



Defer Elementary PTO
Thursday March 14th, 2023
Defer Elementary School
7:00 PM

In Attendance: JJ Derosier, Erin Weakland, Jane Nugent, Kelsey Howard, Lindsey Koczenasz, Brittany Swineford, Tim Kolar, Lisa Rheaume

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** JJ DeRosier Introductions and mission statement. Call to order at 7:01pm
2. **Review of the Previous Minutes**- Erin motions to pass February minutes, Lindsey seconds. Motion passes.
3. **Treasurer's Report**- Stephen and Tim Kolar-
Review of budget, JJ motions to approve budget as of Feb 29, 2024. Lindsey motions to pass, Erin seconds. Motion passes
able to prepay for photo booth for Spring Social.
4. **President's Report**
 - a. Thank you to **Chrissie Pohlman** - bulletin boards have been keeping them updated and changed.
5. **Vice President's Report**- Erin has nothing to report.
6. **Communications Report**- Lindsey has nothing to report.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Board of Education observer- Andrea went to meeting and reports that they will be moving forward
 - b. Lunchtime Enrichment- all done for the year. Kids enjoyed it. Nicole will hopefully be leading next year as well.
 - c. DEI/Diversity Committee- next month will be focused on Dearborn for Arab American Heritage Month
 - d. International Festival- turnout was awesome. 12 countries were represented. Suggested to change how food is presented. Need to plan for the budget for next year.
 - e. Book Fair- Sign ups will be coming out soon. Fair will be March 20-22, 2024. 20th 10am-7pm, 21st 10am-7pm, 22nd 9am-1pm
 - f. Hospitality- meals for both days of conferences. Park Grill will be providing lunch free of charge for Thursday. Wednesday night has a couple of options, still deciding. JJ wants to motion to bump up Conference spending for \$200 extra, Lindsey seconds. Motion passes.
 - g. Beautification/Earth week/Eclipse- Lindsey Studders was unable to attend. Gardens look like Spring! Saturday, March 16th is the garden clean up event. Monday April 22 was

proposed that Kelly K would be doing a presentation on butterflies (20 min). Brian Coultier to present on Oak trees (20 min). Tree planting to take place that day. April 8th is Solar Eclipse. Possible event for students to look at eclipse with glasses. JJ motions to pass \$600 for eclipse glasses. Erin seconds. Motion passes.

- h. Teachers lounge- Lindsey K- survey sent out to staff. Majority of staff uses lounge at least once a day. Need to figure out how to add a sink, work on plumbing in the space. Clutter is also an issue. Logistics need to be figured out for next year and moving forward.
 - i. Teacher Appreciation week- Week of May 6th- garden/flower theme. Monday-small treat. Tuesday-bagels. Wednesday- shirts? Thursday-lunch. Friday-Snack cart. JJ motions to move money from Hospitality to Staff Appreciation (\$1000). Lindsey seconds. Motion passes.
 - j. Spirit wear- new designs rolling out for t shirts. 2024 is the centennial for Defer.
 - k. Spring Social- Spring social is ready to go. Food Trucks secured. Bounce Houses, face painting, photo booth, tattoos.
8. **Teachers Report-** lounge treats have returned. Loved the International festival! Staff is excited about chromebooks.
9. **Principal's Report-** thank you to all volunteers. Please share with friends that enrollment is April 1 for young 5s and May 1 for Kindergarten. March reading month is going great. Spring Concert was amazing. Conferences are May 20 and 21.
10. **Old Business-** Directory for next year needs to be figured out. New company would be free to use for one year and is cheaper than the current company we use. JJ motions to ditch current company and move to a new company.
11. **New Business**
- a. Elections - We will have open board positions for the 2024-2025 school year - join the PTO! More info to come on social media.

12. **Member Comment(s):** none

13. **Adjournment- 8:21 pm**

Upcoming Meetings:

- **April 11, 2024**
- **Stay tuned for announcements on upcoming events via Smore news and our Defer PTO social channels.**