



**Defer Elementary PTO**  
**Annual Meeting of the Members**  
**Tuesday, April 9, 2019**  
**Defer Elementary School**  
**7:00 PM**



**ATTENDANCE: Kelly Warnick, Chelsea Crosby, Beth Lowe, Janette High, Lisa Rheaume, Brooke Maczuga, Lisa Dougherty, Kristine Theobald, Leanna Covert, Amy Leech, Christy Sherding, Sara Martin, Dani Raether, Lindy Holloway, Colleen Byrn, Holly Ryan, Marianne Grano and Megan Bejin**

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** Kelly Warnick 7:02 pm
2. **Member Presentation/Request:**
3. **Review of the March Minutes:** Christy Sherding
  - a. **March minutes approved**
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Amy Leech
  - a. **Treasurer report approved**
5. **Vice President's Report:** Dani Raether
  - a. PTO Council update
    - i. Upcoming Blue Ribbon Committee (BRC) Meeting: April 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 pm
    - ii. BRC to present options on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the next GPPSS Board Meeting
      1. Will include school that will be affected
    - iii. Defer Town Hall Meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm
      1. PTO providing beverages
    - iv. Hold Harmless and Syncing Fund will be on November 2019 Ballot
      1. Makes up ¼ of school budget
      2. Renewing
      3. Taxing you are already paying
      4. Bond approval will keep taxes at the current rate.
  - b. 2019/2020 Board of Directors Slate
    - i. Kelly Warnick read article from Bylaws regarding electing Board
    - ii. Dani Raether read 2019/2020 Board of Directors Slate
      1. President- **Dani Raether**
      2. Vice President- **Lindy Holloway**
      3. Secretary- **Marianne Grano**
      4. Treasurer- **Amy (Scott) Leech**
      5. Communications- **Sara Martin**
      6. Fundraising Co-Chairs: **Chelsea Crosby & Beth Lowe**
      7. Hospitality- **Christy Sherding**
      8. Membership- **Brooke Macuga**
      9. School Board Observer- **Lisa Dougherty**
      10. Volunteers- **Kristine Theobald**
      11. Technology Coordinator - **Megan Bejin**
      12. Past President – **Kelly Warnick**
    - iii. Slate approved for 2019/2020 year

## 6. Committee Reports:

- a. Volunteers – Brooke Macuga
  - i. Ramping up to request volunteers
- b. Fundraising – Chelsea Crosby & Beth Lowe
  - i. Fundraising Committee Members
    - 1. Kelly Warnick
    - 2. Stephanie Butler
    - 3. Meghan Zeldes
  - ii. Theme – Defer is Out of This World (Space)
    - 1. Each classroom to have planet, alien, etc. project to display
    - 2. Logo contest
      - a. Will put out info at end of 2019 school year
      - b. Will pick winner before school end
      - c. Print logo on frisbee (UFO)
    - 3. If District is realigned, we can use the tagline “Welcome to Our Universe”
  - iii. Promote Company Matching for upcoming year
  - iv. Date: Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019
  - v. Sponsorship
    - 1. Working on it by end of 2019 school year
    - 2. Hoping to have in place by August
- c. Membership – Lindy Holloway
  - i. T-Shirts
    - 1. (40) enrolled
    - 2. One month left to order
    - 3. Recommendation by Lisa Rheume to order (50) Kindergartner shirts
    - 4. Recommendation by Lisa Rheume to order (24) Y5s shirts
- d. Hospitality – Holly Ryan
  - i. Donuts with your Dragon
    - 1. Very successful
    - 2. Very few donuts left
    - 3. Thank you to Warnick family for setting up
    - 4. Thank you to Joe and Brandon (Defer staff) for setting up
    - 5. Thank you to all the volunteers
  - ii. Town Hall Meeting – Holly Ryan will shop and bring snacks provided by PTO
    - 1. Granola bars
    - 2. Beverages
  - iii. Teacher luncheon
    - 1. Wonderful
    - 2. Thank you to volunteers
- e. Communications – Sara Martin
  - i. Please let Sara Martin know if you have anything to be posted

