



## Defer Elementary PTO

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Defer Elementary School

7:00 PM

In attendance: Christy Sherding, Stephen Justin, Lindy Holloway, JJ DeRosier, Sophan Buffa, Dr. Rheaume, Kelly Warnick, Beth Lowe, Patrice Arend, Kristine Hayes, Erin Weakland, Maria Williams, Jane Nugent, Stacy Hutchcraft

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** – Christy Sherding - @ 7:06 PM Mission Statement, reminder to vote you must be a PTO member
2. **Review of the Previous Minutes** – Sophan Buffa – Motion to pass minutes by Lindy Holloway, seconded by Stephen Justin
3. **Treasurer’s Report** – Stephen Justin – Motion to pass the treasurer’s report by Lindy Holloway, seconded by Kristine Hayes
4. **President’s Report** – Christy Sherding - no report
5. **Vice President’s Report** – Kristine Hayes was unable to attend, but Lindy Holloway provided update from the GPPSS PTO meeting. Highlights included: the Haunted Garage is starting (Defer will need a chairperson for 2022) , Listening session for Dr Dean at South this week.
6. **Communications Report** – Erin Weakland – no report
7. **Committee Reports**
  - a. Spring Social – Lindy Holloway – Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup> - flyer updated and provided to communications. Fundraisers for diabetes and DI teams. Check for inflatables is due day of event – Sophan to communicate with Stephen Justin, Sweet Treats Ice Cream, Heroes & Villians will be onsite for families to purchase food from. NHS volunteering to assist at the event. Should be a fun event for the community.
  - b. Teacher Appreciation – Aubrey Crawford & Andrea Daniell spearheaded the successful event. We received many thank you cards from the Defer staff. Everyone was so appreciative.
8. **Teachers Report** – Jane Nugent and Michael DeCenso – Jane Nugent provided an update.
  - a. Thank you to the PTO for a wonderful week. The clap out event at the end of the week was a great surprise. From the delicious lunches, breakfast and juice to the Fan Mail Friday and the doors being decorated so sweet – it was all wonderful. Also, thank you to the ADT Spa for the very generous gift card.
9. **Principal’s Report** – Nicole Filiccia / Dr. Rheaume – Dr. Rheaume returned for the last PTO meeting to give an update.
  - a. She also thanked the PTO for generosity and support.
  - b. Garden Project is in progress with the Trombly donation. Butterfly kits ordered & caterpillars are to be delivered soon
  - c. Transition day is this Thursday – eager to welcome new families to the building
  - d. Kindergarten end of year performance moved from Pierce to Defer – will be communicated by school
  - e. August 2022 – move in event to be scheduled, once teacher placements have been made

## 10. Old Business

- a. Motor City Mitten Mission – Sophan Buffa – update – we have received so many donations from Defer. Huge thank you to the Defer families for support.

## 11. New Business

- a. 2022-23 Board Elections – Announce elected board to new positions  
President: Christy Sherding  
VP: Sophan Buffa  
Recording Sec: Erin Weakland  
Treasurer: Stephen Justin  
Communications Sec: JJ DeRosier

Lindy moved to vote on Defer 2022-2023 board as a whole, Kristin Hayes seconds – all approve.

- b. Kindergarten Transition Day Volunteers (Thursday, 5/12): If interested in volunteering, please reach out to Christy Sherding 10 AM- 5 PM.
- c. Sensory Library Request: Received from Mary Saylor, Occupational Therapist, requested funds for equipment and tools for her new room for her sensory library \$515.00. Stephen Justin confirms we have room in the budget to support her request.

Discussion: Kelly Warnick expressed concern over Mary Saylor's assignment next year – if she'll be assigned to Defer. Dr. Rheume confirms the equipment/tools would stay at Defer, if she is assigned to other facilities.

Sophan Buffa makes a motion to approve to pass \$600 for her sensory supplies. JJ DeRosier seconds. All approve, motion passed.

- d. Fun Run 2022 Date (Friday, 10/7)  
Stacy Hutchcraft is chairing the 2022 Fun Run. The event will be October 7<sup>th</sup>, to coordinate with Pierce's Fun Run. Pierce's event will be in the AM, Defer's will be in the PM.

Discussion: Issue with the event being the first week of October. Beth Lowe provided feedback that it worked well for 2021. It got early involvement and weather was favorable. Registration week is the first full week, rather than the first week of school. 5 total weeks of fundraising.

Barring any changes between now and when we set the calendar, we are going to go forward with the Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> date

- e. Progressive Dinner – Lindy Holloway – is looking to bring back the event for October 15, 2022. Date is to be confirmed.
- f. School Kits – Patrice Arend – Teacher's list is live. Bright Kits, School Kits and EPI quoted. Pricing is \$50 - \$60 per kit. Patrice has provided samples for review. They will provide marketing information to spread the word. They can keep the sale open through the fall. They will ship, organized by class. We would need a space to organize. We can also order extra and have it on hand. All endorse, Patrice is moving forward with negotiations and will provide an update to PTO Board.

## 12. Member Comment(s)

- Lindy Holloway - May 26<sup>th</sup> 6-8PM – Pierce International Festival
- Incoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders to Pierce – Ice Cream Social – Wed June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6-7PM
  - o Informal Parent Q & A
  - o Kids to socialize
  - o Meet teachers

- Ice cream provided for incoming 5<sup>th</sup> and able to purchase for others

**13. Adjournment @ 7:46PM**

**Next Meeting:  
Fall 2022**