

# Dondero PTA – April 2020 Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 16th, 2020

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** Zoom Meeting

**Purpose:** This is the 6th General PTA Meeting of the 2019-2020 school year.

## Executive Board Attendees/Invitees

Name	Present	Contact	Capacity
Nikki Savramis	Yes	nikki.donderopta@gmail.com	President, Meeting Host
Carina Mastrocola	Yes	carina.mastrocola@gmail.com	Vice President
Jannice Hodges	Yes	jannicehodges@gmail.com	Treasurer
Sarah Lynch	No	sarahalibby@yahoo.com	Secretary
Kate Callahan	Yes	kcallahan@sau52.org	Principal

## Agenda

Welcome & Approval of March 2020 Minutes  
Principal Kate Callahan  
Budget: Jannice

### Coming Up:

- 1) Yearbook
- 2) Playground
- 3) Popcorn Idea (Karen)
- 4) End of Year Celebration
- 5) Night Out for Nature: TBD
- 6) Fair HouseTour 2020: Oct 3 & 4

QUESTIONS? Email us at: [DonderoPTA@gmail.com](mailto:DonderoPTA@gmail.com)

## Discussion

- The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by PTA President, Nikki Savramis.
- Quorum obtained; five out of five members of the Executive Board were present.
- March 2020 PTA Minutes were distributed for review. Minutes approved by Jana and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melissa. All agreed, no one opposed.

## Coming Up

- **Yearbook:** Teachers are submitting lots of student photos. Nikki is researching if a smaller page size will decrease the overall price. PTA will sell yearbooks for \$13.99 plus \$2.99 for shipping (will be shipped directly to households) and then give (1) free yearbook to any household that does not purchase one. Every fifth grader will get a free yearbook as usual. Karen will organize the collection of fifth grade messages. No ads this year.
- **Playground: Alice-** Positive news. Alice has received two solid proposals from site contractors for the next phase of work. This phase will include the big mound with the slide, plantings on the big mound, securing the existing mounds, and additional landscaping. The existing mound will be built up to a height of 8' for the slide platform. Boulders and plantings will be added to the sides. Granite curbs will be installed as steps up to the platform. Contractor Site Structures is available this summer and they have good referrals. Work will begin mid summer-mid August. The slide has already been delivered. The plants will cost \$9280 and the mound work will cost \$13,761 making the total \$25,345.10 with a 10% cushion. Playground fund has \$19,500 available in account. PTA board voted to invest \$5845.10 to make up the difference. All board members voted yes. A 20% deposit is needed to insure spot in schedule. New

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donations have been received recently. Newburyport Park Elwyn Scholarship donated \$1000 and McDonalds donated \$500 for the Night out for Nature.

- **Popcorn Idea: Karen-** PTA to include a bag of microwave popcorn with a nice message from the PTA in the next deployment of materials. Nikki will make the label. PTA will use remaining prepaid popcorn money to purchase the popcorn. Nikki will also change the Dondero message board on the day of deployment with a positive message.
- **End of the Year Celebration:** Remote learning will be done June 5<sup>th</sup>. PTA to organize a big back to school party to replace the end of year party and to provide some kind of closure for students with their former teachers. 5<sup>th</sup> grade team is brainstorming ideas for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation as well as virtual Idols. 5<sup>th</sup> graders are missing out on e school as well. Jana suggested a memory board for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week:** 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May. 39 teachers and 25 additional staff. May 1<sup>st</sup> is the next deployment of material. PTA has \$600 left of \$1000 budget dedicated to teacher appreciation. PTA will buy amazon cards for teachers and supporting staff with the remaining funds. Teachers to receive larger amount. Melissa and Jannice to organize purchase of gift cards. Class liaisons to reach out to parents for students to submit thank you letters to go along with gift cards.
- **Night out for Nature: TBD** Regroup once restaurants reopen. Possibly this summer or fall.
- **Fairy House Tour: Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>-** Date pushed back this year. K-2 to submit fairy houses supervised by Adam Bastille. Amber Buttermore volunteered to be the new committee chair.
- **Pasta Night:** Checks to be returned unless parents wish to donate money to PTA.

Next Meeting Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm /Zoom?

Meeting Adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Submitted by: Sarah Lynch, Dondero PTA Secretary