



Defer Elementary PTO

Tuesday, May 14, 2019
Defer Elementary School
7:00 PM



ATTENDANCE: Christy Sherding, Diana Gifford, Kelly Warnick, Amy Leech, Dani Raether, Brooke Macuga, Chelsea Crosby, Beth Lowe, Lindy Holloway, Sara Martin, Lisa Rheaume, Lisa Dougherty, Marianne Grano, Janette High, Kristine Theobald, Megan Bejin

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** Kelly Warnick
7:06 pm
Defer PTO Mission Statement Read
2. **Member Presentation/Request:**
 - a. Organic Lawn Management Program at Defer
Presented by Diana G.
 - b. District is covering \$875 of organic lawn management
 - i. \$550 – Turf Corn Gluten
 - ii. \$325 – Organic Fertilization
 - iii. Maire and Defer are the two current schools participating in this program
 - c. Requesting cost of difference to complete organic lawn management
 - i. Will be requesting funds at August 2019 PTO meeting as will fall under 2019-20 budget
 - ii. Aeration and overseeding
 1. \$1,350
 2. One time a year
 3. Every other year
 4. Potential volunteer opportunity
 5. Possible shout out to any sponsors in conjunction with program
3. **Review of the April Minutes:** Christy Sherding
 - a. Minutes approved
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Amy Leech
 - a. Treasurer's Report approved
5. **Vice President's Report:** Dani Raether
 - a. PTO Council update
 - i. Town Hall meetings
 1. Defer Town Hall - May 16th, 2019
 - ii. Schools that are short listed to be potentially closed have had over 100% participation at their Town Hall meetings
 - iii. Schools not up for closure have between 30%-40%
 - b. Hold Harmless Fund

- i. Funds 25% of the budget for the district
 - ii. Mileage up for vote in November 2019
 - iii. Not more money – it would be maintaining the current tax
- c. District renewing website
 - i. Three company finalists
 - ii. Make website more user friendly
- d. Point of promise
 - i. Rebecca Fannon asks for any positive photos, etc.
 - ii. Send to Sara Martin who will forward to Rebecca
- e. Teacher Appreciation Week - Montieth
 - i. Students donated \$5 to write Teacher Notes for Appreciation Wall
 - ii. Money raised donated to charity
 - iii. Charity selected by Student Leadership Group
- f. Spring Parent Night Out – Montieth
 - i. Rustic Cabin
 - ii. Teacher and Staff served as guest bartenders

6. Committee Reports:

- a. Volunteers – Brooke Macuga
 - i. Working on getting Committee Chairs for 2019-20
 - 1. Many volunteers have agreed to stay on as chairs
 - ii. Advertise for open positions
 - 1. Lunch Assistants Team Chair
 - a. Open up position to public
 - b. Create SignUp Genius for the year
 - c. Suggested that what lunchtime rules are shared
 - 2. Beautification Committee Co-Chair
- b. Fundraising – Chelsea Crosby & Beth Lowe
 - i. Order registration prizes for Fun Run
 - ii. Working on potential logo contest prior to the end of the year
 - iii. Request for teacher's and Dr. Rheume to decide what the potential fundraising goals will be for 2019-20
- c. Membership – Lindy Holloway
 - i. T-shirts order
 - 1. Incoming magnet students
 - 2. Replenish t-shirt supply
 - 3. Attach flyer to t-shirts with information to existing t-shirts
- d. Hospitality – Holly Ryan – No Report
- e. Communications – Sara Martin

- i. Reach out to Sara before Thursday to have items added to the Smore Newsletter
 - ii. Dani and Dr. Rheame working on calendar for 2019-20 to share with Sara
- f. School Board Observer – Lisa Dougherty
- i. Biggest topic is reconfiguration
 - 1. Defer Town Hall, May 16th, 2019 at 6:30 pm
 - 2. FAQs on district website
 - 3. Board will make their decision
 - a. (1) elementary school on North side
 - b. (1) elementary school on South side
 - c. Nothing is set
 - d. Decisions will be made soon
 - e. Public vote
- g. Technology Coordinator – Megan Bejin
- i. Square Reader
 - 1. \$1,000 of charges without % fee
 - 2. Post card for a free reader
 - 3. 2.75% fee per transaction assessed per swipe
 - a. Question to pass on fees to customer was presented
 - b. For first year, no fee but then reassess next year
 - 4. Connectors
 - 5. Need email for account
 - a. Set up separate Gmail account
 - b. Use Treasurer's account
 - 6. Will have to have protocols and procedures for who/how it is used
 - 7. Test on Spring Social
 - ii. Registration additions
 - 1. Due to Mrs. Bates by June 27
 - 2. Send to Megan

7. Teachers Report: Janette High

- a. Thank you for the wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week!
- b. Thank you for funding the Macomers Choir visit!
- c. Come to the Defer Volunteer Thank You on Thursday, May 16th

8. Principal's Report: Lisa Rheame

Thank you for all that you do here at Defer!

Thank you for the Teacher Appreciation Week! From the treats, to the luncheon, the breakfasts, and massages - outstanding!

School Supplies list submitted - order until end of June

M- Step wrapping up this week - thank you for helping provide snacks - we used Chartwells to purchase Cheez-It and cheese stick

Spring Vocal Concert - Thursday, May 9 - 7 pm - Kindergarten, 2nd Grade, 4th Grade, Choir - Amazing Concert
Transition Day success- love the shirts and the help, thank you to all volunteers, helped families feel welcome, esp with Spring Social
We hope to see everyone at the Volunteer Tea on Thursday, May 16th at 8am
Thursday, May 16 - Defer Town Hall - light snacks and refreshments, and Childcare
Bounce House Sharpen the Saw Celebration - Tuesday, May 28th
5th Grade Camp - May 29 - 31
Plans for next year to move camp to 5th grade fall to build relationships and team building - October 7 - 9
Field Day - June 5, Rain Date June 6
5th Grade Promotion June 14, 9:30 am
Planning for next year - Placement survey on Burning News
Back to School Night - Tuesday, September 10

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

- a. Transitions to new Board Positions
 - i. Membership – Brooke Macuga
 - ii. Volunteers – Kristine Theobald
 - iii. Secretary – Marianne Grano
 - iv. Hospitality – Christy Sherding
 - v. President-VP-Immediate Past President – Dani Raether and Kelly Warnick
- b. Thank you to outgoing PTO Board members: Heather Wiegand & Holly Ryan

10. **Old Business:**

- a. Disability Awareness Workshop
 - i. Event went well
 - ii. Working on putting something to share with PTO Council
 1. Lots of inquiries about program/event from other schools
 2. Lisa presenting program/event to the district principals in the Fall
- b. Teacher Appreciation Week

11. **New Business:**

- a. School Supplies 2019-2020
 - i. Advertisements went out
 - ii. Kindergarten box is \$76
- b. Spring Book Fair – Week of May 20th
- c. Spring Social – May 23rd
 - i. Diversity Club in gym
 1. Creating “We Belong” bracelets
- d. 5th Grade Promotion
 - i. Hungry Howies fundraiser on May 22nd
 - ii. Friday, June 14th at 9:00 am – 5th grade graduation
 - iii. Sunday, June 16th 5th grade party

12. **Member Comment**

- a. Cub Scouts – Chelsea Crosby

- i. List of dates to Cub Scouts would like to use Defer gym
- ii. Would like to have a small table at Back to School night
- iii. Share messaging that girls can participate
- iv. Starts at kindergarten
- v. Possibly tables
 1. Spring social
 2. Kindergarten transition
- b. Progressive Dinner Date – tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 12th

13. Adjourn – 8:34 pm

Next Meeting: August (TBD) 2019
Annual Budget Meeting