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# 2020–2021
# annual report

# About the San Bruno Education Foundation

The San Bruno Education Foundation (SBEF) is an independent, volunteer-run, 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to providing enrichment programs for every child in the San Bruno Park School District. Learn more at sbefkids.org.

# Dear Friends and Supporters,

To say that this last year was challenging would be an understatement. Public health restrictions due to the COVID pandemic took our kids and teachers out of their school classrooms and thrust them into virtual ones. It presented our families with extremely difficult conditions for living – to say nothing about learning.

Many of the supplemental enrichment programs supported by SBEF, such as our elementary music education program run by Music for Minors, needed to be paused. While our educators and families struggled valiantly to find creative solutions to stay connected and to keep learning, I think it is fair to say that under these conditions we all simply tried to do our best while prioritizing our physical and emotional health.

Despite these challenges, we found many points of inspiration over the last year. Our educators quickly adapted to new virtual teaching technology tools and modeled innovation to our students as they taught in a completely new environment. Our families pulled together to support their students, teachers and one another. Our community rallied behind our schools with extraordinary generosity and support.

SBEF is particularly grateful to our incredible partners at YouTube, the San Bruno Community Foundation, the City of San Bruno, the Welch Family Foundation, the Sammut Family Foundation, the Rotary Club of San Bruno, the San Bruno Lions Club, and Pinot's Palette. You can read more below about the different ways these community collaborations have benefitted our students.

SBEF has worked diligently over the last year of transition to learn from our circumstances and find new opportunities to support our schools. We can't say enough how excited we are for next year as we begin to fully restore our programs. We look forward to leveraging the lessons we've learned and to continue to build upon our strong foundation in order to bring new opportunities for our students and to help build excellent schools. Thank you all for your incredible support for SBEF and our schools.

Sincerely,
Scott Curtner, President

# Our Programs

## Remote Learning & Technology

When schools transitioned to distance learning in spring 2020 to prevent the spread of COVID-19, it became clear that students with no home internet or devices would get left behind.

To help close this digital divide in San Bruno, the San Bruno Education Foundation collaborated with local businesses, community organizations and government agencies to raise $340,000 for equipment and internet service for these vulnerable students, as well as new laptops and training for teachers.

SBEF continues to support home internet service via our CityNet partners and by purchasing hotspots to be distributed by our families. We continue to support the purchase of new devices for our students and staff and are working with the school district administration to explore what kind of external support will be needed to adopt a refreshed technology plan.

The COVID pandemic has also illuminated new areas in which technology can be used in new and powerful ways as a tool for learning. SBEF will continue to explore how we can best support incorporation of some of these new tools into our classrooms in order to best support our students, our families and our teachers.

# Special Highlights

## School Supplies Drive for Remote Learning

SBEF organized our first-ever school supplies drive in fall 2020 to make sure our most vulnerable students received the proper school supplies to help them succeed during distance learning.

Thanks to the San Bruno community, it was a great success! We raised over $1500 in donations, which we divided among the District's six schools proportionally based on the percentage of socioeconomically disadvantaged students at each school. We also divided the 20 bags of school supplies we collected between our two Title I schools, Allen and Belle Air. A Title I school is defined as a school where 40 percent of its students qualify for the free or reduced-price lunch program.

We also helped Ms. Emily Jingst, Parkside Intermediate's new art teacher, to collect art supplies for her students who couldn't otherwise afford them.

## Virtual Art Initiative With Pinot's Palette

In fall 2020, SBEF partnered with San Bruno's art studio and wine bar Pinot's Palette to bring virtual art classes to our students during remote learning! Our Virtual Art Initiative aimed to provide a therapeutic and educational enrichment opportunity for local children and to support a local business during these challenging times.

Thirty-one families participated in the program, and we raised enough funds to offer scholarships to all 11 children whose families requested financial assistance.

Pinot's Palette also generously donated three Halloween-themed painted pumpkins for a silent auction in the fall. The auction raised $420 to support academic enrichment programs for our San Bruno students.

Thank you to our partner, Pinot's Palette, and to all the families that participated in these programs!

## SBEF's New STEAM Task Force

In a survey of our San Bruno school families in 2019, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and music were the top enrichment programs that parents said they support. SBEF currently supports the San Bruno Park School District's award-winning music education program and is now working to assist the District's STEM initiatives.

This school year, SBEF launched a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) Task Force to determine how we can best help the District implement teaching methods based on Next Generation Science Standards to help cultivate creative problem-solving skills and technological competency in our students. The Task Force is made up of members of SBEF's Board of Directors, as well as parent volunteers.

The Task Force completed a survey of all the District's school principals this year to assess their current STEAM programs and identify new opportunities. Stay tuned for more developments from our new STEAM Task Force!

