



Defer Elementary PTO
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors and Officers
Tuesday, February 26, 2019
Defer Elementary School
7:00 PM



Attendance: Kelly Warnick, Heather Wiegand, Lindy Holloway, Becca Ozar, Megan Bejin, Sue Grobel, Holly Ryan, Brooke Macuga, Sara Martin, Amy Leech, Diana Degen Gifford, Beth Lowe, Christy Sherding, Marianne Grano, Janette High, Dani Raether, Justin Simpson, Rose Anderson Dules

1. **Call to Order and Introductions: Kelly Warnick**
 - a. 7:05 pm

2. **Member Presentation/Request: Defer Student Leaders – Playground**
 - a. Presentation
 - b. Requesting PTO funding for additional playground equipment
 - i. *Net Climber (\$15,000 - \$40,000)*
 - ii. *Rock Climbing Wall (\$3200)*
 - iii. *7 Square in the Air (\$799 +)*
 - iv. *Playground equipment (TBD)*
 - v. *Playground Lines for Games (TBD)*
 - c. Additional Defer Student Leadership Fundraisers to support
 - i. *Bagel Sale*
 - ii. *Fancy School Supplies*
 - d. Bigger item(s) location
 - i. *Area by swings*
 - ii. *Open space by where current orange climber is at currently*

3. **Review of the January Minutes: Christy Sherding**
 - a. Minutes approved

4. **Treasurer’s Report: Amy Leech**
 - a. Report Approved

5. **Vice President’s Report: Dani Raether**
 - a. PTO Council update
 - i. *2019-20 Calendar (Teacher and Union) agreement*
 - b. Peach Jar Communications – district promotion of use
 - i. Organizations (non-PTO related) promotion
 1. *Send to Rebecca Fannon*
 2. *Fee associated with potential distribution*
 3. *PTO Flyers and Parent’s Night Out*
 - ii. District communication is unclear
 - iii. Proposal 8 Discussed

6. Committee Reports:

- a. Volunteers – Brooke Macuga
 - i. Contacted Committee Chairs for update
 - ii. Lunchroom assistants and clinic volunteers needed

- b. Fundraising – Chelsea Crosby & Beth Lowe
 - i. Date for 2019 Fun Run – October 4th, 2019
 - ii. Fun Run Committee Meeting – March 2019
 1. *Decide theme*
 2. *Assist in planning*
 3. *Sara Martin to publicize via communication channels*

- c. Membership – Lindy Holloway
 - i. AtoZ Connect Agreement for 2019/2020
 1. *New agreement due to AtoZ on Tuesday, 3-5-19*
 2. *Lindy will sign and send back*
 - ii. New student shirts
 1. *Will be ordered in April*
 2. *Tentative number to be provided by Dr. Rheaume mid-April*
 3. *Kelly Warnick requested for Kindergarten night*

- d. Hospitality – Holly Ryan
 - i. Donuts with Your Dragon – March 22nd
 1. Allergy donuts supplier – confirmed
 2. Request for new donut supplier suggestions
 - a. *Donut Express (2018 – under new management)*
 - b. *Bomeritos*
 - c. *East Detroit Bakery*
 - d. *Morning Glory*

 - ii. Parent – Teacher Conferences
 1. PTO luncheon
 - a. *Thursday, 3-21-19*
 - b. *SignUp Genius for volunteers to provide sides*
 - c. *Jersey Mike's chosen for sandwiches again*

- e. Communications – Sara Martin
 - i. Putting together Board bio pieces
 - ii. Creating more FB Events

- f. School Board Observer – Lisa Dougherty
 - i. No Report

g. Technology Coordinator – Megan Bejin

- i. Apps and technology due dates

7. Teachers Report: Janette High

- a. Thanks for Tuesday Treats

8. Principal's Report: Lisa Rheume

- a. Lunchtime enrichment

- i. Thank you to volunteers
- ii. 2019-20 discussion started

- b. NWEA testing

- i. Finished before Mid-Winter break
- ii. Starting again after Spring Break

- c. Murals/Boards

- i. Mrs. M and students finished mural started in 2018 (1st grade hallway)
- ii. Student Diversity Team Bulletin Boards outside Library
 - 1. *February - Black History Month*
 - 2. *March – Women's History Month*

- d. New Student Club

- i. Diabetes Awareness Club

- e. Library PTO Thank You materials

- 1. *Signs – supported by the PTO*
- 2. *Stickers – supported by the PTO*
- 3. *Sara Martin suggested permanent signage*
 - a. *Kelly Warnick to contact Mrs. Embry's husband*

- f. OneGP Discussed

- g. Diversity Meeting at Defer – Cancelled

- i. Moving to Grosse Pointe North High School
- ii. Wednesday, 3-6-19

- h. One Book One School

- i. Starting Monday, 3-4-19
- ii. Two in school special supporting events
 - 1. *Superhero Dress Up Day*
 - 2. *Read your shirt day*

