

Dondero PTA – April 2022 Meeting Minutes

Date: April 14th, 2022

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Library

Purpose: This is the 7th General PTA Meeting of the 2021-2022 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	No	sarahalibby@yahoo.com	Secretary
Kate Callahan	Yes	kcallahan@sau52.org	Principal

Agenda

- Welcome
- Approval of March 17th Minutes
- Principal's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Evening for Ecology Review
- Dine out for Dondero
- Teacher Appreciation
- AIRS
- Spell-a-thon
- Spring Celebration - June 3rd
Committee needed
- Yearbook Update
- Elections and Bylaws
- Spring Flower Sale
April 7th - May 4th; delivery on May 13th
- Miscellaneous
- Questions/Comments

Discussion

Meeting called to order by Alexis.

March minutes approved.

Principal Report- Kate Callahan

- Push for science grant for bee work and butterflies. Grant will cover a bee club for three years. Kate will reach out to Clipper Foundation with a strategic plan.
- Staff is examining the writing curriculum for grades K-5. Reading specialists Maureen Watson and Tricia Conway are working with teachers to tie in writing with reading.
- Push to tie in outdoors with academics. Grades 3-5 are continuing their science work outdoors.
- Classrooms are finding ways to celebrate the year and student successes. Kinders are engaging in more play-based activities. Staff is looking forward at what needs to be restructured.

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- Students are continuing SASS testing (state assessments). Grades 3, 4, and 5 will be testing through May. Tests are administered on the computer. Grade 3 is learning how to use chrome books.
- Staff is working hard to make garden improvements. Faith Masterson, Chery Harrington and Sarah McCain are planning to clean out garden beds, sell mint, and plant herbs and flowers. Peyton from Subaru is organizing a work day to help.

Lynda Schmidt

- Earth Day -Splitting celebration into two days
 - Tuesday 4/19 12:00-2:30 (Grades K-2) poems, air station, water station, floating station with bark, earth station with a K-2 gardening learning packet with seeds, two books per classroom
 - Thursday 4/21 12:00-2:30 (Grades 3-5) earth station with a nature art project, guided meditation and sensory station "Dondero Wonders"
- May 19th Jarrett Lerner will be visiting as a guest author

Budget: Jannice

- \$500 check for PHS alumni graduate.
- \$50 spent on graduation celebration
- E-school will cost \$8k this year
- North East Passage is coming 5/2- will use credit from 2019
- Spiritwear spring sale will be selling trucker hats, and new stuff
- Hannaford School incentive program chose to support our school.
- PTA Account Balance is \$44,675.99
- We have \$12,962.72 for the playground budget. Just made a deposit for monkey bars!

E School- Amber

- E-school fundraiser made \$11k in sponsorship. Amber used the same model for the event that she used for the playground fundraiser.
- Next year the event should be promoted and planned earlier in the year.
- Plan is to create a document outlining how to run the fundraiser for subsequent classes.
- Sold 62 tickets, 52 people showed up to the event.
- Fundraiser set up sponsor level tiers for recognition.
- PTA to send out thank you letters- \$9,900 from sponsors, \$990 raised in live auction, \$2k raised through online auction.
- 5th graders will write thank you letters to sponsors.

Dine out for Dondero-Jess Harris

- Jess is looking into the Fresh Press, Shanty and Ohana.

Teacher's Appreciation -Sarah and Kristen

- Night at the Movies- popcorn, soda, candy.
- Week long T.A. event May 9th-13th. Red's will bring tacos and churros.
- May 20th committee will provide a salad bar
- Planning Moe's for June

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AIRS- Molly

- Jarrett Lerner will be visiting during library as a guest author
- Exploration will be doing Bubbles and Slime with grades K-1- looking at next fall

Spell a thon-Jannice

- Pledge sheets are due April 15th
- Test will be administered Monday the 18th

Spring Celebration- Jess Harris

- Budget is roughly \$1k
- Looking into an obstacle course, Dunk Tank, Kona Ice, snow cone and cotton candy machine
- Considering a grade level food give (each grade donates a food item for the event)
- Looking into entertainment options such as Sage Entertainment (Wayne Moulton) or Magic Fred

Yearbook-Leslie

- Yearbook fliers sent home

Elections and Bylaws-Jannice

- All four PTA board positions are up for re-election.

Spring Flower Sale—4/7-5/4

- Delivery date May 13th

Next Two Meetings: 5/12 and 6/2.

Submitted by: Jana Goldstein, Dondero PTA Vice President and Sarah Lynch, Dondero PTA Secretary