# Our Partners

**The SBEF is sincerely grateful to our many supporters. But we would like to particularly recognize a few supporters that have been contributing at an extraordinary level to change lives for students in our district.**

The **San Bruno Community Foundation** has been such a critical partner through their numerous Strategic and Community Grants that have allowed SBEF and the District to transform the way that we are able to provide music, remote learning, and other supplemental programming opportunities to all of our San Bruno public school students. We are incredibly grateful that the SBCF has made such a deep commitment to our schools and recognizes the deep impact of public education in our community.

**YouTube** has once again demonstrated their strong commitment to the San Bruno community through their extremely generous grants and sponsorship of our school programs. This year, they have provided grants to support our music and remote learning initiatives for which we are very grateful.

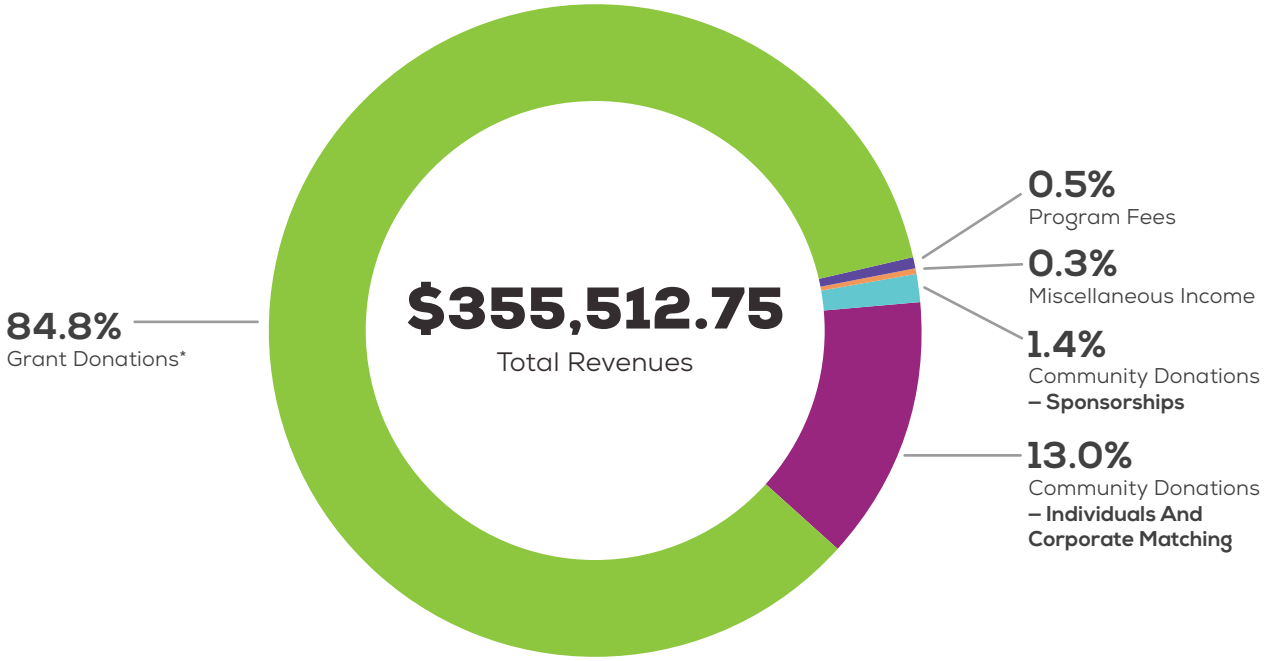
The **Welch Family Foundation** has continued their long-standing commitment to invest in our kids and our community through their generous sponsorship of our music programs. Without their support, we would not be able to offer the power of music education to every student.

The **Sammut Family Foundation** has continued their generous support for San Bruno schools by sponsoring our music education programs, as well as supporting STEM classrooms at Parkside. We're deeply grateful for their commitment to our students.

We are also grateful to the **Rotary Club of San Bruno** and the **San Bruno Lions Club** for their continuous, generous giving of their time and energy for our students and staff. And, of course, we are deeply appreciative of the many dedicated parent and family volunteers who give so much to our schools. We particularly want to acknowledge the leadership within the parent-teacher organizations at each school whose partnership with SBEF is critical in integrating the site-specific needs at each school with our overall districtwide efforts.

