

Defer PTO

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors and Officers

January 19, 2016 - 7:00 PM

Defer Elementary School

Attendance: Renee Palazzolo, Emily Summerfiend, Kevin Ozar, Becca Ozar, Ryan Coffey, Janice Fox, Christina Michaud, Brooke Macuga, Dan Stephenson, Heither Weigand, Kim Rhodes, Kelle Warnick, Lindy Holloway, Jeanette High, Karen Sullivan, Dani Raether.

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** Renee Palazzolo at 7:02pm
2. **Member Presentation/Request:** - None
3. **Review of November Minutes:** Ryan Coffey – Motion by K. Ozar, Second by R. Palazzolo, motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Emily Summerfield
 - a. Review November & December Budget
November – Starting \$15,896.62, total income \$3,731.57, expenses \$4,510.08, ending balance \$15,118.11, Defer PTO total funds \$53,146.58, Motion by K. Ozar, Second by R. Coffey, motion passed.
December – Starting, \$15,118.11, income \$11,996.75, expenses \$1,713.51, ending \$27,822.16, Defer PTO total funds \$65,850.63. Motion by K. Ozar, Second by B. Ozar, motion passed.
5. **Vice President's Report:** Becca Ozar – Kevin Ozar,
 - a. Parents for Unity diversity group. Open house, 50 parents showed up, almost all principals attended, steering committee formed with representation from all Schools, K. Ozar will represent Defer. Next meeting is Thursday night, Feb. 21, 6:30pm at Maire, all are invited. District is supportive and wants input on diversity efforts in the curriculum. Karen Sullivan provided background – Program started out of parent concern at Maire four years ago. Sullivan met with Maire staff approximately a year ago regarding the group. If you have diversity issue that should be addressed, please contact Kevin Ozar and he can bring those topics forward at upcoming Parents for Unity meetings.
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Volunteers – Heather Weigand – No report, contact Heather if you have a need for volunteers in support of activities.
 - b. Fundraising – Renee Palazzolo for Aaron Oestreich – Total income \$14,974.74, Total expenses, \$1,116.42, net income \$13,858.32. Get Movin' crew took 15% of gross online donations and \$2.50 for every online donation made.
 - c. Membership –Kevin Ozar – A to Z contacted Becca asking to sign a contract for two years, but it can be canceled after one. A to Z is free. Registration information uploaded to the database, users have to approve their information, 140 families are currently in

the directory, similar to previous years. Positive member comment regarding using the directory, planned to continue to utilize the company. Kevin Ozar will do a tutorial video in the future.

- d. Hospitality – Kim Rhodes
 - i. Donuts with your Dragon – First one will be February 5th. Will also have a table for children with allergies, additional donuts for caregivers with allergies as well. March 18th, will be the second session.
 - ii. Spring Social – Tuesday, May 24th, 6-8pm. Wally's Custard will do the ice cream. Spring social will be combined with the art show. Everything is \$1. Inflatable's, 3 items for \$300, significantly less than previous years. Half an hour shifts for inflatable volunteers since. No soda pop, switched to water.
- e. Communications – Christina Michaud – Next newsletter will come out on February 4th, send items to Christina by January 26th.
- f. School Board Observer – Kelley McLean – District looking to have a young five program, Defer is one of the sites. There is significant interest in the program which will be based on a lottery to fill openings. Work this summer at Parcels on the tech motherboard, which is the data center for the district. Superintendent is looking at sinking fund, possibility of needing to raise additional funds to keep up with district maintenance costs.

7. Teachers Report: Janette High – Thanks for meals during conferences.

8. Principal's Report: Karen Sullivan –

- a. Two new students today to Defer – grades 2 and 3
 - b. Lunch enrichment begins today –21 classes; 15 parents are teaching and 6 staff members
 - c. NWEA math testing was completed in the last 2 weeks. Title 1 classes are now being adjusted based on this data. Reading NWEA testing began today.
 - d. Two assemblies in January , Red Wings – The importance of hard work and team work, Jump Rope for Heart – eating healthy, exercising daily
 - e. Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence visited 4th and 5th Social Studies classes and spoke at the Jump Rope for Heart assembly
 - f. Student Council President and Vice-President, Bella Combs and Sophia Martell – will be attending Poupard's Leadership Assembly on Friday and will share our work at Defer
 - g. Kindergarten Information Night – This Thursday
 - h. Parents are registering for Young Five's Program until Feb. 29th and then there will be a lottery.
 - i. Curriculum reviews have started with a goal of presenting a new curriculum by next Winter in the areas of Math, Science, and PE
 - j. Leader in Me – change in grant requirements, Director of Elementary Ed is talking with Beaumont about funding
- Requests
- a. Writing Assembly – Maria Dismondy; around \$800.00
 - b. 4 chrome books for 2/3 magnet class

- c. New set of soccer nets
- d. A piece of playground equipment for K and 1st
- e. Lunch enrichment \$\$ - paying for supplies
- f. Motion to fund Maria Dismody assembly by E. Summerfield, Second B. Ozar, motion passed.

9. President's Report: Renee Palazzolo -

- a. Updated request form for PTO funds – Working on an updated form to make fund requests less cumbersome.
- b. Bingo Night – Friday, March 4th, this is a family night, 3 games of bingo, everyone gets one free card , dobbers for \$1. Defer Student council is also trying to raise money for Warm Hearts and will take half from the 50/50 fee. Pierce student council will also help at the event.

10. Old Business:

- a. Craft Fair Update – Huge success, donated dog toys to Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.
- b. Lunchtime Enrichment– Has begun, funding requests should be sent to the PTO to reimburse costs associated for running a session, \$500 currently budgeted.
- c. School kits – Going to change companies, please give feedback on the kits if you have any.

11. New Business

- a. Office Chair rehab & upholstery – C. Michaud, need to reupholster multiple chairs in the office. Total for fabric is \$339.83 (originally more than \$850, Michaud was able to use couponing prowess to significantly cut the cost), \$550 for the upholsterer, totaling \$889.83. Motion by E. Summerfield, second R. Coffey, motion passed.
- b. Coloring with Cocoa event idea - Suggestion for library event, family fun night of coloring and having hot chocolate.
- c. Buddy bench – Suggestion from the Ozar family, if kids don't have anyone to play with, they can sit on the bench to let others know they need a buddy. Currently exploring options for someone to produce the bench.

12. Member Comment – None.

13. Adjourn @ 8:35, next meeting, February 9, 2016