



Defer Elementary PTO

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

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7:00 PM



Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 853 5604 0854

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Present: Patrice Arend, Sophan Buffa, Lindy Holloway, Christy Sherding, Kristine Hayes, Doris Grose, Amy Leech, Steve Justin, Beth Lowe, Janette High, Brooke Macuga, Elisa Gurule, Anna Silberstein, Lisa Rheame, Danielle Raether, Kelly Warnick

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** Patrice Arend & Lindy Holloway at 7:02pm
 - a. Review Mission Statement read by Lindy Holloway
2. **Review of the Previous Minutes:** Kristine Hayes & Sophan Buffa – Danny Motion to approve January min. and seconded by Erin
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Stephen Justin & Amy Leech
 - a. Review and Approval of First Half 2021 Budget
 - b. Estimated Budget - \$15, 900 and total in is \$3, 399
 - c. Kristine motion to approve the 2021 Jan. Treasurers Report seconded by Dani
 - d. Christy motion to approve the second half of the 2021 budge and seconded by Kristine
 - e. Intro to new members who joined this meeting
4. **Vice President's Report:** Doris Grose & Christy Sherding
 - a. PTO Council Meeting Update – Attached and read by Christy Sherding
5. **Communications Report:** Brooke Macuga & Erin Weakland
 - a. Discussion on Email Address – Will we be moving forward with creating emails for communication with families? Stephen will set up a Communications email address.
6. **Committee Reports:** Recruitment & Chair Assignments
 - a. Directory – Stephen Justin
 - b. Membership/New Family –
 - c. Fundraising – Beth Lowe
 - i. Sophan and Erin will be taking over Take-Out Tuesday
 - ii. Playground Equipment Options –Approx.
 - iii. Option 1 – Snake Walk - \$6000
 - iv. Option 2 – Omnispin - \$10, 000 – 12, 000
 - v. Option 3 – Curva Spinners - \$7, 000
 - vi. Option 4 – Curva Spinner and Balance beams - \$6000
 - vii. Beth has a partner for fundraising – wanting to do a straight up cheque drive or a change drive
 - viii. Fundraising would happen after spring break
 - d. Book Fair – Sophan Buffa/Erin Weakland
 - i. Will connect with Dr. Rheame to discuss input from teachers and staff and students.
 - e. Fourth Grade Promotion – Dani Raether/Christy Sherding/Kelly Warnick
 - i. Will meet in Feb. again.
 - f. Hospitality – Christy Sherding
 - i. Discussion on Teacher Treats
 - ii. Would like to start it in March and set up weekly treats for Tuesday
 - g. Spirit Wear – Kelly Warnick
 - h. Bingo Night (Virtual) – Priscilla Barczyk – February 26th

- i. Diversity Committee – Susan Sutorka
- j. Blood Drive – Ghada Abdallah
- k. Grounds/Beautification – Diana Degen Gifford/Roger Clark
- l. Showcases – Laura Green
- m. School Board Observer – Shareef Simaika
- n. Safe Route to Schools – Kelly Warnick/Patrice Arend
- o. Technology Coordinator –
- 7. **Teachers Report:** Janette High
- 8. **Principal's Report:** Lisa Rheume
 - a. Require more lunchtime helpers – sign up on signup genius
 - b. March is meeting month – 20 diverse picture books – every school will receive a copy of the books
 - c. Report cards and conferences will be coming up in March
 - d. Please call if you have any questions
- 9. **President's Report:** Patrice Arend & Lindy Holloway
 - a. Free Valentines TCBY Coupons – Brian is donating cards
- 10. **Old Business:**
- 11. **New Business:**
 - a. Discussion on Basement Clean Up – Sophan, Lindy, Beth, Christy and Kristine
- 12. **Member Comment**
- 13. **Adjourn at 8:05pm**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 9, 2021

PTO Council Update (from meeting held via Zoom on Tuesday, 2/2/21)

- School Board Report
 - Board approved to officially start a nationwide search for a replacement for Dr. Niehaus
 - On Tuesday, January 26th, several of the current board members asked for the school district to submit a return to F2F by Monday, February 1st.
 - Hybrid return to school has been well-received
 - Website has moved to a new transparency report
- School Reports
 - Ferry
 - Hosted Holiday Activities Checklist
 - Upon completion kids received a hot chocolate
 - Decorated cups for school fence
 - Working with Mini Picassos to set up a craft event
 - Kerby – No Report
 - Mason – No Report
 - Maire
 - PTO working to add adaptive playground equipment
 - Installing swing first
 - Montieth
 - Restaurant Nights have been well-received
 - Licavolis
 - Mack Avenue Grill
 - Pepperoni Grill
 - Telly's (upcoming)

- Coordinating glove + blanket drive with for Motor City Mitten Mission
 - Trying flower sale in Spring
 - Going to host (2) more outdoor movie nights
 - April 24th
 - May 15th
- Richard
 - Raising funds to install new playground equipment
 - Hosted toy drive before the Holiday
 - Holding off on family functions/activities
 - Working with teachers to see what they need
- Brownell
 - In a holding pattern
 - May do late fundraising
- Pierce
 - Spirit wear sales have been successful
 - Brainstorming for Fall 2021
 - Doing virtual book fair with Follett
 - Working to fill open committee chair positions
- Parcels
 - Virtual Bazaar went well earning just over \$4,600
 - Sold Mr. C's gift cards (for car washes) during December
 - Jet's fundraiser (Take Out Tuesday) brought in \$380 in December
 - Have new event coming up
 - Virtual Wine Tasting event.
 - Working Vince & Joe's
- Family Center
 - Hosting podcast on Family Dynamics
 - Self-care through reading Book Club
- Boy Scouts
 - 9 Units total
 - 6 Rechartering
- EPCL – No Report
- GPPS District Report
 - Fill out Great Schools + Niche Reviews
 - Working with Metro Parent on 360 tours of all buildings
 - Following up with exit survey participants (left GPPS for other schools, private, etc.)