



Defer Elementary PTO

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

Defer Elementary School

7:00 PM



Meeting via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 891 1840 2102

Passcode: DeferPTO

Present: Lindy Holloway, Patrice Arend, Christy Sherding, Doris Grose, Sophan Buffa, Brooke Macuga, Erin Weakland, Amy Leech, Kristine Hayes, Stephen Justin, Lisa Rheume, Sarah Coats, Kelly Warnick

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** Patrice Arend & Lindy Holloway @ 7:05PM
 - a. Review Mission Statement – Read by Lindy Holloway.
2. **Review of the Previous Minutes:** Kristine Hayes & Sophan Buffa – Approved and moved by Kelly W. and seconded by Christy S.

Meeting reconvened due to inappropriate non-member anatomically-related commentary. Future meeting information will be sent to interested parties instead of posted publicly to avoid this issue in the future. New meeting link & password sent privately.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Stephen Justin & Amy Leech
 - a. 2020-2021 Budget Review
 - i. Line by line review of the budget proposal.
 1. Changed Pumpkin Patch budget to \$600
 2. Motion to approve September – December 2020 PTO budget by Kelly W. Seconded by Christy S.
 - ii. Need to order checks and update signature cards at the bank to be able to write checks with two signatures are required by the bylaws. Amy would like to request the ability to reimburse using Paypal as well as use the single signature checks until the banking information can be updated. Paypal can be reconciled by monthly report.
 1. Christy S. motions to approve allowing single signature checks and Paypal reimbursements for the next 30 days. Requests to be sent to both treasurers and one president. Sophan seconds. Motion passed.
 - iii. Mrs. High will encourage teachers to use the reimbursement form to make it easier. Receipts also need to be provided.
4. **Vice President's Report:** Doris Grose & Christy Sherding
 - a. PTO Council Meeting Update
 - i. Fundraising/Activities by other PTOs.
 1. Maire is doing a virtual dance-a-thon, takeout Tuesday, and **food trucks**.
 2. Mason is doing light up the lawn with luminaries, teachers driving the neighborhood to wave to students.
 3. Richard is having a virtual fun run and welcome signs.
 4. Brownell has an outdoor classroom.
 5. Parcels' holiday bazaar is an online action, doing Jet's pizza takeout.
 6. Pierce doing a virtual book fair.
 - ii. There is to be no playing at GPPSS playgrounds while school is in session. Please spread the word.
 - iii. Please sent positive stories to Rebecca F. for Pointes of Promise.

- iv. Rebecca F. – Bond updates on website, and an exit survey will be sent to parents who left the district.

5. **Communications Report:** Brooke Macuga & Erin Weakland

- a. Yahoo Blast is shutting down in December 2020. For now, social media and Dragon Burning News will be used to make announcements. Think about other ways to get the word out.
- b. Meeting notifications will be sent out to all Defer families at 5PM before the PTO meetings with the Zoom password.
- c. Committee descriptions are being worked on. Created a signup genius to be sent out hopefully this week. Also listing names of chairs who already volunteered.

6. **Committee Reports:** Recruitment & Chair Assignments

- a. Directory – Stephen Justin
 - i. Received the roster and will be uploading soon.
- b. Membership/New Family – TBD
 - i. Buy a directory for \$10 and you're considered a PTO member.
- c. Fundraising – Beth Lowe
 - i. Ideas include Hungry Howies and **Food Truck** Friday.
- d. Book Fair – Sophan Buffa/Erin Weakland
 - i. Deciding between Scholastic and Follett
- e. Hospitality – TBD
 - i. Ideas for Teacher Welcome/Appreciation/Care Package
 1. Everyone absolutely LOVED the mints!
- f. Spirit Wear – Kelly Warnick
 - i. Kelly is meeting with Megan this week, trying to get spirit wear set up in time for the Winter Holidays.
- g. Pumpkins – Christy Sherding
 - i. Allemons gave us pumpkins for \$1 each. Christy will need help with Tagging them. They will be dropped off at the school. Should be ready by the Monday the week of Halloween.
- h. Holiday Craft Fair (Virtual) – No chair, reaching out to a few people to co-spearhead this event.
- i. Diversity Committee – No chair at this time.
- j. Blood Drive – Ghada Abdallah is interested in running this event. If Defer isn't accepting people in the building an alternate location is the Tompkins Center in Windmill Pointe Park.
- k. Grounds/Beautification – Diana G. is interested. All slots are filled for maintenance and weeding. Need a few more mums for the Defer front sign.
- l. Showcases – There may be someone interested in doing these.
- m. School Board Observer – TBD
- n. Technology Coordinator – TBD
- o. Safe Routes to school: Kelly & Patrice. More individuals will be asked to help with crossing. Kelly notes that the painted crosswalks are nice. Signs will be added as well. GPP did a lot of these updates, and there should be more improvements when the funding comes through from the state. PTO should share the preferred route to school.

7. **Teachers Report:** Janette High

- a. The teachers loved the treats and are thrilled to be back. The kids are doing wonderfully.

8. **Principal's Report:** Lisa Rheume

- a. Students are being very respectful so far and wearing masks.
- b. Thanks for the mints!
- c. Defer needs more Lunch volunteers.
- d. Halloween parties will be one hour, no costume parade and no visitors allowed. Teachers will provide more information. Costumes will be allowed.

- e. Safe routes to school: Posted signs. People are parking further away from the school. Crossing on Nottingham & Balfour across Kercheval is not allowed. The only place to cross on Kercheval is the crosswalk in front of Pierce.
 - f. Scholastic subscription is \$3100 for print as well as for our virtual schools. Young Fives is using Happy Numbers which is electronic. Dr. Rheaume will submit to Amy.
 - g. Request: Purchased lots of new equipment this year for the playground. Playground equipment for \$646 is requested. Mask lanyards have also been purchased for \$872 and is requesting PTO support for those things in addition to purchasing lanyards for virtual students.
 - i. Motion to approve up to \$1000 for lanyards and \$650 for playground equipment by Christy S. Kristine H. seconds. Motion Passed.
9. **President's Report:** Patrice Arend & Lindy Holloway
- a. Nothing additional to add.
10. **Old Business:**
- a. TCBY Voucher Update
 - i. Vouchers delivered to the school. Halloween ones will be picked up and delivered at the same time as the pumpkins.
 - b. Possible Outdoor Family Welcome Event
 - i. Discussion surrounding this, no decisions made.
11. **New Business:**
- a. **None at this time**
12. **Member Comment**
- a. **None at this time**
13. **Adjourn @ 9:05PM.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2020