



Defer Elementary PTO

Tuesday, September 14th, 2021

Defer Elementary School

7:00 PM

In Attendance – Christy Sherding, Erin Weakland, Dr. Lisa Rheame, Stephen Justin, Doris Grose, Kelly Warnick, Jay Jay Derosier, Lindy Halloway, Lauren Nowicki, L....Felder, Amber Vinson, Anna Silverstein, Leanna Covert, Kristine Hayes, Cara Rossi, Beth Lowe, Valerie St. Jean, James Nasa, Nicole Luyk, Kelly Geresy, Charlene Williams, Diane Gifford, Elisa Gurule, Lakeytoia W. Felder, Brooke Macusa,

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** – Christy Sherding – Introductions – Call meeting to order at 7:08
 - a. Review Mission Statement
2. **Review of the Previous Minutes** – Sophan Buffa – Lindy H motion to approve and seconded by Kelly W and passed
3. **Treasurer’s Report** – Stephen Justin – attached
 - what is happening with the Trombly PTO money – should consider talking about spending the money in the next year or two
 - Lindy moves to approve the August Treasures Report and seconded by Erin W.
 - Anyone who registers and becomes a part of the PTO and purchased a directory to be a voting member at meetings - Stephen will have a printed list to find out members but parents can also check on the parent portal – Erin will share the square link with families to purchase a directory
 - Erin makes a motion to approve 20212022 Budget seconded by Lindy H.
4. **Vice President’s Report** – Kristine Hayes – Meeting in October
5. **Communications Report** – Erin Weakland
 - working with Dineen to keep things updated and publish event calendar – and share a PTO calendar to parents and automatically downloads to the phone
 - how will we communicate to get volunteers
6. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Fundraising – Beth Lowe
 - i. 388 students registered and 2/3 of gotten donations
 - ii. \$20000 so far - Goal is \$30000
 - iii. Maybe have stretch goal with Dr. Rheame as a special “prize”
 - iv. Mrs. Sims pizza class was today and 4 more have earned it as well so far
 - v. Amazing response for sponsors – Oct. 8 out on the field – in Defer shirts and students run with music, popcorn and water, Gatorade and a treat – super fun day – throughout the month will be raffles and each class can earn a pizza party for reaching their goals
 - vi. Money goes right back to the school and towards any event and supplies for the school year
 - vii. Inclusive for all – even if you don’t register – this is a One and Done event - won’t ask for more fundraiser
 - b. Bounce Back to School Night – Sophan Buffa and Christy Sherding

- 4 Bounce Houses for families and kids with popsicles – free event
- c. Parent Social (Updated version of Progressive Dinner) – Lindy Holloway and Christy Sherding
 - in lieu of – looking for an alternative and possibly at Excalibur at doing a parents night – Saturday, October 16th, 2021 – cash bar and no RSVP needed
- d. 2021-22 Committee Chairs – Erin Weakland and Christy Sherding

7. Teachers Report – TBD

8. Principal's Report – Lisa Rheaume

- Thanks for the welcome back to Defer event – drop and go was a success and 4th grade leaders did a great job
- Students have done a great job this year even with all the changes with eating on the front lawn – very appreciative of the support
- Drop off and pick up and find videos on the Defer Information School Night - Smores – Drop and go is going smooth, but reminder to just stop, drop and go.
- Back to School Night – 3 sessions tomorrow and there will be a video to see and information will be shared with anyone who cannot attend
- Please contact Dr. Rheaume if there are any questions – she will often reply within 24 hours
- Bring an umbrella for rain, kids will be outside as much as possible
- Parent comment – almost got hit by a car this morning – asked if possible another stop sign can be placed on Beaconsfield or another crossing guard – we have seen more of a Park Police Presence

9. President's Report – Christy Sherding

10. Old Business

- Spirit Wear – Laura Meyer
- Diversity Committee – Valarie St. Jean – had their first “meeting” but official one is October 20th, and looking for more members – District Wide Diversity Committee – Valarie.st.john@gmail.com
- Cider and Donuts – Mid October TBD – will be posted on the social – dietary restrictions will be taken into account
- Haunted Garage is TBD

11. New Business

- a. 2021-22 PTO Events Calendar – Christy Sherding – working on a new process to communicate all the events happening at Defer – set up a new email system and automated calendar
- b. Building Engineer Appreciation – Diana Gifford – have students write thank you cards to the building engineers that was done years ago and thinking about doing it again to show our appreciation – perhaps do it at the end of the Fun Run and present it David, Joe and Ron
- c. \$150 to spend on gifts and cards made by the kids to present to them facilitated by Dr. Rheaume
- d. Please consider signing up for a volunteer position

12. Member Comment(s)

- a. **Lauren Nowicki - Great Skate Event – can also do winter skating outdoors**
- b. **Charlene Williams – Grosse Pointe Foundation for Education – September 30 - \$25 per ticket and open bar – at Cadieux Café from 6-10pm**

13. Adjourn at 8:00pm - Next Meeting is October 12, 2021