

Dondero PTA – April 15th 2021 Meeting Minutes

Date: April 15th, 2021

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Zoom

Purpose: This is the 6th General PTA Meeting of the 2020-2021 school year.

Executive Board Attendees/Invitees

Name	Present	Contact	Capacity
Alexis Lang	Yes	alexis.lang@comcast.net	President
Jana Goldstein	Yes	janakgoldstein@gmail.com	Vice President
Jannice Hodges	Yes	jannicehodges@gmail.com	Treasurer
Sarah Lynch	Yes	sarahalibby@yahoo.com	Secretary
Kate Callahan	Yes	kcallahan@sau52.org	Principal

Agenda

- Welcome
- Approval of March 18 Minutes
- Principal's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- 5th Grade EoY Plans
- Spell-a-thon
- Earth Week Activities
- Story walk, garden clean up
- Dine Out for Dondero
- Teacher Appreciation
- Spirit Wear
- Yearbook
 - Submission deadline: May 10th
 - 5th grade photos
- Spring Flower Sale
- Miscellaneous

QUESTIONS? Email us at: DonderoPTA@gmail.com

Discussion

- The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm by PTA President, Alexis Lang.
- Quorum obtained; five out of five members of the Executive Board were present.
- March 2021 PTA Minutes were distributed for review. Minutes approved unanimously.

Principal Report- Kate Callahan

- 5th grade team has been working on a covid safe living history museum for the fifth grade Revolutionary War unit. Instead of a play, the presentations were taken outdoors. Students dressed in character and stood in front of drawings depicting the historical event they studied, while the younger grades signed up for tours.
- 1st grade just enjoyed the hatching of Mrs. Goodwin's chicks.
- Kinders have been celebrating their reading successes.
- 3rd grade has been studying bees in preparation for the imminent arrival of 10,000 bees being delivered from Atlanta over school vacation. Students have been writing to local companies requesting donations for a fence to enclose the bee hive area.
- Earth Day celebration was moved from Wednesday to Monday and Tuesday to avoid interference with the new full day school model.
- Tent has been installed in preparation for full day school. Students will eat lunch outdoors.

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Treasurer's Report- Jannice Hodges

- Calendar raffle made \$3500.
- PTA bank account is currently at \$36,669.10

5th Grade E0Y:

- During the month of May, every Wednesday the 5th graders will be off campus for a Sea to Summit field trip series in lieu of E Camp. Field trips will tie in with the science curriculum. Destinations will be kept local so parents who do not feel comfortable with the bus can drive. 26 kids are allowed per bus so two buses will be needed for each field trip. The total expense will be roughly \$6000 without bus expenses. Each of the 43 fifth graders will be asked to pay \$50 towards the event, but staff is requesting the PTA fund the remaining balance. The PTA has \$2000 budgeted for bussing that has not been used plus the money that was returned from E school last year.

Spell-a-Thon- Jannice

- Tests will be graded over the weekend.

Earth Week- Lynda Schmidt: April 19th-22nd

- K-2: event will include four activities related to the elements- Earth (sunflower garden) Water (bubbles) Air (listening walk) Fire (6 books to preview and then vote on one book to be donated to the classroom library).
- 3-5: Earth (plant trees) Air (outdoor sketching) Water (bubbles) Fire (books)
- Remote students will have options aligned with the same four elements.
- Jana to deliver apples donated by Hannafords and carrot sticks by 8:45 Monday and Tuesday for snack.
- Alice got 150 tree saplings donated from the NH Forest Nursery Program (50 hazelnuts, 50 black walnut, and 25 3 year old white pines). Stakes with caution tape will be set up to mark where the trees will be planted as well as landscape spray paint for exact tree locations. 3-5th graders will be planting the trees. Alice made a color coded map for tree placement. 20 trowels have been donated already. Photos will be taken of the students planting the saplings.

Storywalk/Garden Clean Up- Jana

- Faith and Jana went through the garden and shed to determine what is needed and how to make it functional for students. There will be two service days over April break (April 30th 10-2 and May 1 1:30-3:30) for parent volunteers to organize the shed and clean up the gardens. Hoping to get 10 volunteers each day. Sign up for service days will be going out.
- Alice and Jana met to lay out the Story Walk. Jonathan and Kristin Shiner volunteered to help install and Jana and Kate will meet with them to discuss prep work. Ideas for the first story will come from teachers and will be tied into the curriculum. A copy of the story walk story will be available for students in the library. At a later date, wood chips might be needed as well as the planting of wildflowers.

Dine out for Dondero- Jana

- April restaurant night will possibly be at Wing-itz or Luigis.

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- Dos Amigos made \$396 and their sales were up 70% from the week before. Hope to keep up the restaurant night success next year with Jess as chair. Nice to support local businesses.

Teacher Appreciation- Sarah Duddy-Vaillancourt

- April 21st, the TA committee will deliver a special breakfast treat for the teachers before school starts on the first full day back.
- Friday May 7th. the owner Cailtyn Levesque of Good Vibes food truck will host a luncheon for the teachers. This will be fully funded by anonymous donors who have requested to support teachers. Teachers will be able to use the tent to eat as the kids will have an early release. Menu to include lobster rolls, CA burgers, Veg wraps, kettle chips and blueberry lemonade. Sarah will also bake a treat for the event, as she does the baking for the truck, should the teachers like to make a request. This will also be the last day of Teacher Appreciation week. Each day that week the committee has a special surprise planned for the teachers.
- In June the committee will host a teacher luncheon with Moe's. Last day of school for students will be a half day on June 17th and the last day for teachers will be the 18th.

Spiritwear- Jannice

- April 25th orders are due for spring sale. So far there has been \$300 in student sales and \$200 in staff sales.

Yearbook- Sarah Lynch

- Reminder for Best Wishes message for fifth graders will go out.
- Jana to push yearbook sales on social media and Alexis will send another email reminder.

Spring Flower Sale- Alexis

- Sale to run through May 5th with a Friday May 14th delivery date.
- Baskets will cost \$24 each.

Misc

- Dick's donation request for basketballs is still in process. If it does not pan out, perhaps reach out to Seacoast Hoops to see if we can order basketballs wholesale through them.
- Sunset photos are due April 25th for the mural. Jana to push on social media again. Mandie Goodwin suggested the first graders could submit their sunset paintings instead of photos.
- Lisa Rappaport asked if Dondero staff or students would be interested in writing thank you cards to fire fighters for helping with vaccines. Dondero already hosted a luncheon as a thank you.
- Jannice to order jump ropes for recess. \$120 total with three jump ropes for each class.
- Decided to cancel pedometer order now that all students will have recess/outdoor time with the new schedule, Next year however, Mrs. Lisbon would like them for her fourth grade NH perimeters unit.
- Hula hoops to be brought out of PTA closet and distributed to classrooms.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

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Next meeting: Thursday May 20th, 6:30pm via Zoom.

Submitted by: Sarah Lynch, Dondero PTA Secretary