eva Cho Kim, Laurie Davis

- If you haven't had a chance to see the events calendar, it's on the PTA website and on Membership Toolkit.
- Thank you for all who volunteered at the school clean up day, Sneak Peek and helping stuff teacher packets. Some of the kids planted pumpkin seeds in the planter box on the 4th/5th grade wing and they have begun growing. We hope to have a few pumpkins by the Fall.
- We sold 231 school supply boxes this year. We should be receiving our check soon for \$1,719.15.
- We have several quotes for the playground and have had several emails back and forth with the district to try and get the drain cleared prior to re-surfacing. We were informed that the pre-k to 1st grade playground drainage issue was included in the SPLOST report for work to be done this next summer. Because resurfacing would be a PTA funded project, when work is done on the drain any damage to the surface would not be repaired by the county, therefore we planned to wait on the drains to be cleared. We will continue to add funding to this project in the meantime. As stated in the budget, the \$19,535 raised is earmarked for the playground and will not be used for anything other than that project.

SPLOST - or Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax - is a financing method for funding capital outlay projects in Georgia. In Fulton County, it is a 1% sales tax levied for the purpose of funding new or replacement schools, building additions, and renovations to existing facilities. A large portion of the funds also is earmarked to address aging technology within schools and to support the district's personalized learning initiatives. SPLOST also is providing for the retirement of \$60 million in outstanding general operating debt and other construction bonds. The one-penny sales tax is expected to raise \$930 million for Fulton County school improvements over a five-year period (2017-2022). For more information go to www.fultoncountyschools.org

- We are working on our annual budget as we are still selling memberships. As your events come up, please take a look at your budget and if you have any questions please ask.
 - Open positions: School garden coordinator
- Email sbce_pta@outlook.com if are interested or have questions about any of these positions.

Principle Update - Mrs. Marques

Thanks to the PTA for beautifying school grounds before opening.

Congratulations for our Milestones achievements, SBCE was the only school in Fulton County with 100% of 5th graders at a Level 2 or higher in Language Arts/Reading, and also 3rd grade had the highest % achievement in math in the Northeast Learning Community. Scores on the GKIDS assessment were also high for kindergarten.

The school plans to focus on social/emotional needs of the students this year. A WIN (What I Need) room has been created to provide a calm, relaxing space for students to unwind and refocus. A Reading Bowl program is being initiated by Ms. Justice for those students who want to show their love of reading. In the future, an increased focus on supporting the arts is being

explored. Although the seat count update is not final, it appears we might not qualify to keep all current 4th grade rooms, but SBCE intends to provide funds to secure all 4th grade teachers and not lose one.

Teachers Update - Suzanne Hall

Thanks for the teacher lunch provided before the beginning of school. Teachers are preparing their mini grant applications to submit before the deadline.

Treasurer Update - Elizabeth Cook

Budget attached.

Last year we finished up with \$71K in cash, \$15K of which needs to stay as a minimum in reserve, and \$19,535 of which is specifically designated towards the playground. That leaves \$36K in discretionary reserves. As we come closer to our membership goal and ensure we have the funds to cover all the programs in our budget, we can look to allocate those funds.

School Governance - Daphne Honore, Heather Van Looy and Jill Frances

First SCG meeting is on Wednesday, August 21.

There next community meeting with Linda McCain(District 5) is on September 17th at 9:30am locates at Findley Oaks ES.

Academics Updates - Daphne Honore

Mini Grants - Kristina Madh

The link has been sent to the teachers for submitting their applications for the minigrants. They are due by August 23rd and we will try to have approvals announced by the end of August. So far we have 13 applications.

Science Force- Daphne Honore'

No updates at this this. The science force calendar is being created and a sign-up will go out as soon as it's finalized. She will need volunteers to help organize the STEM room next week.

Read to Succeed - Lindy Washer

No updates at this time.

Finance Update - Manju Shringapure

Book Fair - Brook Howard and Holly Smith

No updates at this time.

The SBCE sponsored book fair is September 16-20. Look for a sign-up soon for volunteers.

