



## Defer PTO



**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors and Officers  
March 13, 2018  
Defer Elementary School  
7:00 PM**

**ATTENDANCE:** Megan Bejin, Sarah Boyd, Chelsea Crosby, Leah Dantzer, Lisa Dougherty, Nicole Fonger, Janette High, Lindy Holloway, Amy Leech, Beth Lowe, Brooke Macuga, Sara Martin, Kelley McLean, Becca Ozar, Dani Raether, Lisa Rheame, Holly Ryan, Christy Sherding, Kelly Warnick, Heather Wiegand, Kelly Woolums

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** *Heather Wiegand*
2. **Member Presentation/Request:** None
3. **Review of the February Minutes:** *Kelly Woolums*
  - Minutes approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** *Amy Leech*
  - Review of budgeted funds still available
  - Review of surplus funds available
  - First Amazon Smile Deposit = \$25.53
  - Still waiting on GPPSS checks for Defer Wear
  - Current Balance \$43,094.14
  - February Budget Report Approved
5. **Vice President's Report:** *Kelly Warnick*
  - a. PTO council – meeting was short
  - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's Speech at South 3/14/18.
  - Push for getting Kindergarteners registered ASAP for budgeting.
  - 3/24/18 is Maire's Fair.
  - Maire's Green Squad partnered with Motor City Mittens making mats for the homeless with repurposed plastic grocery bags – in GP Magazine. Defer's Green Team might do next year.
  - Ferry already has their Fun Run target purchase for next year: updated library.

## 6. Committee Reports:

- a. Volunteers – *Brooke Macuga*
  - Nothing to Report
  
- b. Fundraising – *Kelly Warnick & Nicole Fonger*
  - Chelsea & Christy volunteered to help with the Fun Run next year.
- c. Membership – *Lindy Holloway*
  - Re-signed with A to Z Directory
  - Ordered T-Shirts were delivered
  - Yellow T-Shirts for Kindergarten and rainbow shirts for Young 5s might be handed out in May but they are not in the budget for this year. Can we purchase ahead of time? If so, Defer will keep a list of registered students and handed out T-Shirts. Discussion was had regarding having a welcoming group for incoming Kindergarten & Young 5 students to pass out PTO information, events, pencils, treats, etc. with T-Shirts.
  
- d. Hospitality – *Holly Ryan*
  - Donuts with your Dragon
    - Holly is looking for help with set-up, etc. Nicole volunteered.
  - Teacher Lunch for Conferences
    - Thank you to everyone who volunteered.
  
- e. Communications – *Sara Martin* – nothing to report.
  
- f. School Board Observer – *Kelley McLean* – Absent but sent notes
  - Keep your eye open for 5120 Triangular policy for staffing elementary schools based on numbers in May which may mean that families with more than 1 student coming to a school may not have their child go to their home school based on caps on registrations. \*This is only for families who do not register by May 1<sup>st</sup> and does not include “grandfathered” students including Magnet students.
  - District is looking at how to save money and proposals for where programs will go, including Barnes school or administration property for sale to help offset budget.
  - The High School and Middle School students are doing programming to honor the February 14<sup>th</sup> school shooting in Florida on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Scheduled walk-outs / support at each building.

## 7. Teachers Report: *Janette High*

- Thank you for feeding us 😊

8. **Principal's Report:** *Lisa Rheame*

- Thank you for lunchtime enrichment.
- Town Halls honored special students nominated by their peers with honored seating at event.
- Dragon Dens talked about *Charlotte's Web*.
- Defer Diversity Meeting rescheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm in the Library.
- District Diversity Meetings 3/22/18 at Mason 6:30pm.
- *Leader in Me* mural is almost finished. Featured in the GP News. Go check it out it is pretty amazing!
- New inspirational quotes are outside of the classroom doors picked by teachers.
- Parent survey going home with the Leader in Me program. 1 in the Fall and 1 now. Raffle for the families who turn it in the first 2 weeks. Looking for at least 100 families to take the survey. It only takes 10 minutes for survey.
- Friday is the Read in. 3/29 Movie Day at Pierce.