- f. School Board Observer – Lisa Dougherty
    - i. Lisa Dougherty is happy to discuss the upcoming Blue Ribbon Committee meeting and the upcoming School Board decision
    - ii. May be additional BRC meeting April 16<sup>th</sup>
    - iii. David Walenga sent Kelly Warnick – FAQs
      - 1. Updated April 9, 2019
      - 2. Includes heat maps
    - iv. Question from Dani Raether – is there any leaning on the way they will make the decision
      - 1. Lisa D. – Please come to the meeting
      - 2. Lisa R. – There are many factors involved, keep asking questions
    - v. Question from Kelly Warnick – District is going to name the schools
      - 1. Presentation
        - a. Names
        - b. Options
        - c. Financials
        - d. Projected savings
      - 2. Next steps – Lisa Dougherty
        - a. BRC is tasked with narrowing down options
        - b. Unsure how it will play
        - c. BRC will present options to the Board on April 22<sup>nd</sup>
        - d. Following BRC meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be individual Town Halls
    - vi. BRC is filter – Lisa Dougherty
      - 1. To make suggestions
      - 2. Present ideas
      - 3. Much like a focus group
      - 4. Administrators in audience at meetings to help filter questions
  - g. Technology Coordinator – Megan Bejin
    - i. Card Reader - Squared
      - 1. We can order one
      - 2. First \$1,000 charged there isn't a fee
      - 3. Deal must be shared with a current Squared user
      - 4. Fees are
        - a. Based on percentage of purchase
      - 5. Other options
        - a. PayPal
        - b. Venmo
        - c. Charge Squared transaction fee
      - 6. Swiper is free once a transaction is made
7. **Teachers Report:** Janette High
- a. **Thanks for lunch**
  - b. It was perfect to have as an option for lunch or dinner during conferences
8. **Principal's Report:** Lisa Rheame

- a. Thank you for all that you do!
- b. Thanks for the staff lunch - amazing!
- c. Thank you for the playground equipment - huge hit: basketballs, jump ropes, and the wiffle ball game
- d. Flexible Seating Wobble Stools for each classroom about \$2000
  - i. Arrived
  - ii. Need to get them into the classrooms
  - iii. Will send pictures
- e. Spending money in classrooms on books
  - i. Mostly non-fiction/book clubs grade levels
  - ii. About \$600 - \$4200
- f. We will share list of purchased books from the library for parents
- g. OBOS Started in March
  - i. Kick Off March
  - ii. Thank you for celebrating reading at home with your students and families
- h. Encourage neighbors to register for kindergarten school
  - i. About 40 kindergarten students registered right now
  - ii. Encouraging everyone to register by May 1
- i. Lottery for Young Fives April 25 - registration deadline April 18
- j. School Supplies
  - i. List given to new company
  - ii. Will start advertising in May
- k. Upcoming Events:
  - i. M- Step starts for 5th grade next week
    - 1. ELA
    - 2. Math
    - 3. Social Studies
    - 4. Science
  - ii. M-Step 4th grade starts end of April and then 3rd grade
    - 1. ELA
    - 2. Math
  - iii. Request the M-Step snacks again through Chartwells
    - 1. Thank you for your help!
  - iv. Spring Vocal Concert - Thursday, May 9 - 7 pm
    - 1. Kindergarten
    - 2. 2nd Grade
    - 3. 4th Grade
    - 4. Choir
  - v. Instrumental Concert
    - 1. The assembly is April 22 at 1:30 pm
    - 2. Evening performance is Wednesday, May 1st at 7:00 PM.

**9. President's Report:** Kelly Warnick

- a. Transition to Kindergarten event – May 8<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Sign up Genius

1. 1-hour time slots
2. iPad sign in
3. Student helpers
4. Sara Martin will update folder passed out
- ii. Items to pass out
  1. Fun Run items
  2. Folder with info
  3. Upcoming PTO events
  4. Pencils
  5. School supplies flyer

#### 10. Old Business:

- a. BINGO night
  - i. Heather – absent
  - ii. Event was fun

#### 11. New Business:

- a. School Supplies 2019-2020
  - i. Emailed new company April 8<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Marianne Grano will let Sara Martin dates and advertising info
  - iii. Kits need to be ordered 12 weeks in advanced
  - iv. Sara Martin to mention kit will have brand names
- b. Disability Awareness Workshop – April 24<sup>th</sup>
  - i. SignUp Genius
    1. Will be sent out soon
    2. Need 10-12 volunteers in morning
    3. 5-10 volunteers in afternoon
- c. Teacher Appreciation Week – May 6-10<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Kelly Warnick sent email morning of April 9<sup>th</sup> for update
- d. Spring Book Fair – Week of May 20<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Heather - absent
- e. Spring Social – May 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - i. Photo booth
    1. Defer parent hired for booth
    2. She has lots of props
    3. Matching price from 2018 social
  - ii. Inflatables orders
  - iii. Wally's is booked
  - iv. Police are coming
  - v. Popcorn taken care of
  - vi. Diversity Team contacted
    1. If they want to do something in the gym
  - vii. New options
    1. GPSHS clowns – balloon animals
    2. Face painting
- f. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion

- i. Ann called Kelly Warnick before Spring Break
- ii. Date: TBD

**12. Member Comment**

- a. None

**13. Adjourn – 8:00 pm**

**Next Meeting: May 14, 2019  
7:00pm in the Defer Library  
Childcare will be provided.**