



**Defer Elementary PTO**  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors and Off  
**MONDAY, October 8, 2018**  
**Defer Elementary School**  
**7:00 PM**



**ATTENDANCE:** Kelly Warnick, Christy Sherding, Amy Leech, Dani Raether, Brooke Macuga, Lindy Holloway, Sara Martin, Holly Ryan, Janette High, Lisa Rheume, Lisa Dougherty, Heather Wiegand, Becca Ozar, Kristine Theobald, Colleen Byrn, Leanne Cover, Chelsea Crosby, Diana Degen Gifford

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions - Kelly Warnick**
- 2. Member Presentation/Request - None**
- 3. Review of the September Minutes - Christy Sherding**
  - a. Minutes approved
- 4. Treasurer's Report - Amy Leech**
  - a. **Total Income** \$4,494.83
  - b. **Total Expenses** \$3,795.45
  - c. **Balance as of 9-30-18** \$25,647.84
  - d. **Report approved**
- 5. Vice President's Report - Dani Raether**
  - a. PTO Council update
    - i. Report to the PTO Council
    - ii. Library spokesperson came to talk about the Library mileage
    - iii. Discussed the Bond
      1. Representative came from YES camp
      2. No representative came from the NO camp
      3. Last time a Bond was passed for this district was 2002
        - a. Prior to that it was 1964
        - b. Reinforced this is a critical needs list
        - c. It is up to you to educate yourself and friends
        - d. Only 40% of parents are going out to vote in our community
      4. Open House
        - a. Enrollment overall for the district is steadily declining
        - b. There are other options in the area for families
        - c. This is a great chance to showcase our schools
      5. Fun Runs
        - a. Other schools are having their Fun Runs
        - b. Complimentary to the Defer PTO on how organized the PTO is
      6. New President – being voted on
      7. New VP – being voted on

## 6. Committee Reports:

### a. Volunteers – Brooke Macuga

- i. Pumpkin Patch SignUp Genius Reminder sent
- ii. Send anyone interested in volunteering to Brooke

### b. Fundraising – Chelsea Crosby & Beth Lowe

- i. #DeferFunRun update
  1. Exceeded goal – \$31,438 as of 10-8-18
  2. 89.1% Students Registered
  3. 43 Superstars
  4. 209 Students met \$50 goal
  5. Average amount raised per student \$119
  6. 7 classrooms doubled their goal
- ii. Beth reaching out to thank volunteers/get feedback
- iii. Discussion on improving for 2019-2020
  1. Parents on the inside
  2. Review the aerial footage
- iv. Discussed doing 2019-2020 Fun Run
  1. Sign up with Get Moving Crew again and \$50 off
  2. Date proposed is Friday, 10-4-18
  3. Chelsea researching other Fun Run services
  4. Feedback was the Get Moving Crew is great

### c. Membership – Lindy Holloway

- i. Directory
  1. Starting process week of 10-15-18
- ii. T-shirts
  1. Out of t-shirts
  2. Reordering
- iii. Mentoring Program
  1. 3 or 4 families that would like to be mentored
  2. Confusion with sign up process
  3. Preparing to assign families mentors

### d. Hospitality – Holly Ryan

- i. Teacher Lunch for Conferences (October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>)
  1. 11:15 am food set up in the Teacher's Lounge
  2. Holly picking up subs (Jersey Mike's) and drinks
  3. Janette High checking on dietary restrictions

### e. Communications – Sara Martin

- i. Thank you for all the pictures

- ii. Pizza party pictures going up soon
- iii. Glitches with the Progressive Dinner sign-up process
  - 1. The website is down now

**f. School Board Observer – Lisa Dougherty**

- i. 9-24-18 Meeting
  - 1. Discussing architects should the bond pass
  - 2. Educate yourselves on Bond
  - 3. Last School Bond that passed was in 2002
  - 4. Next School Board meeting is tonight, 10-8-18

**g. Technology Coordinator – Megan Bejin**

- i. No report

**7. Teachers Report - Janette High**

- a. Fun Run
  - i. Spirit Days were wonderful
    - 1. Very inclusive
    - 2. Not distracting
- b. Thanks for the Tuesday Treats

