



Defer Elementary PTO

Monday, October 18th, 2021

Defer Elementary School

7:00 PM

In attendance:

Christy Sherding, Erin Weakland, Dr. Lisa Rheame, Stephen Justin, Laura Meyer, Kelly Warnick, Lindy Holloway, Beth Lowe, Stacey Hutchcraft, Jay Jay Derosier, Valarie St. John, Doris Grose, Jane Nugent, Charlene Williams, Lakeytria W. Felder, Michael DeCenso, Kristine Hayes, Laura Meyer,

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** – Christy Sherding @ 7:03 pm – introductions of members – review the PTO members voting
 - a. Review Mission Statement
2. **Review of the Previous Minutes** – Sophan Buffa – Fix Spelling Errors on names - Motion by Kelly W. and seconded by Lindy H.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Stephen Justin – Review of Report – attached is a copy – still incoming money for Fun Run – Lindy H. moved to approve the report and seconded by Kristine H. – got a new square reader
4. **President's Report – Christy Sherding**
 - a. Review PTO voting procedures
 - b. Committee Chair + Event process – thank you to all the chairs and volunteers – please filter emails to President or Erin W. and will be channeled to Dr. Rheame others necessary
5. **Vice President's Report** – Kristine Hayes – notes from the district – 100th Anniversary for GPPSS – use special logos when appropriate – community tail gate and all are welcomed – Parents to do surveys to help support our school system – everyone in the district is having a record year and doing well across the district – October 29th, some schools are doing truck or treats – and most schools are doing activities outdoors
6. **Communications Report** – Erin Weakland – if you need anything on the weekly news letter, please send to Erin by Wednesday by end of day to get into the newsletter or Facebook
7. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Book Buzz – Charlene Williams – cap enrollment at 55 kids – split between k/1, library and art room – and if need more space will use the gym – teamed up with Correander Book Shop to get books at wholesale and working with Ms. Melissa for meetings – will meet 6/7 times on Wednesday's
 - b. Diversity Committee – Valarie St. John – First meeting is Wednesday November 20th, at Defer for the whole district at 6pm – Erin will post on Facebook
 - c. Skate Night – Lauren Nowicki – November 10th - Great Skate – 6-8pm – Roseville
 - d. Craft Fair – Erin Weakland – December 4th – 9-12 – 7 crafts will be available in the gym – 2 of them will be make and takes to bring home if families want to take home – there will also be \$1 crafts for quick ones – will be a fun night
 - e. Spirit Wear – Laura Meyer – Kids graphic with a dragon tail and adult wear – online platform that's easy to use and order for families
 - f. Membership/Directory – Stephen Justin – 80 purchases – with the new platform must have an email for it to work – go to site to register
 - g. Bounce Back to School Night – Sophan Buffa – Andrea Doherty had volunteers and they were great and was a super fun night
 - h. Parent's Night Out – Lindy Holloway – Excalibur – around 30 people

- i. Hospitality – Christy Sherding – Sign up for teacher treats for Tuesday’s – Fall Festive on Tuesday, October 26th and students will have cider and donuts – fully funded by the PTO – will put out volunteer sign up
 - j. Fundraising – Beth Lowe and Stacey Hutchcraft – around \$43000 raised – 441 students registered – 97% over 320 students meet their goals – 12 classes doubled their goals
8. **Teachers Report** – Jane Nugent and Michael DeCenso – teachers loved the Fun Run and the extra effort put in by the organizers to make all students included – thank you for all the treats – 1st shirt for free and replacements were \$5
9. **Principal’s Report** – Dr. Lisa Rheume – Really appreciate the hard work of the fun run committee – thank you to all the volunteers during lunch and classrooms – food was delicious during conferences – Halloween will celebrate around the block – weather dependent – follow regular covid guidelines – PTC is run by the district and the zoom link is put in for everyone that was a little confusing for some
10. **Old Business**
 - a. 2021-22 PTO Events Calendar – can be accessed by messaging Erin Weakland
 - b. Building Engineer Appreciation – each member received a mug and a small gift and thank you cards from the kids
11. **New Business**
 - a. Fun Run Purchases –
 - b. Wish List – Ipads for classrooms – K-2 Classrooms use them daily – 20 Ipads - \$6579 – includes covers – Lindy H. Motion to approve and Erin W seconded
 - c. Reading subscriptions – 10 licenses – Reading A-Z - \$1000 – Sophan motion to increase our subscription budget to \$6500 and seconded by Kristine H.
 - d. Literacy 3/4 rooms – hands on texts to work on fluency – a bin for each classroom
12. **Member Comment(s)**
 - a. Be careful of spam emails
 - b. What is our water policy – our water is safe to drink at our water stations

13. Adjournment @8:06pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 9th, 2021, at 7:00 pm