

Meeting Minutes from Salt Brook PTA Meeting on 9/19/25 @ 9:00am

1. Call to Order and Flag Salute
2. Approval of Minutes - May 2025 Meeting
3. President's Message / Announcements
 - SB received a recognition for safe walk to school program (gold level)
 - Beginning balances- PTA finance info shared. Although balance is negative, we are still collecting class dues and the balance will be positive. Focus on transparency with finances.
 - Next fundraiser- Delicious Orchards- Thanksgiving Pie Sale- orders need to be in by Halloween. Delivery will be held at SB. This is our first year doing this fundraiser and we are hoping it will be very successful.
 - Family Movie Night is on 9/26- \$15 per family- the movie is Sing
 - Book Fair- Nov. (week of American Education Week) 3 days to 3.5 days. It will be open Monday night for book sales and pajama story time.
 - Grandparents Day (1-2 grades only this year due to the size of the kindergarten class)
 - Change in the financing of activities this year- committee chairs will be fronted the money rather than reimbursed.
 - Please pay PTA membership and class dues in MTK ASAP
 - Volunteers needed: There is nobody to run the Spelling Bee (4-6) or Community Service Event. We do not have anyone to run the Celebrations Book Drive, but it will still run. We need someone to shadow the STEM fair (3-6) committee to take it over next year.
4. Treasurer's Report (see above for treasury updates)
5. Committee Reports (for more details, see above)
 - a. Movie Night - September 26th - Raindate 10/10
 - b. Book Fair - November 17th-20th
6. New Fundraiser- Delicious Orchards Thanksgiving Pies
7. Principal's Message
 - Wonderful first day of school- thanks to everyone for their help and making students feel welcome.

- Thanks to the PTA for the start of the school year lunch and snacks.
- Character Ed- New theme is being planned and revealed.
- First day of perspective and play 9/12 (no academics, play in a structured way, grade level teachers collaborated to plan.) It was enjoyed by all!
- Salt Brook super stars- highlight and recognize students each month for demonstrating good character. Faculty can nominate students each month, names will be announced, pictures will be posted, prizes given out, positive phone call home from principal or v. principal.
- Salt Brook mega stars- teachers are giving shoutouts to their colleagues- 1-2 will be chosen each month.
- Front entrance steps were redone.
- HVAC- all systems were installed. Not all units are working yet.
- Upper playground project- equipment ships 9/24. Install date is mid October.
- Parental support- subs are needed (application on website), PTA needs volunteers
- Parent Zone at drop off. Some parents don't feel comfortable with that- teachers asked for something to be put in place as many parents were overwhelming for the students and the teachers. If you need to stand with your child, accommodations can be made.
- Crowds in the lunch line on Fridays- Mrs. Allen is trying some new ideas and will report back.
- Technology use in the district is being addressed and this information will be shared with parents- how students are using technology by grade.
- Next meeting PTA Monday 11/17

8. Meet & Greet with Mrs. Allen: Some highlights from Mrs. Allen's "Listening Tour"

The listening tour is a year-long endeavor where Mrs. Allen will be meeting with all staff, teachers, parents etc to listen and shape SB's future based on all of the feedback.

What makes SB a great school?

Music program, mentor program w older students/younger students, parents/families show up when needed (ex walk a thon), asking parents to come in and volunteer (welcoming community), excellent communication from the school.

Are there any areas where the school could improve?

New teachers need more support, balanced technology use, less HW on the iPad, drop off/pick up is stressful