**8. Principal's Report - Lisa Rheume**

- a. State of the Teachers
  - i. Posted on District website
  - ii. Discussion points
    - 1. Attendance rates
    - 2. 100% participation Parent-Teacher conferences (335 students)
    - 3. Core Curriculum
    - 4. Some teachers are piloting Science materials
      - a. They are in Phase 2
    - 5. School Improvement Plan
    - 6. Reading evaluation and levels for 2020
      - a. Kindergarten is taking NWEA for baseline data
    - 7. Testing
      - a. MSTEP data
      - b. First year GPPS went to online format vs. paper/pencil
    - 8. District-wide information can be found online
    - 9. Contact Dr. Rheume with any questions
- b. Fun Run Thanks
- c. Community Luncheon
  - i. Compliments on Defer Student Leadership
  - ii. Congresswoman Lawrence in attendance
  - iii. Senator Peters in attendance

- iv. Article and photo in Grosse Pointe Times
- d. Conferences Wednesday and Thursday
  - i. Bake sale and coffee available from AAUW
- e. Defer Running Dragons
  - i. 57 Runners
  - ii. 5-6 volunteers each week
  - iii. T-shirts
    - 1. \$7
    - 2. Request \$169 for extra shirt fee
      - a. Motion to approve up to \$170 for Defer Run Club t-shirts
- f. Defer Diversity
  - i. Next Defer District 10-24-18
  - ii. District wide meeting last week at Trombly
  - iii. Next district wide meeting is 11-8-18 at Pierce
- g. Open House
  - i. PTO to set up table
    - 1. Pencil with tags
    - 2. Basket
- h. School Bond
  - i. Reach out to Dr. Reaume or Dr. Niehaus
  - ii. They can walk you through the critical needs

## 9. **President's Report - Kelly Warnick**

- a. Community Luncheon – 10/1/18
  - i. Wonderful event
  - ii. Thank you to helpers
- b. Board of Education Candidate Forum – October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm – War Memorial
  - i. Thank you for changing the PTO meeting date
  - ii. Forum at War Memorial will be video taped
  - iii. Ferry is holding a forum 10-17 at 8pm
- c. Two candidates emailed to come to meeting
  - i. Judy Shook on behalf of John
  - ii. Chris Lee
  - iii. Kelly responded that we rescheduled our PTO meeting so we could attend the Candidate forum on Tuesday, 10-9-18
- d. Phishing
  - i. Holly Ryan received an email a phishing email from Kelly Warnick requesting iTunes gift cards
  - ii. Sara put a note in the newsletter this week making parents aware
    - 1. No one from the PTO will reach out to you via email attempting to get you to purchase anything
  - iii. Kelly sent a note to Kate so that this warning is circulated throughout the PTO community

## 10. Old Business - None

## 11. New Business

### a. Pumpkin Patch (Friend-raiser) – October 10<sup>th</sup>

- i. Stephanie and Jenny organizing
- ii. Rain or shine

### b. Progressive Dinner – October 13<sup>th</sup>

- i. 115 attendees
- ii. Holly had to request additional families
- iii. Leeches – appetizers
- iv. Zellens – dessert

### c. GPPSS Open House – October 14<sup>th</sup>

### d. Haunted Garage (FUN-raiser) – October 26<sup>th</sup>

- i. Jessica handling tickets
- ii. Tickets \$11 this year

### e. Craft Fair – December 1<sup>st</sup>

- i. Idea Meeting last week
- ii. 16 crafts
- iii. Mock up meeting on 10-16
- iv. Working with webmaster for online registration and payment
  1. Formstack
- v. SignUp Genius for scheduling time
- vi. Make and take event for your child
- vii. Bake sale for AAUW
- viii. Prep suggestion from Kelly
  1. Ask for specific craft help
  2. For example cut 40 pieces of felt
  3. Paint party for snowman boards
- ix. Sara suggested asking for age-specific crafts
- x. Goal week of 10-22 to send information out

### f. Book Fair

- i. 12-1 through 12-7
- ii. Will open day of Craft Fair
- iii. Heather meeting with local rep next week
- iv. Advertise afterschool hours
- v. Work out secret shopping for Holiday gifts
- vi. Teacher requests

- vii. Taking Scholastic dollars versus cash
  - 1. Will use for Teacher wish list
- viii. Volunteers
- ix. SignUp Genius for class preview

**12. Member Comment**

- a. Janice Fox Diversity comment
  - i. Working on sending out Parent Survey

**13. Adjournment - 8:11 pm**

**Next Meeting: November 13, 2018  
7:00pm in the Defer Library  
Childcare will be provided.**