



Defer Elementary PTO

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Defer Elementary School

7:00 PM

In attendance: Christy Sherding, JJ DeRosier, Erin Weakland, Sophan Buffa, Beth Lowe, Kelly Warnick, Lindy Holloway, Michelle Shalhoub, Dr. Rheume, Jane Nugent

1. **Call to Order** – Christy Sherding @7:05 PM, Defer PTO Mission Statement, reminder to vote you must be a PTO member.
2. **Review of the Previous Minutes** – Erin Weakland – Lindy motions to approve January meeting minutes, Kelly Warnick seconds. Motion approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Christy presented overview on Stephen's behalf.
 - a. January fairly quiet month with a few transactions and a couple reimbursements outstanding.
 - i. Total revenue from spirit wear sales.
 - ii. Expenses last month include teacher reimbursements (classroom supplies), craft fair, hospitality (Christmas gifts/food), and subscriptions (Scholastic classroom books).
 - b. Based on our budget, we have spent 48.5k of our planned 73.5k with an anticipated. Based on that, we have roughly 25k outstanding and still anticipate a few big spends (one school/one book, safety patrol tigers game, spring social, staff appreciation, assemblies, and 4th grade promotion). That leaves about 4k to allocate/reserve for future named project (i.e. greenhouse, playground, etc.)
 - c. JJ motions to approve, Lindy seconds. Motion approved.
4. **President's Report** – Christy Sherding – nothing to report.
5. **Vice President's Report** – Sophan Buffa – no report, last meeting was canceled.
6. **Communications Report** – JJ DeRosier – any time you need to post, please send a graphic. Also, Amazon Smile is shutting down.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Lunchtime Enrichment – Beth Lowe – LE is going great, lots of positive feedback. 14 classes altogether.
 - b. Spring Social – Lindy Holloway – scheduled for May 18th 6-8 PM. Lindy working with ice cream vendors to secure 2 options. Budget is \$2000. Majority of funds allocated to the 6 bounce houses that have been secured. Lindy is exploring other options for the event and will respond with more details at the March meeting.
Parent volunteers with NJHS will be needed to supervise bounce houses.
 - c. 4th Grade Promotion – Lindy Holloway – Promotion ceremony scheduled for Thursday, June 15th at 8:45 AM. Reached out to all 4th grade parents for volunteers to join the committee. \$1000 available to spend for the event. Kelly and Christy will support as 3rd grade parents (committee for 2024).
8. **Teachers Report** – Jane Nugent
 - a. Getting excited about 1 Book, 1 School! Kick off is Feb 27th ready for 'March is Reading Month'.
 - b. Thank you for beverages for the teachers' lounge. Bottle returns going back to Leadership Loot fund.
 - c. Students have been very excited about Lunchtime Enrichment
9. **Principal's Report** – Lisa Rheume
 - a. Thank you to PTO and lunchtime volunteers

- b. International Festival at Pierce was awesome. Great way to include Maire, Defer and Pierce.
- c. Appreciate the stocking of the fridge
- d. 1 Book – 1 School is getting ready
- e. Basketball Jones assembly last week was amazing. He did a phenomenal job.
- f. Magic of Science assembly in April
- g. Communities in Diversity is at Mason this week.
- h. March 22nd – 23rd, Parent Teacher Conferences
 - i. PTO will provide lunch for teachers on the 23rd
- i. We are in need of 25 Young Five Shirts and 90-95 Kindergarteners (yellow). Transition event is scheduled for May 10th
- j. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Dr. Rheaume directly with any questions or concerns.

10. Old Business - None

11. New Business

- a. Teacher Appreciation Week – May 1st – 5th
- b. PTO March meeting moved to March 7th in order to not conflict with Spring Concert at Pierce
- c. March 17th Donuts with Dragons
- d. April 12th (Wednesday) 6-8PM – Open Skate Night at The Great Skate

12. Member Comment(s)

- a. Christy – We are looking for volunteers to join the PTO.
 - i. We will have openings our Executive Board for PTO for next school year (2023-2024).
 - ii. We also need volunteers to help support, organize our fantastic events.
 - iii. If you are interest in joining us, please let us know!
- b. Next Bookfair – March 20-24th (Michelle)
- c. Christy to reach out to Priscilla Barczyk on Bingo Night

13. Adjournment - 7:57 PM

Upcoming Meetings:

- **Tuesday, 3/7/23, at 7:00 PM**