- iii. Books purchased for each family

- 1. *Cost - \$1*

2. *Purchased from Scholastic*
3. *Dr. Rheume requested (\$320) from PTO to support purchase of book*
 - a. *Motion approved*

- i. Purchases made with PTO designated monies for school
 - i. Wobble stools
 - ii. Sensory walk
 - iii. Classroom books
- j. Library enhancements
 - i. Request (\$700) for intentionally diverse texts
 - ii. Request (\$200) for music listening center texts for library
 - iii. Motion made
 - iv. Motion approved
- k. Make-a-Wish – Defer Family going to Disney
 - i. Defer students cheering as Defer family heading to Disney for Make-a-Wish Foundation trip passes on way to airport
 - ii. Students will be outside of Defer on Tuesday, 3-5-19 at 8:45 am
 1. *Students encouraged to dress as superheroes/superhero t-shirts*
 - iii. Chelsea Crosby suggested adult involvement
 1. *Balloons and signs*
 - a. *Motion made for (\$20) for (24) balloons*
 - b. *Motion passed*
 - c. *Kelly Warnick will purchase*

9. **President's Report: Kelly Warnick**

- a. Blood Drive
 - i. Dates provided are not good
 - ii. Suggested scheduling January 2020 Blood Drive in conjunction with Great Kindness Challenge
 - iii. Kelly Warnick has volunteered to Chair in 2020

10. **Old Business:**

- a. Lunchtime Enrichment
 - i. Money
 1. *Reimbursement reminders sent*
 - ii. SignUpGenius
 1. *Suggested to use in 2019-20*
 2. *Beth Lowe and Dr. Rheume to discuss*

11. **New Business:**

- a. School Supplies 2019-2020 – Maryann Grano
 - i. Presentation

- ii. Requested Maryann to return to next PTO meeting on Tuesday, 3-12-19 with update

- b. Parent Social – Saturday, 3-9-19
 - i. (4) couples signed up
 - ii. Checks are due Thursday, 2-28-19
 - iii. \$30 per person
 - 1. *Three course meal*
 - 2. *Non-alcoholic beverages*
 - 3. *Gratuity*

- c. BINGO night – Friday, 3-15-19
 - i. Prizes requested
 - 1. *TCBY Gift Cards*
 - 2. *Extra Defer Wear*
 - 3. *Sara Martin to put call out for BINGO prizes*
 - ii. Flyer being created
 - iii. Timeline
 - 1. *Doors open at 6:45 pm*
 - 2. *BINGO at 7:15 pm*
 - iv. Food all is \$1
 - 1. *Pizza*
 - 2. *Water*
 - 3. *Popcorn*
 - 4. *Possibly Gatorade*
 - v. 50/50 Charity
 - 1. *Benefitting Student Leadership*
 - 2. *Funds for new playground*
 - vi. Bake Sale
 - 1. *AAUW*
 - 2. *\$1 per item to keep it simple*

- d. Hungry Howies Fundraiser
 - i. Benefit Student Leadership
 - ii. Chelsea Crosby working with Joe at Jefferson location

- e. Disability Awareness Workshop – Friday, April 26th
 - i. Requesting Volunteers

- f. Teacher Appreciation Week – May 6-10th
 - i. Chairs
 - 1. Kelly W.
 - 2. Janice Fox

- ii. Teacher Appreciation Event Recap
 - 1. *Brooke Macuga requesting notes from 2019 for 2020 event*
 - 2. *Sara Martin requested PTO Binder for office*
 - 3. *Heather Wiegand suggested generic template*

- g. Spring Book Fair – Week of May 20th

- h. Spring Social – Thursday, 5-23-19
 - i. Wally's – Confirmed
 - ii. Suggested to incorporate Diversity Group
 - 1. *Food*
 - 2. *Cultural Dances*

- i. 5th grade Promotion
 - i. Recruiting committee
 - ii. Request made to be shared on social media channels
 - iii. Tuesday, 3-11-19, Committee Meeting at 7pm
 - iv. Tompkins Center is confirmed
 - v. NHS students volunteering to help
 - vi. Invite 4th Grade parent to co-chair

- j. Legislative Committee
 - i. Volunteers/representatives needed from each building to sit on new committee
 - ii. Vice Chair needed

12. Member Comment

- a. Beautification Committee - Diana
 - i. Garden Session Dates
 - ii. Diana circling back with dates
 - 1. *April 27th 9:00 am – 11:30 am*
 - a. *Grosse Pointe Little League Parade*
 - b. *Proposed April 28th*
 - 2. *May 11th 9:00 am – 11:30 am*
 - 3. *June 8th 9:00 am – 11:30 am*

- b. Big Joe Chairs – Megan
 - i. Flexible seating options
 - ii. Work more with schools
 - iii. Free refills on chair beans

13. Adjourn – 8:43 pm

Next Meeting: March 12, 2019
7:00pm in the Defer Library - Childcare will be provided.