



Defer Elementary PTO

Tuesday, March 9, 2021
Defer Elementary School
7:00 PM



Zoom:
TBD

Present: Patrice Arend, Lindy Holloway, Kristine Hayes, Sophan Buffa, Stephen Justin, Amy Leech, Doris Grose, Christy Sherding, Brooke Macuga, Erin Weakland, Beth Lowe, Janette High, Lisa Rheame, Kelly Warnick, Diana Gifford

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** Patrice Arend & Lindy Holloway
 - a. Review Mission Statement
2. **Review of the Previous Minutes:** Kristine Hayes & Sophan Buffa
 - a. Motion to approve minutes by Christy, seconded by Doris – motion passed.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Stephen Justin & Amy Leech
 - a. Stephen presented the report. Christy moved to approve; Beth seconded.
4. **Vice President's Report:** Doris Grose & Christy Sherding
 - a. PTO Council Meeting Update by Doris Grose.
 - i. Superintendent search is underway, a company has been procured to do the search. The company ran a focus group on what the PTO council would like to see in a new superintendent.
 - ii. Air purifiers were discussed.
 - iii. Early childhood has a few openings at Barnes, Trombly and at Ferry.
 - iv. Updates on other PTOs events and fundraisers.
 - v. Foundation grants & gala were discussed. May have it outside in a tent.
5. **Communications Report:** Brooke Macuga & Erin Weakland
 - a.
6. **Committee Reports:** Recruitment & Chair Assignments
 - a. Fundraising – Beth Lowe
 - i. Playground equipment update – Got teacher input and changed the options. Given the go ahead to schedule companies to come out and measure the space. Students have \$500 from last year's smencil fundraiser, and hopefully we'll make that again. Leadership team has narrowed down to two options. Kids are going to vote this week. Mrs. Nugent and Mrs. Stout thought we could do a t-shirt fundraiser + donation drive.

Christy motioned to approve up to \$10,000 in combined PTO and student leadership funds for new playground equipment. Kristine seconded. Motion approved.
 - ii. Defer Family Recipe Books (Sophan Buffa)
 1. Create a committee to work on a recipe book for family recipes with pictures of kids. We will work on this next year. Contact Sophan if you are interested in participating.
- b. Family Food Fridays – Sophan Buffa/Erin Weakland
 - i. There are a few options for Family Food Fridays! Looking forward to working with business owners.
- c. **Hospitality – Christy Sherding**
 - i. **Update on Teacher Treats**
 1. **The cart is cute!**