Family Portraits - Aubry Canales

Sign ups are still open. Dates for Fall Portrait Mini sessions are

9/14 8am-6pm

9/18 4pm-7pm

9/22 8am-6pm

We have 38 families signed up at this point and have more slots available.

The link to sign up is available on our website.

Social Media / Membership Toolkit - Jennifer Rombardo

We have moved from myschoolanywhere to Membership Toolkit, so it's important for all families to use the link on either the SBCE website or the PTA website to create an account in membership toolkit. Having an account allows you to receive emails from the PTA and access the store to purchase tickets for events and purchase membership. There is also a new feature allowing us to have current messages stored for easy access as well as the PTA calendar of events.

Membership Toolkit

524 Active contacts

- 332 families have confirmed their data
- 169 family memberships sold = \$22,440
 - 46 Minimum
 - 49 Base
 - 38 Silver
 - 21 Gold
 - 12 Platinum

Teachers have been added and ready to assign students once the final roster is approved.

290 Followers on Facebook

153 on Twitter

Most engaging photo - Happy First Day of School!

Website - Heather Van Looy

Please visit SbcePTA.org for all the updated PTA news, forms and calendar of events.

Box Tops - Heidi Mueller

Digital box tops are here and as of 8/13/2019 we have earned \$26.20 from scanning alone. As time goes on the physical box tops will disappear and all credit will be received electronically. For now please continue to send in the physical box tops and start scanning your receipts with the box top app which you can download onto your smart device (check the google and apple play store) and scan your entire receipt with all participating box top items even if you don't see the box top logo on the product (needs to include all items bought, store name and purchase date) from any retailer (grocery store to gas station). For more information on the program, including a list of participating products, visit www.BTFE.com. Can earn extra box tops with special events from grocery stores.

One last important bit of information...Receipts must be scanned within 14 days of purchase for credit. If you have any questions please contact me at heidia94@gmail.com.

Spirit Wear - Cheryl Baker

The store is open until August 30th with delivery mid September.

Since the store opened in June we have raised \$1,110.03 which will be used towards the membership perk items.

Yearbook - Eva Kim and Isha Lee

We've had a great first week! Compared to last year, our album sales are up slightly. More advertising has been helpful.

We have sold 170 yearbooks with a goal of 450 and regained \$5,256.99 towards our deposit due on 8/16. Sales are open at \$30 until August 23rd. The promotion of 4 icons free with personalization is also offered until August 23rd.

The 5th grade students have been informed and those that choose will be taking part in the yearbook cover contest. The contest deadline is September 10th and the winning cover will be

selected on September 12th and will be announced on BNN and mentioned in the following Bobcat Tails.

The replay it should be up and running smoothly. You can download it from the Jostens website, the app store or google play. We could use 1st day of school picture. For those that will be chaperones on the 5th grade trip, please consider taking pictures and sending those in as well.

5th grade ads will start being promoted September 2nd after the class rosters are made available to Jostens. It will also be helpful for 5th grade trip chaperones to take photos to share with the yearbook.

We received our check from Jostens this month totaling \$3,810.81 for last years sales.

Corporate Matching - Lynn Blue

Double your membership donation. Please be sure to check with your employer to see if they offer company matching.

Community Support Guest speaker: Emily and Megan from Ocee

Their school garden began 7 years ago as a kindergarten class project, then went dormant for a few years and a year ago was replanted. It contains 20 raised beds and now is integrated into the lesson plans as appropriate for all grades. Many vegetables are grown and harvested by the students. They have enough produce to be approved to supply to their school cafeteria. They work with their cafeteria manager on this project. Parents volunteer to care for the garden year round. They are interested in teaching other schools how to begin their own school gardens. Lynda has purchased an initial group of raised beds for use in a future school garden, pending a chair to initiate this project.

Room Rep Coordinator - Michele Allison

The parent volunteer forms will be in classrooms on curriculum night. If you are interested and able to sign up as either room parent or helper, it would be much appreciated. We still have several (12) classrooms without a room parent.

Landscape/Gardening - Open

We have a very successful hands on day to spruce up the school grounds. The volunteers spread 100 bales of pine straw around the front of the school as well as in the peace garden. They planted flowers and cleaned up and removed one of the planter boxes that fell apart. In the other box, pumpkin seeds were planted and have begun to grow. Please check it out! 5th Grader Preston Mueller made a sweet sign.

