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| **Date:** April 10, 2018 | **Time:** 6:30 pm | **Location**: Dondero Library |

**Purpose:** This is the 7th General PTA Meeting of the 2017-2018 school year.

**Executive Board Attendees/Invitees**

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| **Name** | **Present** | **Contact** | **Capacity** |
| Michele Aronne | Yes | micheleg229@comcast.net | President, Meeting Host |
| Melissa Vetter | Yes | mvetter79@gmail.com | Vice President |
| Jannice Hodges | Yes | jannicehodges@gmail.com | Treasurer |
| Brooke Sokolnicki | Yes | brookesokolnicki@gmail.com | Secretary |
| Kate Callahan | Yes | kcallahan@sau52.org | Principal |

**Agenda**

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Approval of January Minutes
3. Budget Update - Jannice
4. What’s Been Done Already?
   1. Bowling Night - Michele
   2. Book Fair – Kate & Jannice
   3. Artists in Residence (AIR) – Shannon
   4. Teacher Appreciation – Shannon
   5. Box Tops
   6. Movie Night (Melissa)
   7. Spell-A-Thon (Lanee)
   8. Northeast Passage
5. What’s Coming Up?
   1. Teacher Appreciation
   2. Walk to School Day
   3. Dondero Idol
   4. Field Day
   5. End of Year Celebration
   6. Color Run – Melissa
   7. Playground Update – Nikki & Alice
6. Next PTA Meeting – Tuesday, May 8th

**Discussion**

* The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by PTA President, Michele Aronne
* Quorum obtained; five out of five members of the Executive Board were present.
* Feb 2018 PTA Minutes were distributed for review. (March meeting cancelled due to snow days). Minutes approved by Michele Aronne & Nikki Savramis. All agreed, no one opposed.

***2017-2018 Budget & Treasure’s Update***

* + $31,315.69 balance. Looking good! Calendar raffle = ~$2,500.

**What’s Been Done Already?**

* **Bowling Night** (Michele) -> not interested in holding raffles again. $471 profit. Consider taking a break from a bowling event for 2018-2019 season. Melissa offered to run raffles if held again, or maybe incorporate no-cost raffle prizes such as extended recess.
* **Book Fair** -> ~$5,400 in sales where $3,300 will go back to the teachers to use for books! Next year, thinking Monday for teachers to shop with their classes and then have the kids shop & purchase books the rest of the week. Kate & Jannice have good ideas for other adjustments for next year, including setting up the prior Friday. Best of all, a chair has been named already for next year – Jannice Hodges!

**What’s Been Done Already (Continued)**

* **AIR** (Shannon) -> Each grade will have 2 activities. Still planning a potential 2nd event for 4th & 5th.
  + Author participated in 1st, 2nd & 3rd grade classrooms, Curious Creatures for 2nd, UNH Stembassadors for 4th & 5th (amusement park & egg drop) & planning SubZero for 5th grade
  + No Junk to Funk this year, but we should talk more about this event for next year
  + Considering a piece of a puzzle per child sponsored by the Art Teacher
  + \*\* Consider Stembassadors for Science Day next year!
* **Teacher Appreciation** (Shannon) -> St. Patrick’s theme of Irish Soda Bread, mugs & coffee bar for the March even
  + Kona Ice will come for May 9th early release for the teachers and will do it for free.
  + June 20th – will also plan something for the teachers as they pack of their classrooms again.
  + Maybe the last week or week before, thinking about a mason jar/herb item &/or breakfast from Cumbys (good coffee options!
* **Box Tops** – collected 3,000+ for the “Race to Recess” event! We mailed in the BoxTops in Feb & again next November. Thinking about a summer drive tied to another BoxTop contest.
* **Movie Night** (Melissa)– Held on April 6th, a good turn out and overall the children were well behaved. Cleaned out the PTA closet for snacks, water, etc & had a $219.98 profit. People need to pick up better at the end. Good movie choice, kids loved it and they were quiet during the movie.
* **Spell-A-Thon** (Lanee, update by Michele) – Lanee spent the weekend correcting spelling sheets. Planning to return to students by Thursday. Consider making cover sheet more noticeable so it stands out in red folders brought home by kids. Revisit spelling lists with teachers and reading assistants. Jannice will chair next year!
* **Northeast Passage –** was incorporated into gym class.Talked about making sure the right message is going home to parents & kids about the significance of this event.

***What’s Coming Up?***

* **Walk to School Day** will be held on Wednesday, May 9th. Bus will drop off kids at specific spots and children will have the opportunity to walk to school. It’s early release day. Kate will be looking for volunteers to help with supervision.
* **Dondero Idols** – planning judges now, MC is ready to go. Biggest item is getting out & collecting donations & auction items. Talked about ticket sales. There will be a 4th grade sign-up genius going out to get help the night of. Will also do a sign up for school-wide volunteers. There is a $500 budget and targeting some for Art class.
* **Field Day** – the day after Idols. Need more volunteers than prior years.
* **3rd Grade Swimming** – the 3rd grade has been swimming at the indoor pool. It’s $200 per day and will be run over 4 weeks. Kids have been bused to the pool in groups and have loved it!
* **End of Year Celebration** – moving to Friday, June 15th.
* **Color Run** – to be held on Saturday, June 2nd. Need $40 from 100 people made up of entry fee & pledges, spending $1,250 to hold event, but hoping to raise lots more!! No police presence needed, will have barricades set up & will be looking for parent volunteers to help in various areas. Planning to get an information & pledge packet sent home next week. Will plan to promote on Elwyn Park FB page (contact Cliff/Macie).
* **Playground Updates** – planning to hold a presentation immediately before the next PTA meeting on 5/8
  + Feeling really good about the city contributing. Jennifer G is doing a press release. Thinking about setting up a table at Dondero Idols for marketing & information.
* **Open PTA Board Position** – need to fill Secretary for the upcoming school year. All positions span 2 school years.

Next PTA Meeting planned for May 8th.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Submitted by: Brooke Sokolnicki, Dondero PTA Secretary