

SCEF BULLETIN

–Building a Legacy of Learning–

About the SCEF

The Sullivan Community Education Foundation, established in 1994, is a non profit, tax-exempt organization.

SCEF & CUSD 300

The SCEF operates independently of the Sullivan School District Board of Education. It is governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees made up of community, business, and education leaders.

Grant Applications Being Accepted

This year, the SCEF has allotted \$5,000 for mini grants and \$15,000 for major grants in total.

A mini grant is any grant less than \$1,000 and a major grant is any grant that is \$1,000 or greater.

Grant applications are due no later than the second Friday of January in 2023.

More information can be found on our website: www.scef.info/grantinformation



Math is on the Table

This year, 5th/6th grade Math teacher Marissa Wright received a major grant for 6 dry erase whiteboard tables and 24 chairs for her classroom. She says, “These tables help facilitate discussion among peers by giving them the opportunity to share and build upon ideas together, which helps increase collaboration. The tables are engaging and make it easy for students to have plenty of room to write our problems and catch any mistakes, and to see the work of their classmates.”

On the first day of school (2022), Mrs. Wright shared the photo above with the following caption, “Thankful for the Sullivan Community Education Foundation who awarded me a grant for whiteboard tables and chairs. Here’s to day 1 of year 16 and a new feel to my classroom. The kids are going to love these for Math!”

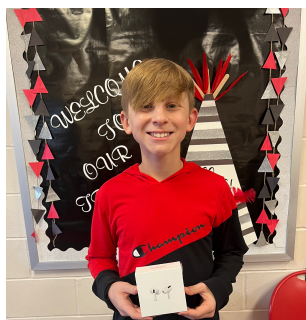


2022 Raffle Winners

This year, the Tech Raffle included 4 prizes, with winners as follows:



Laptop: Laura Martin



AirPods Pro: Brynn Johnson



Drone: Griffin Greene

LEGO Boost Kit: Michael Calvin
(Not Pictured)

Thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket - SCEF raised \$5,155 this year!

Staff Appreciation Banquet Recap



We were thrilled to be able to host the Staff Appreciation Banquet again this year after a 'Covid Hiatus'. This year we wanted to recognize some of the superheroes of our community: Teachers! A special 'thank you' to Nancy Elder for presenting a history of the SCEF as a special part of our evening.

In total this year, the SCEF awarded 7 mini grants and 8 major grants, totaling over \$30,000. **Mini grants** in the amount of



Nancy Elder shares the history of SCEF.

\$450.00 were awarded to Erin Van Deursen and Nichole Watkins for hands-on learning activities for kindergarten students; Courtney Leach/Leslie Guyot for a portable public address system for SES staff and students in the amount of \$499.00; John Bertetto for 10 licenses for cadaver dissection program for SHS students in Anatomy/Physiology courses in the amount of \$510.00; Valerie Kalagian/Lauren Fultz/Rikki Ray for 13 document cameras/microphones for elementary school students in the amount of \$742.50; Sarah Camp for a sensory table and materials for early childhood students in the amount of \$755.00; Kelsey Sipes for flexible seating for fifth grade students in the amount of \$839.00 and Sheri McCain for 21 keyboards for third grade students in the amount of \$965.79.

Major grant recipients were Moultrie County Beacon for employment specialist training for adults with intellectual disabilities in the amount of \$1,044; Cami Badman, Anna McClellan, Becca Stinebring, and Kaitlin Whalen for 115 hardback copies of “I Am Malala” for high school students in the amount of



New library furniture for SES.

\$1,528.35; Aleisha Barnes for 10 sewing machines, cases and 20 looms for high school students in the amount of \$2,900; Leah Fleming for library furniture for SES students in the amount of \$3,044.07; Marissa Wright for six dry erase tables and 24 chairs for students in fifth grade accelerated math and sixth grade regular math in the amount of \$3,388.03; Fyanne Emel for four dry erase tables, 12 chairs and table with stools for students in seventh grade math in the amount of \$4,100; Melissa Nichols for an Amaco kiln for middle and high school students in the amount of \$4,500 and Willow Mansfield for a germination chamber for students and the community in the amount of \$5,000.

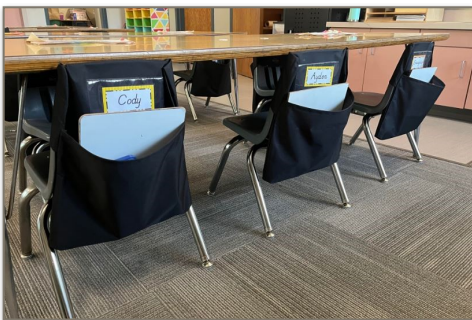
Save the Date!

Plans are underway for next year’s staff appreciation banquet which will be held April 13th, 2023 at Building 1225. The dinner is provided to honor the work and effort that the staff of CUSD #300 put in each year. This year, we want supporters and community members to join us in celebrating the work that is being done in our community in the field of education. More details forthcoming as plans are finalized.



NHS students serving drinks at the Staff Appreciation Banquet

Efficiency in the Classroom



Seat sacks and whiteboards ready for use.

Seat Sacks allow students to access their learning materials quickly and without having to leave their seat. The white boards (pictured) are just one of the items placed in these Seat Sacks. Having supplies and learning materials readily available has allowed for increased time for learning and less disruption to the flow of lessons. The white boards are used for students to write responses for games, questions, and to practice writing and math skills. Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. VanDeursen say, “Since we are mindful of the spread of germs, these items have also allowed students to keep their own supplies separate from their peers.”

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The SCEF is dedicated to providing a tradition of caring that will benefit and strengthen our community and our children. We are doing this through our mission to promote and improve lifelong learning opportunities in our community and our schools. The SCEF has awarded over \$650,000 in grants to the Sullivan School District and Community Agencies since 1995.

All of this has been accomplished without tax monies or funds from the school district. The SCEF relies on donations from individuals and businesses for a vast majority of their funds. To promote our mission, we must continue to raise funds that guarantee the continuation of outstanding educational projects in Sullivan. The Foundation thanks you, our generous donors and business sponsors, for making this happen.

A donation card with envelope has been included. In addition, we encourage you to consider the Foundation in your estate planning. This can be accomplished by bequeathing money in your will or trust or by naming the SCEF as an insurance beneficiary.

Sincerely,

Grant Wade
Foundation President



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