

Defer Elementary PTO

Tuesday, September 19th, 2023 – Welcome back meeting

Defer Elementary School

7:00 PM

In Attendance: Attendance sheet went MIA at meeting so I don't have this info

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** – JJ DeRosier- call to order at 7:07pm, review of mission statement and membership.
2. **Review of the Previous Minutes** – Brittany Swineford- JJ reminds those in attendance that you must be a voting member to vote, have directory purchased. Erin motions to pass May minutes, Steve second. Motion passes.
3. **Treasurer's Report** –Stephen Justin
 - a. Budget approval for 2023-2024 year.
 - changed directory to all online, no print
 - Erin motions to approve '23-'24 budget, Lindsey seconds. Motion passes.
4. **President's Report** – JJ DeRosier
 - a. Bylaws: add Assistant Treasurer. Changing and updating Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.
 - Steve motions to approve new by law, Erin seconds. Motion approves.
5. **Vice President's Report** – Erin Weakland- Attending October PTO Board meeting. All PTOs from all schools meet and share notes.
6. **Communications Report** – Lindsey Koczenasz- sending out notes and communication, facebook etc.
 - Facebook likes png or jpeg files
 - Instagram doesn't like links
 - posting activity photos, make sure children are approved for posting
 - make sure content posts are very informational, give as much information as possible.
 - give 24-48 hrs to for post to be published
 - newsletter info sent to Lindsey by Tuesday, Lindsey sends to office on Wednesday
 - contact @deferpto to send info
7. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Fun Run- Andrea Gruenwald 444 kids registered, \$30k raised to date. Bounce houses for kids, will be enjoying during lunch and recess September 22.
 - b. Progressive Dinner- Tim Kolar: Named committee. Save the date October 21, 2023. Registration link set up is next on to do list. Adults only, great time to meet neighbors. \$35 registration fee per person.
 - c. Scholastic Bookfair- Sophan Buffa and Emily Smock: November 27 December 2, second will be in March. Preference for all students to use the E-Wallet for purchases.

- d. Board of Education observer- Andrea Daniell- Tuesdays at 6:30 pm, next September 26th. Special meeting Thursday September 21 for open seat. Qualifications, procedures and questionnaire.
 - e. Beautification Committee-Lindsay Studders- gardens look beautiful
 - f. Craft Fair- need volunteers. Saturday December 2. 4 more craft owners needed, 3-4 more volunteers as well. 2 free crafts.
 - g. Haunted Garage- Erin Weakland: Last Friday of October is Defer night. Family friendly event.
8. **Teachers Report** – Jane Nugent: Thank you for lunch during class setup week. Kids love the key chains for fun run.
9. **Principal's Report** – Lisa Rheaume: Thank you for support, great to see families at Back to School night. Need volunteers for lunch. Drop off and Pick up procedures need to be followed for safety reasons. Newsletter goes out Friday at 5pm. Fun Run having great success already. Concerns or changes call or email Dr. Rheaume.
10. **Old Business**
- a. none
11. **New Business**
- a. **Meeting conflict Pierce and Defer PTO both scheduled for Oct 17, suggested change October 19**
-meeting moved to October 19, in library with childcare
 - b. PTO to pay for buses for 4th grade field trip to Lansing or should the students pay?
About \$3K. \$39 per student with 77 students attending. Should this be a new line item?
-Lindsay motions to add line item for PTO to cover cost for 4th grade trip to Lansing. Erin seconds. Motion passes.
 - c. Beautification committee: Signs around school need to be replaced. Lindsay to bring cost proposal to the October meeting. Greenhouse- kids should be using it. Teachers need to utilize it.

12. **Member Comment(s)** : Is Communities United in Diversity Happening? Yes

13. **Adjournment: @ 8:19 pm**

Upcoming Meetings:

- **Oct 17, 2023**
- **Stay tuned for announcements on upcoming events via Smore news and our Defer PTO social channels.**
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- **November 9, 2023**