# Revenues

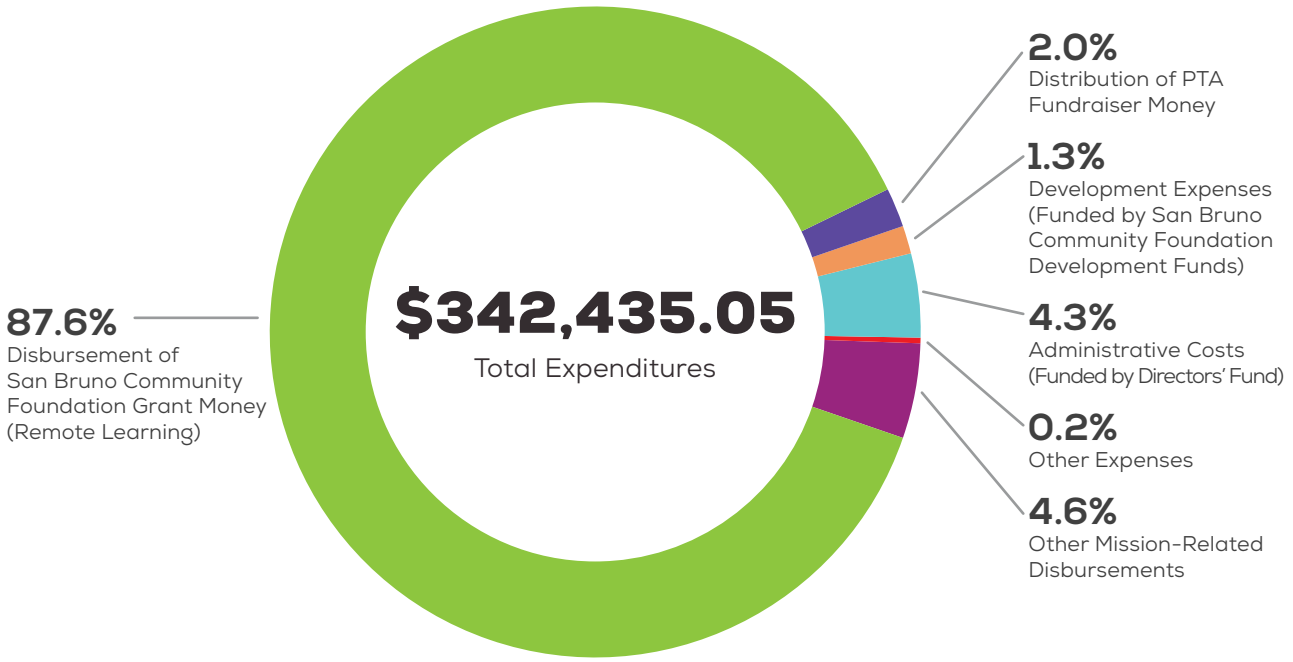
## Breakdown Of Revenues (July 2020 to June 2021)




* INCLUDES $300,000 grant from the San Bruno Community Foundation, which was received on June 30, 2020, but was attributable to the 2020-21 fiscal year.

# Expenditures

## Expenditure Breakdown (July 2020 to June 2021)



# Other News

## Board of Directors: Update

During the 2020-21 school year, SBEF welcomed new and returning board members and bid farewell to exiting board members.

Brent Pliskow joined the SBEF Board of Directors in September. With a background in customer support and operations at tech companies, Brent led SBEF's efforts to support districtwide STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) projects. Brent is a father of three sons and a member of the Portola Elementary community.

SBEF welcomed back Bryan Vander Lugt to our Board of Directors in January. Bryan had previously served on the SBEF Board for three years and made significant contributions to SBEF, including establishing our national award-winning Music Education Strategic Initiative and working with our community partners to support our remote learning initiative. Bryan has a twin son and daughter at Parkside Intermediate and is a research scientist and project manager at Amgen.

We want to thank three San Bruno Park School District parents who have volunteered their time to support our schools. Allen parents Heather Latta and Caroline Cannizzaro helped with our fall school supply drive and Virtual Art Initiative. Heather and John Muir parent Omar Jabbour are serving on our STEAM Task Force to research and drive new STEAM initiatives.

SBEF would also like to recognize Andriana Shea, who left the SBEF Board of Directors this year when she was elected as Trustee to the District's School Board. During her two years with SBEF, Andriana successfully raised the visibility of our organization among school families. She led SBEF's major rebranding effort and developed a communication plan to strengthen our relationship with the community.

Andriana also bolstered our relationships with community groups and local businesses. She led our partnership with San Bruno's Pinot's Palette to coordinate a paint-night fundraiser for parents, as well as virtual art classes for students during remote learning.

Thank you for all you've done for SBEF and our schools, Andriana!

*Thank you for your contributions this year*

## Directors' Fund

At the beginning of fiscal year 2020-21, SBEF set up a "Directors' Fund" with donations from a few generous donors that specifically requested the funding be used to cover our organization's administrative expenses. As a non-profit organization, we have regular administrative fees which include, but are not limited to, insurance costs, accounting services and maintaining our PO Box address. During the last fiscal year, all of these regular administrative expenses were completely paid from the Directors' Fund. Since our operational expenses are covered, this means that 100% of money donated to our organization goes to support our San Bruno schools!

The donors behind the Directors' Fund have expressed their intention to continue funding our administrative expenses moving forward. We are very thankful for our generous donors behind the Directors' Fund that made this possible.

# SBEF Board of Directors

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