



## Defer Elementary PTO

Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>  
Defer Elementary School  
7:00 PM



**Attendance:** Dani Raether, Lindy Holloway, Amy Leech, Lisa Dougherty, Kristine Hayes, Chelsea Crosby, Brooke Macuga, Christy Sherding, Beth Lowe, Meghan Zeldes, Diana Gifford, Marianne Grano, Janette High, Kelly Warnick, Lisa Rheame, Brooke Hess, Heather Wiegand.

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** Dani Raether called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Dani R. read the mission statement.
2. **Review of the May & August Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes as presented passed.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Amy Leech reported expenditures in August; motion to approve report passed.
4. **Vice President's Report:** Lindy Holloway reported PTO Council meets in 2 weeks. Dani R. reported that PTO Council will use \$100 of PTO funds to pay for signs to support the Hold Harmless fund.
5. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. Volunteers – Kristine Hayes reported research on streamlining volunteer process and parent participation.
  - b. Fundraising – Chelsea Crosby & Beth Lowe presented Fun Run Updates (10/4/2019 Fri). Already raised \$14,845. 86% of students are now registered. We created a paper form for those families that are unable to donate, so that students can still participate even if family is not donating. Martin Photography, Buscemi's, Seego Family Dentistry, Platz Animal Hospital among donors. Get Movin' Crew has made social media sharing easier. We have donors from 21 states, 113 cities, and 2 countries. 3 pizza parties today, 1 tomorrow. At least 1 parent from every class lined up to help with pizza parties. Movie is going to be Wall-E.
  - c. Membership – Brooke Macuga ordered and picked up extra shirts.
  - d. Hospitality – Christy Sherding: no report.
  - e. Communications – Sara Martin's report presented by Dani R. Parents have asked about "Welcome to Defer" signs, this may be a time to do that to help the Defer community. Christy Sherding to perform research. Sara M. also reports Christy has given a lot of wonderful pictures. Sara's number is 313-815-7916 and she prefers photos of groups of three, and please do not send pictures or announcements to office. She prefers text.
  - f. School Board Observer – Lisa Dougherty reported there had been one School Board meeting. Rocket Fiber was passed with the intent of helping the district to have faster internet.
  - g. Technology Coordinator – Megan Bejin—Dani R. reported on behalf of Megan B. that she is updating website, craft fair team building entire site on Square, Haunted Garage site also going on-line. 1<sup>st</sup> online order coming in for spirit wear.
6. **Teachers Report:** Janette High reported that she has some new memberships.
7. **Principal's Report:** Lisa Rheame
  - Thank you - First for all of your hard work already this year! Without the work and organization of the PTO our community would not be the same, I appreciate all you have already done for Defer in the beginning of the school year
  - Thank you for Popsicles on the Playground and Back to School picnic - amazing to connect in the beginning of the year
  - Special thank you to the Fun Run Committee Chairs!
  - Ideas to connect parents students and community - email or call me
  - Enrollment - 351
  - Safe Routes Survey on the Defer Newsletter - Meeting tomorrow

- November Millage - Voters able to vote on two millages Operating Millage and Sinking Fund - November 5
- Parent Teacher Conferences -Sign Up Genius was shared with parents last week from the teacher- October 9 (evening) and October 10 (afternoon and evening)
- Running Dragons Run Club starts again tomorrow with about 50 students registered

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**President's Report:** Dani R.

Special Events Calendar—make sure your events are added.

Tuesday Teacher Treats—1<sup>st</sup> quarter filled up.

Update Meeting w/ Trombley President—Dani met with the President. They are processing School Board decision. They are focused on how to transition their kids from being Trombley students to being Defer students. They have an interest in interactions between Defer kids and Trombley kids that would build community and also possibly a progressive dinner in the spring. Trombley has a spectacular International Festival that is important to their community. If there are any Defer students who want to participate and be a part of the event this year they would be open to that. Several families who are on the border would like to know if Maire has had any of these conversations and would like to initiate. Trombley and Defer parents will be welcome at one another's PTO meetings.

Dani read some Thank You notes from the students after the Fun Run.

Green Squad Meetings—going to meet before PTO meeting.

9. **Old Business:**

School Supplies 2019-2020 – Review, Marianne G. Supply lists will not happen until June, we need to ensure ordering process goes more smoothly, dollies, school map, class lists helpful for distribution.

Back to School Events – Review

August Events: Christy Sherding. Popsicles in the Playground went well and 500 popsicles purchased, 300 used, remaining 200 for Fun Run. Kindergarten/New Family Night went well. Move In Day should be for all grades next year (suggested) and be 4-6pm with popsicles afterward.

Welcome Back Parent Gathering—Christy S. Went to Cornwall Bakery, warm temperature, good prices, lots of parent turnout.

Back to School Night—went great, Kevin Ozar did a great job, a handout on the chairs to list PTO event might be helpful. A lot of mini waters were used; good idea for next year.

Back to School Picnic—Dani R. and Lindy R. reported it went well. One full sheet cake used.

Lunchtime Volunteers—update next month.

Haunted Garage Update (10/25/2019 Fri)—Jessica Kodanko and Susan Parlangeli co-chairs.

10. **New Business:**

Parent Teacher Conferences (10/9 Wed & 10/10/2019 Thur)—Lisa R. reported that teachers prefer that PTO lunch be on half day.

Progressive Dinner (10/12/2019 Sat)—Lindy H. reported forms are ready and promotions going out. Deadline to sign up is Fun Run and Movie Night (10/4).

Pumpkin Patch (10/16/2019 Wed)—Dani R. reported they are trying to get pumpkins from Allemon. There is a pumpkin shortage. We are considering small pie pumpkins.

GPPSS Mega Open House (10/20/2019 Sun)—We plan to pass out headbands, frisbees, pencils.

Craft Fair (12/14/2019 Fri)—Dani R. reported that planners are looking at not having a large board project because it is very streamlined, S and S. will provide pre-done crafts that come already packaged. Planning Meeting (10/14/2019 Mon)—in library at 7pm. We have a lot of stored craft supplies that are disorganized. Chelsea and Beth would like to organize supplies after the Fun Run and will need the help of all Committee Chairs.

11. **Member Comment**—Book Fair: Heather W. reported that this will be December 9-16 and in May. We have \$2500 left from last year.

12. **Adjourn**—Dani R. adjourned at 8:22pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 0700 pm

Defer Yearly Progress Report