



## **Defer Elementary PTO**

**Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Defer Elementary School**

**7:00 PM**

In attendance:

Erin Weakland, Dr. Lisa Rheume, Stephen Justin, Laura Meyer, Kelly Warnick, Beth Lowe, J.J DeRosier, Michael DeCenso, Kristine Hayes, Laura Meyer, Anna Silberstein, Maria Williams

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** – Christy Sherding – Kristine Hayes call to order at 7:04pm
  - a. Review Mission Statement
2. **Review of the Previous Minutes** – Sophan Buffa – Motion to approve minutes by Erin W. and seconded by Kelly W.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Stephen Justin – Fun Run money not yet realized but Beth will update. Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Sophan Buffa and seconded by JJ DeRosier.
4. **President's Report** – Christy Sherding – Absent
5. **Vice President's Report** – Kristine Hayes – November 2<sup>nd</sup> PTO council meeting – 389 offices has moved to Grosse Pointe North – asked to be identified to Morningside – One Inclusive Community and Learning Together – December 4<sup>th</sup> – vaccine and booster clinic at Pierce. Monteith did a drive in and food trucks with cider and donuts. Yellow Tent Event looking for the oldest GP Alum for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary – GPN struggling people to run events and such.
6. **Communications Report** – Erin Weakland – Please send anything to Erin to update communication to the parents. Erin has a volunteer that she would like to have help her.
7. **Committee Reports**
  - a. Craft Fair – Erin Weakland – live and ready to go. Quantity is limited and there's a showcase in the school to see the crafts. Limited to 2 crafts per child and no siblings.
  - b. Diversity Committee – Valarie St. John – Committee and Diversity meeting tomorrow in Parcels
  - c. Great Skate Night Event – Lauren Nowicki – 6-8pm
  - d. Additional Committee Reports
    - i. Spirit Wear – Everything is up and ready to go. Order clothes to have ready for Craft Fair and be able to start promoting.
    - ii. Fun Run - \$44 000 – have purchased ipads and also subscriptions for teacher classrooms
    - iii. Directory should be printed soon
8. **Teachers Report** – Jane Nugent and Michael DeCenso – The Spanish teacher - works with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> - \$\$ would be ½ of what a full time teacher would get. Teachers really enjoyed the treats on Tuesday's and the donuts and ciders
9. **Principal's Report** – Dr. Lisa Rheume – went through 500 donuts and one by 4:10pm. Quick and easy and fun. Defer Annual Report – presents info about our district and building. Leadership in the classrooms and buildings has been outstanding. Events will continue with the efforts of the PTO and community. Common language slides used in Literacy to be used across the grades that will strengthen their abilities. Social, emotional learning is being reintroduced for the year to help refocus students and meet the kids where they are in the classroom.

**10. Old Business**

a. Fun Run Purchases Wish List

- i. Literacy Bins for 3/4 classrooms – Poetry and Joke Books – Fluency box used independently by students and in groups – \$800 or \$1200 – check Coreander for the books
- ii. Kelly made a motion to spend \$1500 – 8 bins grades 3 and 4 and Magnet – including bins

**11. New Business**

**12. Member Comment(s)- New Student Signs to be returned if parents wanted bring them into the school.**

**13. Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: Monday, January 10, 2021, at 7:00 pm**

**Upcoming Events + Important Dates:**

Nov 10<sup>th</sup>: Communities United in Diversity – 6:00 pm -8:00 pm @ Parcels  
Nov 10<sup>th</sup>: Great Skate Night – 6:00 pm @ Great Skate in Roseville  
Nov 12<sup>th</sup>: Word Diabetes Day – Dragons should wear BLUE clothing!  
Nov 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Break  
Nov 29<sup>th</sup>: Classes resume  
Dec 4<sup>th</sup>: Craft Fair – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm @ Defer