9. **President's Report:** *Heather Wiegand*

- Still encouraging teachers to use their \$200 (full time) \$100 (part time) enrichment funds.
- Heather reformatted and sent new check request form.

10. **Old Business:**

- Green Squad Updates** (*Kelly*) – \$162 raised for the NWF Adopt an Animal Program – Saving loggerhead turtles. New lunchtime garden in the works partnering with GPPSS Foods.
- Disability Workshop** (*Sara/Lisa D*) - April 27<sup>th</sup>
- Bingo Night** - (*Heather/Becca*). March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Still looking for prizes and collecting them at Defer. As the PTO advertises a "one and done" fundraiser, it was suggested to advertise where the 50/50 proceeds were going. It was suggested for funds to go to paying for the Farmer John assembly. Kelly Warnick will take care of the popcorn. JNHS students will help out. Need adults to pick up 2<sup>nd</sup> chance drawing tickets.
- Spring Parent Social** (*Lindy*) - April 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00-11:00pm at Atwater. \$30/person buffet meal w/ salad & dessert, non-alcoholic beverages, cash bar. Max 100 people.
- Spring Social/Art Fair** (*Dani*) – Will report next meeting.
- Park Grille Donation** (*Holly*) – They offered to send the money from the progressive dinner back to the PTO to do something creative with the funds. Holly offered to pick up the check so that we can cancel the payment. It was suggested to have the funds go toward the Gaga Pit and have a plaque and dedication ceremony as the Gaga Pit is going to be used by the community and Park Grille is part of the community.

- g. **Playground Equipment / Gaga Pit:** A Defer student group surveyed the student body about what new equipment students want and then presented the top 3 choices to the PTO. We decided to go with the gaga pit as it is a quick game and all ages can play. Dr. Rheume met with Mr. Mannino and a suggestion was made to have the court in the center space by the buddy bench. He said this is a good time of year because he is not busy yet and it can take start to finish 1 week to construct. Quoted \$1900 for the structure + suggested woodchip surface \$700 extra. The district replaces the woodchips every year. Becca suggested that at Trombly the gym teacher took the students out to the gaga pit to teach them the rules before it was opened to the entire school during recess. Lindy motioned to approve the installation. Motion approved. The District maintenance made the plaque for the Defer buddy bench. Becca suggested that we ask them to see if they would make the plaque.

#### 11. **New Business:**

- a. Technology Coordinator Board Position Proposed (*Kelly Warnick*)

*- I. Act as the primary contact between Defer PTO and GPPSS Board Office regarding Defer funds that are flowing to the district; coordinate with PTO Treasurer as needed.*

- A. *Defer Wear*
- B. *Craft Fair*
- C. *Membership Dues*
- D. *Progressive (if an online option is added)*
- E. *etc.*

*II. Coordinator of Defer's Square Reader (tool used to accept credit card payments by connecting to a mobile device)*

- A. *Physically responsible for the reader between uses.*
- B. *Organize the funds with the Treasurer*
  - i. *Spring Social*
  - ii. *Pumpkin patch*
  - iii. *Spirit Wear*
  - iv. *BINGO night*
  - v. *etc.*

*III. Defer Faculty-Defer PTO technology liaison*

- A. *Track PTO tech spending on hardware (as needed)*
  - i. *Types*
  - ii. *Dates of purchase*
- B. *Track PTO tech spending on applications (as needed)*
  - i. *Types*
  - ii. *Date of purchase & expiration dates*
- C. *Coordinate with Principal (& Teachers) on future school technology wish lists.*

Kelly motioned to approve the position. Motioned approved.

b. 2018/2019 Board Slate

- Next month is the members meeting. The board will approve the slate and the members will approve the board. Kelly McLean & Kelly Woolums to step down.

**12. Member Comment:** None.

**13. Adjourn.** 8:00pm

**Next Meeting:** April 10, 2018