



Defer Elementary PTO
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors and Officers
Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018
Defer Elementary School
7:00 PM



ATTENDANCE: Kelly Warnick, Amy Leech, Dani Raether, Brooke Macuga, Lindy Holloway, Sara Martin, Holly Ryan, Janette High, Lisa Rheame, Lisa Dougherty, Kristine Theobald, Colleen Byrn, Leanne Covert, Chelsea Crosby, Christa Clark, Monica Brumbaugh, Beth Lowe, Susan Sutorka, Marianne Grano, and Anne Grobel.

1. **Call to Order and Introductions - Kelly Warnick**
 - a. Mission statement read aloud.
2. **Member Presentation/Request - None**
3. **Review of the October Minutes - Kelly Warnick**
 - a. Minutes approved
4. **Treasurer's Report - Amy Leech**
 - a. **Total Income** \$6,359.02
 - b. **Total Expenses** \$7,231.26
 - c. **Balance as of 10-31-18** \$24,775.60
 - d. **Report approved**
5. **Vice President's Report - Dani Raether**
 - a. PTO Council update
 - i. PTO Council elected a president, Megan Parent, Vice President is Helen Sreberneck
 - ii. PTO membership discussed by PTO council in regards to whether a printed directory is better for membership than digital
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Volunteers – Brooke Macuga**
 - i. no updates
 - b. **Fundraising – Chelsea Crosby**
 - i. #DeferFunRun nerf party happening Friday
 - ii. Discussion related to changing up superstar prizes to go by family vs. student
 - iii. Looking for volunteers to train/shadow for 2019-2020 to take over for 2020-2021 #DeferFunRun

c. Membership – Lindy Holloway

- i. Directory
 - 1. Verification happening this week by Sunday
 - 2. Print directory goes to print Monday
- ii. T-shirts
 - 1. Reordering of colors that were low in supply

d. Hospitality – Holly Ryan

- 1. reported teacher's luncheon during conferences went well

e. Communications – Sara Martin

- i. no update

f. School Board Observer – Lisa Dougherty

- i. 9-24-18 Meeting
 - 1. GPPSS is looking for 5 volunteers to serve on bond oversight committee to be the constant for duration of bond projects
 - 2. Discussion happening related to billeted students being able to attend GPPSS (students who are housed in GP but not residents for non-district sports)
 - 3. Discussion related to GPPSS expanding Early On Services to include service to 3 additional communities, which would be funded through Act 18 monies
 - 4. GPPSS board approved new middle school curriculum and pilot wind ensemble courses at the high school
 - 5. Next School Board meeting is 12-10-18

g. Technology Coordinator – Megan Bejin

- i. No report

7. Teachers Report - Janette High

- a. Thanks for the Tuesday Treats
- b. Thanks for the conference lunch for teachers

8. Principal's Report - Lisa Rheume

- a. Upcoming Events
 - i. Winter Concert Dec. 18
 - ii. Light It Up Blue Diabetes Day
- b. Leader In Me updates
 - i. quote painted in the girls bathroom by parent (Ariel Goslin)
- c. School Wide Goal
 - i. All students will make progress in reading by June 2019

- ii. Currently working to track this goal
- d. Bond, Conference Lunch & Fun Run Thanks
- e. Young Author's Festival
 - i. Compliments to the many award recipient's from Mannino/Morris classroom
- f. Defer Dragon's Running Club
 - i. Finished this past Monday
 - ii. Had 57 runners
 - iii. Requested an additional \$40 to cover the cost of the Running Club tee-shirts for a total of \$207
 - iv. request approved
- g. Defer Diversity Group
 - i. Met in October
 - ii. GPPSS Diverity Group met at Pierce last week with discussion topic of implicit bias
 - iii. Next Defer group meeting is Nov. 28, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
 - iv. Next GPPSS District group meeting is Jan. 31, 2018 at Defer at 6:30 p.m.
- h. Teachers participated in professional development last week
 - i. 171 sessions offered (up 10% from prior year)
 - ii. 128 different topics covered in sessions
 - iii. 95% of facilitators were district teachers
 - iv. Kevin Song Conference
 - 1. attended by Dr. Rheume & teacher Stephanie Dye
 - 2. Letter from Ms. Dye shared with PTO regarding her experience
- i. Memorial for Mrs. Cheryl Lapense
 - i. a granite stone to be placed in the garden in the spring
 - ii. staff from around the district have donated to help pay for it
 - iii. PTO voted and approved to pay for the remaining \$175 balance

9. President's Report - Kelly Warnick

- a. No PTO meeting in December; Next meeting Jan. 8, 2019
 - i. discussed plans to start spending fun run monies on wish list items including leveled libraries and flexible seating
- b. Open House
 - i. went well
 - ii. PTO gave away a raffle basket
- c. Haunted Garage
 - i. still waiting on numbers
- d. GP Santa Claus Parade, Friday Nov. 23, 2018
 - i. Defer wants families to participate in walking in the parade the day after Thanksgiving
 - ii. Kerby is also participating

10. Old Business - None

11. New Business

- a. Craft Fair Saturday Dec. 1, 2018
 - i. requested vote on funding for free craft offered at Fair (fleece dragon hat)
 - ii. PTO approved \$340 to cover the expense of the fleece dragon hats
- b. Book Fair
 - i. starts Dec. 1, 2018 during Craft Fair
- c. Lunchtime Enrichment
 - i. 9 classes so far
- d. Bingo Night
 - i. discussion for scheduling to happen in January
- e. Donuts with your Dragon
 - i. date set for Friday March 22, 2019
- f. Kindergarten Information Night
 - i. Thursday Jan. 17, 2019
 - ii. PTO to give pencils and sweat bands out during event
 - iii. Need potential volunteers to help at informational table

12. Member Comment

- i. none

13. Adjournment - 8:25 p.m.

**Next Meeting: January 8, 2019
7:00pm in the Defer Library
Childcare will be provided.**