



Defer Elementary PTO
Thursday October 19th, 2023
Defer Elementary School
7:00 PM

In Attendance: JJ Derosier, Erin Weakland, Brittany Swineford, Lindsey Koczenasz, Kelsey Howard, Chelsea Voskuilen, Lindsay Studders, Tim Kolar, Lisa Rheame, Andrea Daniell, Jane Nugent, LaKeytria Felder, Assia Likomanov

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** – JJ DeRosier- introductions and mission statement. Call to order at 7:05pm
2. **Review of the Previous Minutes** – Brittany Swineford- Erin motions to pass September minutes, Lindsey seconds. Motion passes.
3. **Treasurer's Report** –Stephen Justin- 39k was the end of month balance. Fun run continues to gain revenue. Expenses for September include- fun run, coffee at Coriander, popsicles on the playground. Reimbursement form needs to be filled out and sent to Stephen at treasurer@deferpto.com. Sarah is no longer able to complete the Assistant Treasurer role, Tim Kolar has accepted the role. Lindsay motions to pass Tim for role, Erin seconds. Motion passes.
4. **President's Report** – JJ DeRosier- Thank you to the fun run committee. Amazing event, wonderful feedback from students and parents. Hospitality committee provided food for teacher conferences. Nicole Luyk to take on Lunchtime enrichment.
5. **Vice President's Report** – Erin Weakland- nothing to report
6. **Communications Report** – Lindsey Koczenasz- posts for social to Lindsey as soon as possible. Make sure it is approved by the office. More information given to Lindsey the better.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Fun Run- Andrea Gruenwald- Fun run was a huge success. Raised over 51k in funds, some will get paid to Fund Hub for fees. We will know in November/December what Defers take home amount was.
 - b. Donuts on the Lawn- Nicole Luyk- October 19, 2023 after school. 4th grade girl scout group hosted. Went well for a rainy day.
 - c. Progressive Dinner- Tim Kolar- 91 individuals signed up. Break even event. Very excited about the event. Shout out to the hosts.
 - d. Board of Education observer- Andrea Daniell- Looking for special ed director. Short staffed for special ed. Dr. Bishop was given an award. Dave Braumbaugh has relocated and October 10 was his last meeting. Application process has closed, the applicant list for open seat has been released. President Ismal has requested that a form online be filled out by the board if they are requesting info from him. Proposal for a budget committee to form. Michigan Association of School Board to find a new superintendent. New this year: meetings will be done at 10:30pm, if they need to carry over they will continue the next day. This does not pertain to comments. To comment at the meetings you must sign in between 11am-3pm online or you can at the meeting but for a brief amount of time.
 - e. Beautification/Garden Committee- Lindsay Studders- Signs need to be updated. \$386 to replace all signs that need to be fixed. JJ motions that the PTO approves up to \$450 for signage updates, Lindsey Koczenasz seconds. Motion passes.

- f. Scholastic Bookfair- Sophan Buffa Emily Smock- November 28th- December 2nd, book fair will be open during the craft fair on December 2nd
- g. Craft Fair- Cara Rossi- December 2nd. Usually 9am-1pm in the Gym.
- h. Hospitality- Monique Abshire Brittany Swineford- provided snack boxes for PM conferences and lunch from Panera for afternoon/PM conferences.
- i. Lunchtime Enrichment- Nicole Luyk is new chair. Includes Activities indoors.

December 12th Great Skate event. Tentative dates in January and February.
Game Night committee coming back

8. **Teachers Report** – Jane Nugent- Thank you to the Hospitality committee for food during conferences. Teachers wondered if they could order Tie-dye shirts. Teachers asking if PTO will support professional development days for teachers. JJ motions to approve \$200 for Courtney Kliman to have a professional development day. Erin seconds. Motion passes. PTO to help purchase green screen and microphones for video announcements. JJ motions to pass \$93 for purchase, Lindsey seconds. Motion passes.
9. **Principal's Report** – Lisa Rheaume- Still looking for a lunch supervisor, or multiple. Thank you for all the donations for Fun Run. November 5th is open house, building open from 12-2pm. How will fun run funds be used? Staff Lounge needs some love. Flowers? Defer 2022-2023 Annual Report. Students doing very well on testing.

10. Old Business

11. New Business

Assistant Treasurer position open- Tim Kolar passed to take over.
Needed to purchase a new Rainbow Arch that was used during the fun run. JJ motions to split cost with Pierce for purchase. Erin seconds. Motion passes.
JJ motions approve \$300 to purchase new canopy tents for events. Motion passes.

12. **Member Comment(s)** :March 7th- International Fair at Pierce.
North/South Football game, October 20.

13. Adjournment -@ 8:20pm

Upcoming Meetings:

- November 9, 2023- Thursdays moving forward. In the Defer Library
- Stay tuned for announcements on upcoming events via Smore news and our Defer PTO social channels.
- December 14, 2023