

Defer PTO

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors and Officers

March 8, 2016 - Defer Elementary School - 7:00 PM

Attendance: Renee Palazzolo, Emily Summerfiend, Becca Ozar, Ryan Coffey, Janice Fox, Christina Michaud, Brooke Macuga, Kim Rhodes, Kelle Warnick, Lindy Holloway, Jeanette High, Karen Sullivan, Amy Wolfe, Lindy Holloway, Kelley Mc

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** Renee Palazzolo
2. **Introductions:**
3. **Member Presentation/Request:** none
4. **Review of Minutes:** Ryan Coffey – Minutes reviewed, E. Summerfield motion, B. Ozar, second, motion passed.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Emily Summerfield
 - a. Review January Expenses – Beginning Balance \$27,822.16, income \$1,686.30, expenses, \$1,210.98, total PTO funds, \$66,325.95. C. Michaud motion, R. Coffey second, motion passed.
 - b. Review February – Beginning balance \$28,297.48, income \$27,577.87, expenses \$26,757.91, Defer PTO total, \$39,845.91. B. Ozar, motion, R. Palazzolo second, motion passed.
6. **Vice President's Report:** Becca Ozar – Slate is nearly complete for next year's PTO. During next month's meeting PTO will vote on the new Defer PTO board.
7. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Volunteers – Heather Weigand – Met with Principal Sullivan, talked about ways to involve different families with the PTO. Working with Karen to develop a newsletter section for volunteer opportunities geared toward different families, such as working parents, so everyone can have the ability to help out. Position is in good shape for transition to next year's board member. Disability awareness day volunteer opportunities are available, please sign up, scheduled for Wednesday April 6th. Great empathy development tool for our students, volunteers need not only be parents, , Grandparents, older siblings are welcome.
 - b. Fundraising – No updates. Bracelets have arrived.
 - c. Membership –Becca Ozar – To alleviate confusion, there will be a single membership fee to get the online and print membership roster for next year.
 - d. Hospitality – Kim Rhodes
 - i. Spring Social – Tuesday May 24th, 6-8pm. Contacts made with inflatable's, Wally's Custard, photo booth. Looking for a DJ volunteer to offset costs. Volunteers are needed, please help out, sign up genius will be launched soon.
 - ii. Friday March 18th, Donuts With Your Dragon.

- e. Communications – Christina Michaud – Next newsletter published on April 12th, deadline for submissions is April 5th.
- f. School Board Observer – Kelley McLean – Young 5's program, 23 people registered, 100 individuals interested. With enough interest, there may be a 4th site, possibly Monteith. If you sign up you get first choice to go to your home school. As a result, enrollment is anticipated to possibly be boosted, but unknown at this time.

8. Teachers Report: Janette High – No report

9. Principal's Report: Karen Sullivan –

- a. Young 5s program – All were notified of acceptance, opening a 4th and possibly a 5th location; all home school students will be placed in home building
- b. Visitors to Defer - State Senator Bert Johnson – March 18th in AM – Celebrating March Reading Month, Superintendent Gary Niehaus – March 24th in AM
- c. Upcoming Student Programs – Non-fiction research project, Wax Museum – 2/3 Magnet - March 16th 2:00 – 3:00, Bio Buddies – 3rd grade – March 24th 10:30 – 11:30
- d. Student Leaders – Led a school assembly with Maggie Wright, South student, to raise funds for solar lanterns. \$300 raised through a Crazy Hat Day. Classroom donations - \$300 – Winning classes were Mrs. Nugent, Mrs. Gout, and Mrs. Bergeron. Announcement leaders – teams of 4th grade students that include: writer, director, filmer, graphics,
- e. Parent Meetings - 5th grade Camp meeting, Adolescent Health – 4th and 5th - Instruction is Week of March 21st
- f. Lunch Enrichment ended last week – cooking, knitting, yoga, newspaper, crafts, euchre, Italian, coding, chromebooks, legos, gardening, computers, coloring, reading club. Continuing – Chess Club meets on Friday, Ukulele Club, and Girls Engineering
- g. Professional Development - Jane Nugent and Trish Gout are going to MACUL – technology conference. Defer staff will be a part of a ½ day PD on *Cultural Awareness* – May. Staff sharing – Shelley Denison has been sharing *Mindfulness* activities; Erin Amos presented *Brain Base* activities. Trish Gout and Jason Senska will participate in district-wide PBIS in-service
- h. PBIS - Averaging above 95% of students attending monthly parties. Classes working for *Bingo* by setting class goal, i.e. Mrs. Gout's class goal= homework completion; Mrs. High's class goal = no loss of instruction time during mini-lessons. Silent Ball Championship is March Reward Party

10. President's Report: Renee Palazzolo

- a. Updated request form for PTO funds – Current form is too unfriendly and discourages people from asking
- b. Bingo Night – Sign up genius just went out, 4-6 adults needed to volunteer. Donation and prizes are ready, there will be more winners per game. Defer Wear will be prizes as well. Snack will be sold for \$.50 and should cover event costs.

11. Old Business: None

12. New Business:

- a. Book Fair is April 11-15th. Volunteers are needed, training will be given on how to run the register. Money is left over from last fair, suggested it be used for birthday books. Scholastic Rep suggested classroom sets of books as another option.

Teachers Requests for items:

- b. Chrome Books– 4 for 2/3 Magnet - There is a need for Chromebooks, especially the 2-3 Magnet.
- Dell Chrome Book 11 with 4 GB memory is \$234.21 each
 - Google Management console is \$24.72 each
 - Total price - \$258.93 x 4 = \$1035.72
 - Google Chromecast - \$70 each location
- c. Technology Licenses
- Spelling City - \$1.90 per student; \$570.00 for 300 students
 - Newsela–Informational Reading Program – Grades 3 -5; \$2,100.00 - Newsela being extensively used by students and licensing needs to be renewed. Can be used at home and may be able to offset Time for kids, which the upper grade levels may not be needed
- d. Classroom Sound System - Amplification system would allow greater focus for kids in the classroom.
- Amplification system - \$845.29 plus installation per classroom
- e. Kindergarten/1st grade Playground Piece – K-1 playground piece needed, not enough options for the little ones on the playground.
- Supplement present equipment
 - Superior Play – Landscape Structures
- f. Rock Garden – School of Fish - School of fish art installation at the front, anticipating an entrance change to the front. Motion to buy rocks for school of fish art project by E. Summerfield, Seconded by R. Palazzolo, motion passed.
- To be created in the front yard in an existing 'bed'
 - Allemons pricing – ½ bushel (50 stones) \$35.00 – 15% discount = \$30.00 x 6 = \$180.00
 - Mrs. Makowski would incorporate the work in Art instruction
- g. Miscellaneous
- Water for Staff - \$500 per year
 - Classroom games for recess

13. Member Comment: None

14. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 2016, the 2016-2017 Defer PTO Board will be elected.