



## Defer Elementary PTO

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Defer Elementary School

7:00 PM



**Attendance: Dani Raether, Lindy Holloway, Amy Leech, Kristine Hayes, Chelsea Crosby, Brooke Macuga, Christy Sherding, Beth Lowe, Marianne Grano, Janette High, Lisa Rheume, Brooke Hess, Rebecca Fannon, Megan Bejin, Sara Martin.**

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** Dani Raether called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Dani read the mission statement.
2. **Report by Rebecca Fannon, Community Relations Specialist, GPPSS.** Rebecca presented information about the Operating Millage Restoration and Extension and the Sinking Fund Proposal which will be on the November 5<sup>th</sup> ballot.
3. **Review of the September Minutes:** Marianne Grano. Minutes were amended to edit Janette High's report, and were approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Amy Leech reported income and expenditures in September; motion to approve report passed.
5. **Vice President's Report:** Lindy Holloway reported that PTO Council met and were addressed by Dr. Niehaus on changes to the district. Other elementary schools are having both 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade promotions. Boundary decisions and Magnet program decisions are in the works and the hope of the district is to impact as few families as possible in terms of changing elementary schools.
6. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. Volunteers – Kristine Hayes reported that the Pumpkin Patch chairs have created a SignUpGenius and that she would like to redo the sign for the volunteers.
  - b. Fundraising – Chelsea Crosby & Beth Lowe reported that the Fun Run went very well.

Fun Run update:

73.89% participation with at least 1 donation

93% students registered on-line (# is slightly higher from manual entries)

\$122 average raised per student

38 superstars 49 Families raised over \$250 total = 70 Total super star prizes

227 students met their \$50 goal

72.31% of donations or 538 gave us a donor credit = \$1970

8 Financial Donors Totalling \$1850

Grand Total as of today \$32,550.38

Classrooms

Richards Highest % to goal = 257.83% to goal

High= 240%to goal

Bergeron= 218% to goal rose = 206.79%

Forcillio, Dye, Filliccia, Zizelman, Mannino morris are all 180% to goal

Kindergarten Raised the most % to Goal whopping \$6122!

We would like to improve communication to volunteers so that they know their tasks. We also need a cash box at the sign in table and receipts because people like to give us cash at the event. We are also considering hydration options that create less waste than mini bottles of water for this event. Having the movie night on the same night as the Fun Run was a great deal of work. Back to School Picnic Night could become a movie night; Hospitality Committee to investigate and develop a recommendation. The Nerf Party is coming up on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Chelsea C. and Beth L. received an email from Detroit Pistons as to working together. Target Circle is similar to Kroger Rewards and Amazon Smile; Fundraising to investigate.

- c. Membership – Brooke Macuga reported that she received a list from Ms. Bates from families that are interested in the mentoring program and that she is looking at getting more shirts and getting a few more registrations.
  - d. Hospitality – Christy Sherding reported that conference lunches are being arranged. Jersey Mike’s will supply sandwiches.
  - e. Communications – Sara Martin reported that we are gearing up for a lot of upcoming events. We need a photo of both of the engineers to thank them for all of their hard work.
  - f. School Board Observer – Dani R. reported on behalf of Lisa Dougherty: new science curriculum was presented (Amplify Science), as well as a new K-12 Performing Arts curriculum. The Board will be creating a new policy for transfer requests whereby no transfers will be allowed for the 2020-21 school year. Previously approved transfers will be grandfathered in. Triangulation will be adjusted to due school closures.
  - g. Technology Coordinator – Megan Bejin reported that we have our Square site up and running for the Haunted Garage tickets. Craft Fair sign-up will be different this year using a new online program.
7. **Teachers Report:** Janette High reported that she has some new memberships. She thanked the PTO for teacher treats. Also, the teachers are using the line item for playground balls.
8. **Principal’s Report:** Lisa Rheume  
 Thank you for all of your generosity and kindness for Defer Fun Run! An outstanding community event.  
 Special thank you to the Fun Run Committee Chairs!  
 Movie Night great event- thank you to the participants and volunteers!  
 Safe Routes Survey still open until Friday in the Defer Newsletter - Meeting October 15 5:30 - Pierce Library  
 November Millage - Voters able to vote on two millages Operating Millage and Sinking Fund - November 5  
 Parent Teacher Conferences - Focus on Goal Setting Conferences -October 9 (evening) and October 10 (afternoon and evening)  
 Open House Weekend - North/South Tailgate with elementary choirs, Sunday at Defer 1- 3 Leadership Day with students/staff  
 Annual Report found on District Webpage:  
<https://mi01000971.schoolwires.net/cms/lib/MI01000971/Centricity/domain/26/2018-19%20annual%20reports/Defer%202019.pdf>
9. **President’s Report:** Dani Raether reported that the GP News are doing a piece on the PTOs across the district, highlighting our goals for the next year, and she will interface with the News bringing the Board’s input. A Community Luncheon will take place at Brownell on 10/11. We have been asked to participate in the Santa Parade on Friday 11/29. The theme of the parade is Hometown Heroes and Chelsea will investigate getting a banner and other items from Steiner. Pierce PTO reached out to us if we know of any parent that has kids at Pierce to get involved in the Pierce PTO. Trombly reached out to us to invite us to their Skating Parties, 11/14/2019 Thursday & 1/16/2020 Thursday. Dani R. reported that she reached out to the Maire PTO President and hoping to meet.
10. **Old Business:** Marianne Grano reported that she met with personnel at First Day School Supplies and they are flexible with planning for 2020-21 and we can sign up as late as June 1. Lindy H. reported that 103 people are signed up for the Progressive Dinner on 10/12/2019, Saturday. Stephanie reported that she is making arrangements for Pumpkin Patch, 10/16/2019, Wednesday. GPPSS is planning a Mega Open House for 10/20/2019, Sunday. Haunted Garage is hoping to have a cash sale of tickets at the Pumpkin Patch, the Haunted Garage will be on Friday, 10/25/2019. The Craft Fair is taking place 12/14/2019, Saturday. There will be a Planning Meeting on Monday, 10/14/2019. Christy Scherding reported that Trombly’s Welcome to Trombly signs cost \$6.65 per sign and she will do further research.

11. **New Business:** Beth Lowe reported that she is planning for Lunchtime Enrichment. She would like to use SignUpGenius for this program. Dr. Rheume noted that Google Forms may work better for this purpose and she will follow up with Beth L.
12. **Member Comments:** None.
13. **Adjourned at 8:38pm.**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 @ 7:00 PM