Hearing and Vision - Jill Frances

Hearing and Vision is scheduled for October 4th.

Teacher Breakfast - Deji-Ann Simms

The first teacher breakfast of the year was a great success. The 4th and 5th grade sponsored teacher breakfast is coming up on September 20th.

Teacher Appreciation - Laurie Davis and Mary Peterson

Our next event will be teacher tailgating on October 18. Once we finalize the menu we will send it to Ms. Krupp to share with teachers and staff 1 week prior to the event. Allison Hammond is planning to shadow for this year.

Newcomers Committee - SaraBeth Grow and Saiesha Sylvester

Our Newcomer's Coffee is tomorrow morning at 9am in the media center. It will be a time where our newest members of SBCE can meet the administrative staff, ask questions, learn about PTA and take a tour of the school.

Family Events**All Pro Dads/Mother's Tea - Pete Lovelace**

The first All Pro Dad Meeting will be September 20th at 6:45 in the media center.

A morning for our Moms..... courtesy of State Bridge Crossing All Pro Dad group. Moms, you are cordially invited to come and learn about the All Pro Dads Chapter at State Bridge. It's not secret Moms help enable their children to develop fully by pouring life into them. They model joy and passion. But Dads also have an important role to play. Our goal at All pro Dad is to help dads become uncommon fathers and influence their children in significant ways. Moms, we need your help. You are the gateway to getting more Dads involved in All pro Dad at State Bridge. On September 13th, we want to share our vision, serve you well, and ask for your help to promote this opportunity for your kids and their Dad (or father figure) to connect monthly. Every mom attending will receive a complimentary gift and information about the program. The event will last 45 minutes.

Please register HERE- https://allprodadsday.com/chapters/3023/ chapter_meetings/32531

Raffle Basket Coordinator - Katie Vander Velde

Look for an email in the next few weeks from your room parent with your classrooms theme for the Raffle Basket.

Bingo - Diedre Green-Richards and Anna McIlroy

No updates at this time.

Fall Festival - Tamara Liles

For all those interested in volunteering for Fall Festival, look for an email soon regarding meetings.

If you have questions contact Tamara Liles at tamaraliles3@gmail.com

Walk to School Coordinator - Elizabeth Cook

First walk to school day should be sometime in October. Date tbt.

Daddy Daughter Dance - Tiffany Jansen

The date has been moved to Saturday, February 29th. The theme is Mardi Gras.

Mother / Son Event - Sonda Bevilacqua

No updates at this time.

Field Day - Carrie Finn and Kathleen Newquist

No updates at this time.

5th Grade Finale - Julie Roberts, Laurie Davis and Lynn Blue

They are coordinating with Ms. Gruber to plan the trip to Blue Ridge. Plan to have a first committee meeting in November to finalize Final week activities. Many shirts were sold on Sneak Peek.

Upcoming Events:

August 21st - Newcomer's Coffee at 9am in the Media Center

August 27th - Curriculum Night at 6:30pm (Pre-K to 2nd grade)

August 28th - Curriculum Night at 6:30pm (3rd to 5th grade)

5th Grade trip meeting at 5:45pm and Deadline to order 5th Grade

shirts

August 30th - Spirit Wear Store closes

September 13th - Mother's Tea at 8am in the Media Center

September 14th - Family Portrait mini sessions (8am-6pm)

September 17th - PTA Meeting at 11:30am

Linda McCain Community Meeting at 9:30am (Findley Oaks ES)

September 18th - Family Portrait mini sessions (4pm-7pm)

September 19th - Extreme Hopp Spirit Night

September 20th - Teacher Breakfast (4th and 5th grade sponsored)

September 20th - All Pro Dads @6:45am in the media center

September 21st - Family Portrait (RAIN DATE)

September 22nd - Family Portraits mini sessions (8am-6pm)

September 25th/27th - 5th Grade trip to Blue Ridge

September 29th - Family Portrait (RAIN DATE)

Thank you for attending!