



Defer Elementary PTO
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors and Officers
Tuesday, January 8, 2019
Defer Elementary School
Minutes
7:00 PM



Attendance: Kelly Warnick, Lindy Holloway, Sarah Coats, Brooke Macuga, Beth Lowe, Leanna Covert, Lisa Dougherty, Lisa Rheume, Jeanette High, Amy Leech, Kristine Theobald, Megan Bejin, Chelsea Crosby, Dani Raether, Sara Martin and Heather Wiegand

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** Kelly Warnick
 - a. 7:02 Call to Order

2. **Member Presentation/Request:**
 - a. Superintendent Forum by League of Women Voters – Sarah Coats
 - i. February 12th, 2019
 - ii. Title Similar to: The Bond Passed. What's Next?
 - iii. Pierce TBD

3. **Review of the November Minutes:** Lindy Holloway
 - a. Kelly had a few changes and will relay to Sara Martin to update.
 - b. Motion to Approve Minutes, Motion Approved.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Amy Leech
 - a. November – All Get Moving Crew Proceeds Received
 - b. November 30, 2018 Balance \$47,570.94
 - c. December 31, 2018 Balance \$48,272.21
 - d. Motion to Approve November and December 2018 Treasurer Reports, Motion Approved.
 - e. Reviewed YTD Performance to Budget

5. **Vice President's Report:** Dani Raether
 - a. PTO Council update
 - i. Info night is January 17th, 2019
 - ii. Ideas for additional layers for craft fair next year – photo booth, ice queen, etc.

6. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Volunteers – Brooke Macuga
 - i. Will be reaching out to chairs to see how everything is going.
 - b. Fundraising – Chelsea Crosby & Beth Lowe
 - i. Tax letter completed today and will go out this week.
 - ii. Actively looking for additional co-chair for next year.
 - c. Membership – Lindy Holloway

- i. Directories went home at the beginning of December. 71 Family, 16 Teachers/Staff
 - d. Hospitality – Holly Ryan
 - i. No report
 - e. Communications – Sara Martin
 - i. Everything needs to come to Sara please. Weekly newsletter info should be funneled to Sara first.
 - f. School Board Observer – Lisa Dougherty
 - i. Bring Your Own Device – 6th Graders are expected to own their own Chrome Book (recommended version). District is looking into how to cover for families that can't afford this.
 - ii. Enrollment has dropped more than projected. Expected 100 students down, but down double that. Numbers coming from Middle School and High School.
 - g. Technology Coordinator – Megan Bejin
 - i. Spelling City has been purchased.
- 7. **Teachers Report:** Janette High
 - a. Thank you for everything.
- 8. **Principal's Report:** Lisa Rheame
 - a. Thank you for all that you do!
 - b. Lunchtime Enrichment started this week. Students are very excited about the opportunities during lunch.
 - c. Motor City Mission started last month. Defer has collected many plastic bag donations for planning.
 - d. Kindergarten Information Night is Thursday, January 17th at your home school at 6:30 PM.
 - e. Middle School Information Night is Tuesday, January 15th at 6:30 PM.
 - f. High School Information Night is Wednesday, January 9th.
 - g. Leader in Me Parent Survey is online. Survey in the newsletter for families about information and sharing information
 - h. NWEA started this week – students should be rested and eat breakfast - check with child's teacher for dates/time
 - i. Students are focused on goal setting - school wide goal - 100% of our students will make progress on NWEA Reading by June 2019
 - j. Bulletin Board about Leadership Journey at our school
 - k. Kindness Challenge - The Great Kindness Challenge runs 1/28-2/1. Items will be collected this week. Pick up at the buildings will occur 2/1 and then delivered to Middle Schools.
 - l. Next Diversity Meeting is a District meeting on January 31st at Defer at 6:30 PM. Topic: Trauma Informed Practices
 - m. Title: #OneGP Parent Camp: Embracing Community
 - i. Empowering parents with information and dialogue to support the children of our community.
 - ii. When: March 2, 2019

- iii. Time: 8:30-12:30
- iv. Where: Parcels Middle School
- v. Topics include: Social Media, Cultural Competency, Leader in Me, Bullying, Suicide Prevention, Anxiety, Trauma, Unconscious Bias, Vaping, Special Education, Early Intervention, and much more.
- n. Adolescence Health Education Parent Meeting 2/12 at 6 PM
 - i. Health Class will be March 26 and 27
- o. 5th Grade Camp Meeting 2/12 at 6:30
- p. Forgotten Harvest raised over \$500
- q. One Book, One School will be started in March. Book Title is a Surprise.
- r. Request: Parent Book Shelf to connect books to habits. \$215 to purchase books for parent library. Motion made and approved.
- s. Blood Drive Discussion– would need volunteers (TBD). Could be from 2-8 PM. Date TBD

9. President's Report: Kelly Warnick

- a. School Supply Leader – Box of Supplies – Let Kelly know if you are interested in doing this. Need volunteer by 2/1/19.
- b. Last meeting we approved \$150 for Mrs. Lapenski Memorial. Funds coming from Misc. fund.

10. Old Business:

- a. GP Santa Claus Parade
 - i. Very fun and not cold.
- b. Craft Fair
 - i. We were charged a fee for credit card processing.
 - ii. Looking to put it all in one system.
 - iii. Over 200 children participated.
 - iv. Include another layer like photograph opp. or winter theme.
- c. Book Fair
 - i. Seemed to go well.

11. New Business:

- a. Lunchtime Enrichment
 - i. Started week of 1/7/19.
 - ii. 15 classes, some new ones.
 - iii. Just under 230 students.
- b. BINGO night
 - i. Working on Date (March 1st, March 8th or March 15th)
 - ii. Donations for prizes are needed – Due by February 22nd.
 - iii. Pizza, Popcorn and Water
- c. Donuts with Your Dragon
 - i. Friday, March 22nd, 8:00-8:20 AM
- d. Parent's Night Out
 - i. Saturday, March 9th at Atwater
- e. Spring Social
 - i. Thursday, May 23rd

- f. Spring Book Fair
 - i. Working on confirming dates (TBD May 17-May 24)
 - ii. Scholastic does a BOGO, but PTO will get nothing to put back into the school via books.
 - iii. Leaning towards doing the traditional book fair.
- g. Disability Workout
 - i. Date TBD

12. Member Comment

- a. Mrs. High is going to reach out to teachers about enrichment funds photos.

13. Adjourn

- a. 8:14 PM

Next Meeting: February 12, 2019

7:00pm in the Defer Library

Childcare will be provided.