



Defer Elementary PTO

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Defer Elementary School

7:00 PM

In attendance: Christy Sherding, Erin Weakland, Sophan Buffa, JJ DeRosier, Lindy Holloway, Stacy Hutchcraft, Beth Lowe, Jane Nugent, Lindsey Koczenasz, Dr. Rheume

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** – Christy Sherding – Call to order at 7:04PM, review of mission statement and PTO membership
2. **Review of the Previous Minutes** – Erin Weakland – Lindy motion to approve, JJ second – motion passed
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Christy Sherding for Stephen Justin –
 - a. Currently good standing, budget wise. Have some open funds to be discussed in new business.
 - b. Lindy motions to approve, Sophan second – motion passed
4. **Vice President's Report** – Lindy Holloway for Sophan Buffa – Parcels principal interview process, budget cuts being discussed with BOE, 4th going into 5th - verification not needed, check out the Family Center for lots of events to support the community.
5. **Communications Report** – JJ DeRosier – nothing to report
6. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Staff Appreciation Week – Christy Sherding for Aubrey Crawford/Andrea Daniell
 - i. Celebrating at Defer May 1st – 5th
 - ii. Theme this year is carnival, more to come – be sure to watch social media
 - b. Spring Social – Lindy Holloway – scheduled for May 18th
 - i. NHS committed to support
 - ii. Signup genius will be shared soon
 - iii. Flyer completed to be shared on social
 - c. 4th Grade Promotion – Lindy Holloway
 - i. Volunteers/team confirmed, meeting next Wednesday, updates to be sent to parents via weekly newsletter and teacher emails.
 - d. Fundraising committee – Meeting coming up Wednesday 19th at 7PM. Please help spread the word! All welcomed. Suggested sharing in kindergarten and 1st grade teachers
7. **Teachers Report** – Jane Nugent
 - a. Thank you for the dinner provided during conferences
 - b. Request from Mrs. Kliman - 200 pc of chalk (\$30 each x 2) to support Field Day. Upgrade cornhole equipment (\$150). JJ motioned to approve \$300, Sophan second – motioned passed.
 - c. Request for bounce houses on the field as part of all school celebration for students' good behavior. Everyone is able to participate. Date TBD.
 - i. We still have some funds available from the assembly budget, spring social and lunchtime enrichment. Sophan makes a motion to add \$1500 to this event, Erin seconds – motion approved.

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

- a. Thank you for all lunchtime volunteers!
- b. One Book, One School was a huge hit – thank you for your support!
- c. Wednesday, May 10th – New Family Event, shirts ready to go for new Kindergarteners.
 - i. Message to new families to join us at the Spring Social
- d. This Thursday is our Science Assembly
- e. Communities in Diversity– next meeting at Kerby, Tuesday at 8PM
- f. M-Step coming up for 3rd and 4th graders – Starts week of the 24th. Request to provide snacks, mints, gum, allergy free snacks, etc. \$300. Lindy motions, Beth seconds, motion approved.
- g. Requesting recess equipment – new gaga balls, soccer balls \$200. \$500 is budgeted for in Recess Equipment, additional funding request not required.
- h. Tentatively planning – coffee with the principal to welcome families. Date May 11th (tentative). Request for coffee, budget taken from hospitality.
- i. Our greenhouse should be done soon! Lindsey Studders has been working with the GP Garden Center. When it officially opens, she's requesting funds for supplies to get the greenhouse started (brooms, organization crates, hanging hooks, door mat, etc.).
 - i. There are funds in reserve from previous PTOs to support the greenhouse.

9. **Old Business**

- a. New Donuts with your Dragon Date/Time – This event is going to be moved to June – date TBD. Moving it to an outside event to help facilitate a large group with our growing school population. Also moving it to afterschool, rather than before school. Planning on asking the student leadership team to help coordinate the event. All in agreement to keep it Donuts with Dragons to make sure the event is inclusive for all. Allergy free donuts will be provided. Donuts for everyone!
- b. Book Fair – Michelle Shalhoub provided an update on our March Book Fair. Our total sales were \$9,326.11! Which earns the school \$4402.21 in Scholastic Dollars! We used some of those funds as student rewards during the fair and to purchase books for classrooms and the school. There will be approx. \$2800 remaining to start the next school year.
 - i. Thank you to the 4th grade teachers for providing student helps on preview day. We got positive feedback from everyone. Thank you JJ for communications and all the volunteers!
 - ii. Rachel Goulet will be stepping up as the Book Fair Chairperson next year!

10. **New Business**

- a. All Members Meeting in May – at this meeting we will vote in our PTO Board
- b. 2023-24 Board Nominees
 - i. President – JJ DeRosier
 - ii. VP – Erin Weakland
 - iii. Treasurer – Stephen Justin and Sarah Carpenter
 - iv. Recording Sec – Brittany Swineford
 - v. Communications Sec – Lindsey Hunt
 1. THANK YOU to all the volunteers, because without you we couldn't make magic happen!

11. **Member Comment(s)**

- a. none

12. **Adjournment** 7:52PM

Upcoming Meetings:

- **All Member Meeting and PTO Executive Board Elections**
- **May 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM**