

Defer Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

October 11th, 2016

Defer Elementary Library

Meeting called to order: President Becca Ozar @ 7PM

Attendees

Megan Bejin, Lisa Dougherty, Nicole Fonger, Brooke Hess, Janette High, Lindy Holloway, Jessica Kodanko, Brooke Macuga, Sara Martin, Kelley McLean, Becca Ozar, Dani Raether, Kim Rhodes, Toni Sisco, Karen Sullivan, Kelly Warnick, Heather Wiegand, Amy Wolfe

Introductions: Becca Ozar

1. Board meeting guidelines passed out and reviewed.
2. Request of agendas this month – no request made.

Secretary Report: Jessica Kodanko

1. September minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Becca Ozar reporting for Emily Summerfield

1. Copies of Treasure's Report and Defer PTO Budget (to date) passed out to attendees.
2. Treasurer's Report for September approved.
3. Defer PTO Budget approved.

Vice President Report: Heather Wiegand

1. Discussed the district's 1st 2016-17 PTO council meeting held the week of October 3, 2016. Lots of good thing happening in the district
 - a. Best practices we should include in our PTO counsel were discussed at the meeting.
 - i. Permits for raffles and bingo night fundraisers
 - ii. What fundraisers are working best for different schools
 - b. Rebecca Fannon spoke to the council about the Grosse Pointe School District Open House held November 13th, 2016.
 - i. Incentives make it fun (cookies,treats, door prizes) to draw attendance for open house
 - ii. Encourage friends and neighbors with children to check out our open house
 - c. Judy Gafa and other individuals running for School Board were at the meeting

- i. The district will not be pushing a bond through this year due to the Wayne County Regional Education Enhancement Millage on the ballot this November.
 - ii. Encouraged PTO councils to send an email to the school board in the event something exciting is happening at our school (example: ukulele band, art work entered in contests).
- 2. Things we can maybe incorporate at Defer:
 - a. PTO Open House Night-getting more parents involved and sign-up for PTO
 - b. Marie's Donuts with Principal Dan -1 hour sit down questions and answers
 - c. Mason's Blue Ribbon achievement award and Proud Dads-getting more dads involved
 - d. Middle schools in the district are offering 6th Grade Nights to welcome incoming 6th graders
 - e. GP Gardening Organization has offered to help with Pesticide free garden techniques.

Volunteer Report: Brooke Macuga

1. All the volunteer committees are off to great start. Yay!
2. Search is still on for more individuals to help out with AM office support.
3. Using Sign-up Genius for PTO events (Pumpkin Patch, Haunted Garage) Volunteers Post will also be on the Defer FB Page. Please feel free to sign up if you can help or forward info on to other Defer Parents to get the word out.

Fundraising Report: Kelly Warnick

1. As of 2:30 PM today, 81% participation of Defer students(252) participation for our Fun Run Fundraiser.
 - a. 163 reached \$50/53%
 - b. 26 students-pledge superstars-8%
 - c. \$22,817.16 raised online and donations brought into the school by students.
 - d. 12 of the 14 classes have not met their goal. Combined, they are short \$156 of the goal. Team Sullivan's fund will help meet this goal.
2. Hopefully next week we will have Sweetie's gift cards to pass out to students for their fundraising efforts-meeting their goal.
3. Prizes for Staff will be awarded as well. Here are the top 3 classes:
 - a. Mrs. Caroselli's class at \$105.57 per student
 - b. Mrs. High's class at at \$98 per student
 - c. Mrs. Bergerom's class at \$96.59
4. Pizza party at The Robot Garage for top families will be held on October 26th from 6:30-8 PM
5. We need to set a date for the pledge super star luncheon.
 - a. November 11th?
 - b. Students will receive a Defer water bottle as a prize for their super star efforts.

6. Big THANK YOU to Kelly for all your efforts, management and time you have put into Fundraising for Our PTO-you are amazing!

Membership Report: Lindy Holloway

1. T-shirts are ordered.
2. Online directory is up and running.
 - a. 110 members
 - i. Waiting on some families to send in information

Hospitality Report: Kim Rhodes

1. All set for movie night on the field.
 - a. Free event to Defer families
 - b. all set on supplies/popcorn
2. One donut event is scheduled for later in the school year.

Communications Report: Sarah Martin

1. Newsletter went smoothly.
 - a. Great feedback!
2. The Defer PTO Facebook Page is going well.
 - a. Parents put up a picture of lost and found on the FB page.
 - b. Parents are interacting on the FB page/great way for us to communicate and get involved..

School Board Observer: Kelly McLean

1. Discussed September's school board meeting.
 - a. Enhancement millage is on the ballot this November
 - b. Capital planning for the district
 - c. Enrollment was down this year
 - d. Policy changes have been made for online education credits

Teachers Report: Janette High

1. Membership dues are turned in.
2. Fun Run was so much fun!

Principal's Report: Karen Sullivan

1. Fun Run was a joy!
 - a. Kids were very connected
 - b. Thank you Kelly for your efforts! Thank you to everyone involved.

2. Discussed Evacuation Drill-10/10/2016
3. 97% PBS Party attendance for September
4. 1 Book, 1 School was a hit!
 - a. Tree will be planted in honor of the class who answers the most daily trivia question correctly
 - b. Maybe for next year we can schedule one book one school and fun run at separate times.
5. NWA testing is completed
6. Service and safety squad sworn in tomorrow
7. Student council is up and running
 - a. Mrs. Gout and Mrs. Nugent are the council sponsors
 - b. College spirit day is the first event scheduled
 - c. Student council elections will be prior to the National election
8. Halloween celebrations will be short this year due to late start
9. Dragon Dens will be meeting, discussing habit #1
10. Thursday, October 20th Diversity District meeting @ Marie, all invited
11. November Meeting @ Marie to see 21st Century Classroom will be pushed back
12. Presented and discussed wish list (list handed out) for the 2016-2017 school year. If we were to approve everything on the list total cost would be \$19445.75
 - a. iPads and gumdrop cases-waiting on district meeting/possible funding
 - b. Math app: Think Through Math-motioned by Kim Rhodes and approved by PTO
 - c. Reading app: Storia-motioned by Kim Rhodes and approved by PTO
 - d. Homework Club Support-motioned and approved by PTO
 - e. Playground equipment: Double Humpty Climber and Double JigJag Climber, \$8620.00 total-motioned by Heather Weigand approved by PTO
 - f. T-shirts for Young 5's, \$200-motioned Lindy Holloway and approved by PTO

President's notes: Becca Ozar

1. Discussed meeting with other PTO Presidents
 - a. What's working/not working for different school
 - i. Events such as Fun Runs
 - ii. Promotion and Support
 - iii. PR of boards
 - iv. PTO boards sometimes get bad press
 - v. Poupard Elementary cannot fill its board, offered help.
2. Defer has a great PTO! Thank you!
 - a. Promote our PTO and encourage parents to come to our meetings to get involved.
3. Book Fair starts the same day as holiday craft fair, December 2nd and runs through the following week.
4. Haunted Garage is October 28th. Looking for 4 more volunteers.
5. Starting "Treats for Teachers" on Tuesday mornings in staff lounge. Keep you eyes open for a Signup Genius if you'd like to bring in a special snack/treat for teachers.

New Business

1. Lindy Holloway gave us an update on the progressive dinner. Broke even (82 attended, \$2050/ After costs, \$7.00 remain). Numbers were down this year (event held the same weekend as South's homecoming).
2. If you are interested, December's Craft Fair meeting is tomorrow evening @ 7 PM in the library to discuss the crafts that will be offered. Sarah Tenckinck is running the Craft fair this year.
3. Kelly Warnick proposed and motioned \$300 of the money raised by The Fun Run to fund 1 free craft per child at the Holiday Craft Fair-approved by PTO.
4. We would like to recognize Mr. Oliver and Brandon for all the work they do at Defer. Maybe present a gift (gift card) to each of them in front of the kids to let them know how much we appreciate all they do for our Defer family. Continues to brainstorm about ideas and when we would like to do this.
5. Idea for future Fun Runs:
 - a. Have a wishlist of what we are trying to fund. People maybe more willing to give if they know exactly what it is they are funding.

Meeting adjourned by Becca Ozar @ 8:35PM