



Defer Elementary PTO

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Defer Elementary School

7:00 PM



Meeting via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 880 8450 0179

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Present: Lindy Holloway, Kristine Hayes, Janette High, Beth Low, Doris Grose, Erin Weakland, Patrice Arend, Amy Leech, Brooke Macuga, Christy Sherding, Stephen Justin, Courtney, Lisa Rheaume, Sophan Buffa, Kelly Warnick, Dani Raether, Jodie

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** Patrice Arend & Lindy Holloway – Meeting called to order at 7:02PM.
 - a. Review Mission Statement – Read by Lindy Holloway.
2. **Review of the Previous Minutes:** Kristine Hayes & Sophan Buffa
 - a. Patrice moved to approve the minutes; Christy seconded.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Stephen Justin & Amy Leech
 - a. 2020-2021 Budget Review
 - b. Presented October Report.
 - i. Trombly account got transferred over to Defer.
 - ii. Kristine moved to approve the October treasurer's report. Christy seconded. Motion passed.
4. **Vice President's Report:** Doris Grose & Christy Sherding
 - a. PTO Council Meeting Update – Christy S.
 - i. GPPSS Return-to-School Plan
 1. Approved by BOE
 2. Waiting on Wayne County Health Department
 - ii. GPPSS needs to recruit students
 1. Lost (500)
 2. (200) were the gap between graduating 2020 Seniors and incoming 2020-21 Kindergarteners
 3. The additional (300) will be sent an exit survey
 4. Difference accounts for almost \$6M difference in annual GPPSS budget
 - iii. Please update Niche school reviews
 - iv. GP School PTOs getting creative with fundraising opportunities
 1. Many still held Fall Fun Runs but Virtual
 2. Montieth held Movie Night in parking lot that raised \$300
 3. Parcels is having their annual Bazaar virtually
 4. Pierce PTO discussed having virtual wine tasting event for parents
 - v. Next meeting Tuesday, December 1st via Zoom
5. **Communications Report:** Brooke Macuga & Erin Weakland
 - a. Promoting Hungry Howie's pizza night as well as the book fair.
 - b. Soliciting feedback on how to get people to volunteer for committees and chair positions.
 - i. Push chair positions right now, and then recruit people as volunteers later.
 - ii. Disability Workshop might be on hold his year due to the level of interaction required.
 - iii. Bingo night is likely on hold.
 - iv. Focus on next calendar year's events in January.
 - v. Sending a list of those signed up for each committee.

- vi. Kelly requested that a former Trombly Parent join the 4th grade promotion committee to incorporate the traditions from Trombly into the event whether it's virtual or in person.

6. Committee Reports: Recruitment & Chair Assignments

- a. Directory – Stephen Justin
 - i. Information is loaded. Everyone who purchased a membership has been granted access through this calendar year.
 - ii. 63 people purchased memberships, 14 through square.
 - iii. Asked that our numbers for books could increase, plan for 200 directories.
 - iv. May be able to coordinate with craft fair materials delivery to do December 11th.
- b. Membership/New Family –
- c. Fundraising – Beth Lowe
 - i. Hungry Howie's night was tonight. Shooting for once a month with food fundraisers, Red Crown targeted for December.
- d. Book Fair – Sophan Buffa/Erin Weakland
 - i. Launched 11/09. Four orders so far. Will run until November 20th. All books will be sent to Defer to be sorted bagged and distributed to teachers.
- e. Hospitality – Christy Sherding
 - i. Discussion on Teacher Treats
 - 1. Discussed snack cart for the Teacher's lounge, but with the move to virtual those plans may be on hold.
 - 2. Potentially sending gift cards to the teachers, or something for a holiday treat. Since we don't have a December meeting, we can brainstorm and approve ideas via e-mail.
- f. Spirit Wear – Kelly Warnick
 - i. Knowledge transfer occurred between Megan and Kelly, hopefully Square site is up by Valentine's Day.
- g. Pumpkins – Christy Sherding
 - i. Went great!
- h. Holiday Craft Fair (Virtual) – Katy Wereley
 - i. December 11th is the distribution date target for craft supplies.
 - ii. Lisa would like to put that in the newsletter as soon as possible.
 - iii. Erin - Decided on 5 crafts, capped at 65 students. Katy will sponsor a craft from Mini Picassos (no cap on this). Perhaps some kind of live instruction with Katy's craft. Record videos for other crafts – perhaps create a Youtube channel to for video distribution. If crafts sell out, parents can purchase supplies on Amazon and participate as well.
 - iv. Limited to Defer students.
 - v. Reimbursement – If you purchase from Amazon tax is not reimburseable.
- i. Diversity Committee – Susan Sutorka
 - i. Lisa is meeting with Susan on Wednesday.
- j. Blood Drive – Ghada Abdallah
 - i. No updates.
- k. Grounds/Beautification – Diana Degen Gifford/Roger Clark
 - i. No updates.
- l. Showcases – Laura Green
 - i. No updates.
- m. School Board Observer – TBD
 - i. No updates.
- n. Safe Route to Schools – Kelly Warnick/Patrice Arend
 - i. Nothing to report.
- o. Technology Coordinator – TBD

7. Teachers Report: Janette High

- a. Thank you for the support, going back to virtual is difficult. Will communicate to teachers about the book fair to include the information in their newsletters. Teachers can create wishlists.
8. **Principal's Report:** Lisa Rheaume
 - a. Thank you for everything! Staff appreciates PTO & Parent support during the pivot. Thank you to lunch volunteers. Newsletters will go out every Friday at 5PM.
 - b. Appreciate people following posted signs for safe crossing and parking on Nottingham.
 - c. Please only cross Kercheval on the crosswalk between Defer & Pierce.
 - d. Looking for volunteers for crossing guards and corner captains.
 - e. Thank you for support on playground equipment and scholastic news.
 - f. Thank you for the pumpkins and TCBY gift cards. Distributed extras at the latest curbside checkout.
 - g. Thank you for the lanyards. The kids wear them and really help with mask wearing.
 - h. No information about when we will return to Defer, and patience is appreciated.
9. **President's Report:** Patrice Arend & Lindy Holloway
 - a. Thank you Christy and everyone who helped organize the pumpkins. It's been a pleasure seeing the two schools coming together, and it's been fun.
10. **Old Business:**
 - a. Dani - Mr. Joe emailed that we still have water and Gatorade in the building. Suggested passing that out to the teachers and staff once we return to the building.
11. **New Business:**
 - a. Dineen e-mailing out the code before the meeting was very helpful.
12. **Member Comment**
13. **Adjourn @ 7:51PM**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 2020