

**Kate Bell Elementary**  
**SDMC Meeting Minutes**  
**January 30, 2018**

**I Old Business**

- **Magnet Update** – We are currently in Phase 2 for applications. Kate Bell has received 72 magnet applications (24 for kindergarten, 12 for first grade, 15 for second grade, 6 for third grade, 9 for fourth grade and 6 for fifth grade)
- **Barbara Bush Literacy Project** – Sixty-two fourth and fifth grade students attended the event at Kate Bell on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Each child went home with 5 new books. There were 21 volunteers.
- **Universal Screener** – Middle of the Year testing is currently going on.
- **Building Staff Morale** – Monthly staff events outside of campus are being planned. At the monthly faculty meetings, teachers of the month are being recognized and birthdays are being celebrated. A bulletin board by the faculty/staff mailboxes is being utilized for shout outs. A motivational message from the principal is given to the staff each morning.

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- **Career Day** – A Career Day is being planned for March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The focus will be on health and wellness. Speakers will gather at 8:30 am in a hospitality room. They will then rotate to classrooms for three 30 minute sessions.
- **Texas A&M Parent Education Program** – Nutrition classes are currently underway. They are being held in the cafeteria on Tuesdays from 8 am – 9 am. The series is 8 weeks long. Parents will receive a certificate for completing the program.
- **Campus Science Fair** – There will be a fifth- grade science fair. A rubric will be used to judge the entries.
- **Campus Beautification** – Landscaping has been completed in the front of the school. Building support poles are being painted. At the end of February old furniture will be picked up by the district.

- **Library Revitalization Project** – The library is being updated to make it more attractive and inviting for students. There will be less furniture and more space. Our librarian, Ms. Moore, has visited other HISD campuses. Libraries are now being called learning commons.
- **2018 – 2019 School Day** – The students' hours will be 7:30 am – 2:45 pm.
- **International Festival** – A committee will be formed to plan for an International Festival on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. We would like all cultures on campus represented.
- **Grade Level Awards Day Programs** – The dates for the awards day programs were reviewed and are on the master calendar.
- **Box Tops** – Incentives will be given to the classes that submit the most box tops at the end of February and at the end of March.