

# **Defer Elementary PTO**

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 Defer Elementary School 7:00 PM



# **Zoom:** TBD

Present: Patrice Arend, Lindy Holloway, Kristine Hayes, Sophan Buffa, Stephen Justin, Amy Leech, Doris Grose, Christy Sherding, Brooke Macuga, Erin Weakland, Beth Lowe, Janette High, Lisa Rheaume, Kelly Warnick, Diana Gifford

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions: Patrice Arend & Lindy Holloway
  - a. Review Mission Statement
- 2. Review of the Previous Minutes: Kristine Hayes & Sophan Buffa
  - a. Motion to approve minutes by Christy, seconded by Doris motion passed.
- 3. Treasurer's Report: Stephen Justin & Amy Leech
  - a. Stephen presented the report. Christy moved to approve; Beth seconded.
- 4. Vice President's Report: Doris Grose & Christy Sherding
  - a. PTO Council Meeting Update by Doris Grose.
    - i. Superintendent search is underway, a company has been procured to do the search. The company ran a focus group on what the PTO council would like to see in a new superintendent.
    - ii. Air purifiers were discussed.
    - iii. Early childhood has a few openings at Barnes, Trombly and at Ferry.
    - iv. Updates on other PTOs events and fundraisers.
    - v. Foundation grants & gala were discussed. May have it outside in a tent.
- 5. **Communications Report:** Brooke Macuga & Erin Weakland

a.

- 6. Committee Reports: Recruitment & Chair Assignments
  - a. Fundraising Beth Lowe
    - i. Playground equipment update Got teacher input and changed the options. Given the go ahead to schedule companies to come out and measure the space. Students have \$500 from last year's smencil fundraiser, and hopefully we'll make that again. Leadership team has narrowed down to two options. Kids are going to vote this week. Mrs. Nugent and Mrs. Stout thought we could do a t-shirt fundraiser + donation drive.

Christy motioned to approve up to \$10,000 in combined PTO and student leadership funds for new playground equipment. Kristine seconded. Motion approved.

- ii. Defer Family Recipe Books (Sophan Buffa)
  - 1. Create a committee to work on a recipe book for family recipes with pictures of kids. We will work on this next year. Contact Sophan if you are interested in participating.
- b. Family Food Fridays Sophan Buffa/Erin Weakland
  - i. There are a few options for Family Food Fridays! Looking forward to working with business owners.
- c. Hospitality Christy Sherding
  - i. Update on Teacher Treats
    - 1. The cart is cute!

- 2. The signup genius filled up in two hours.
- ii. Teacher conferences Doing lunch on Thursday so that we can get something for each teacher treats.

# 7. **Teachers Report**: Janette High

- a. Teacher treats were amazing! Requesting a link to the signup genius so that teachers can write a thank you note.
- b. Teachers asked for teacher enrichment if it's too late to submit. We just need to receive the receipts by Memorial Day so that checks can cash before the books close at the end of June.

## 8. **Principal's Report:** Lisa Rheaume

- a. Thanks to the PTO. Virtual students are doing a great job. Return to full time face to face are going very well. Teachers are adjusting to the new situation. Lunchtime volunteers are very successful, some parents are even staying for recess. Bingo was amazing and kids had fun.
- b. March is reading month, spirit days are coming up. 20 picture books read by staff are available virtually.
- c. Report cards will be available Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Conferences are 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. PTC Wizard program is working well to schedule conferences.
- d. Partnering with public safety to ensure smooth drop-offs and pickup. Working with Mrs. Dirkse & the chief. Also Rebecca Fannon.
- e. Discussion/feedback about safety not crossing Kercheval at Nottingham or Balfour. Not walking up the driveway. Legal parking signs.
- f. You can always schedule a meeting with Dr. Rheaume to discuss anything.

# 9. **President's Report**: Patrice Arend & Lindy Holloway

- a. Annual Meeting/Elections
  - i. Nominations for e-board positions will be accepted by April 13<sup>th</sup>. People running will be announced at that meeting.
  - ii. Patrice encourages everyone to stay on and participate.

#### 10. Old Business:

- a. Basement Clean Up Thank You
  - i. Please keep it nice and organized. Check for paper products in the cabinet. Tons of bingo night and craft supplies.

#### 11. New Business:

- a. Spring Outdoor Events?
  - i. We need to start thinking about if we're going to do a spring event.
- b. Hoping to have the Kindergarten night in May in person but we're not sure yet. Need to know when to order the shirts.
- c. 4<sup>th</sup> grade promotion need to send things out, wondering how to treat virtual students for promotion. We don't know yet how that will work.
- d. We loved PTC wizard so much, we want to use it for Craft fair.

### 12. Member Comment

**a.** Diana wants to say thank you for keeping the spirit alive this year.

#### 13. **Adjourn @ 7:56pm**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 13, 2021