

Dondero PTA – December 9th 2021 Meeting Minutes

Date: December 9th, 2021

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Library/Zoom

Purpose: This is the 3rd 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 October 2021 Minutes

Principal's Report

Treasurer's Report

Dine out for Dondero

Square 1 Art Recap

Fall Fest Recap

Night out for Nature Recap

- Playground next steps
- Playground Fund page
- Teacher Appreciation

Calendar Raffle

Science Day Update

AIRS

Winter Fest

Discussion

Meeting called to order at 6:40. The first order of business was to approve the minutes from October 21st. Liz Barrett makes the motion to approve, and Lyndsey Bouzakine is the second to approve.

Principal Report- Kate Callahan.

- Since we last met we have had zoom and in-person teacher conferences. SPED has been looking to see how they can offer remote opportunities to support students so that students who need services may be able to stay in the classroom more. Some silver linings from the Covid days have been keeping some online resources that can be used in and out of the classroom. Grades 3-5 have been using SASS testing. Report cards went home on Monday. UAs have been discussing what is working and what is not working. SEL has teamed up with Health (Lisa, Bri and Heidi). Lynda Schmidt has been doing work with coding instruction in the library. Adam Bastille has been offering studio. Three

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elementary Math Specialists came together from the three elementary schools to discuss and align programing. White Pine is moving along strong and just had it's 2nd expedition.

Budget: Jannice

- \$1,601.50 from Election Bake Sale
- \$200 for playground donation bucket at bake sale (Molly Wilson suggests that we don't provide costs for baked goods next time. LHS didn't label prices and customers tended to give more and say keep the change).
- Spirit wear \$ is still coming in
- \$1200-\$1300 back on Square 1Art
- We Spent \$54 on hot cocoa for Caroling event at the High School
- \$1300 profit from Fall Mums drive

Dine Out For Dondero

- Liz Barrett – Looking into an Event at the Portsmouth Brewery. Currently the option is “Pint Boxes” maybe we could use that for playground funding.
- Jana Goldstein will look into the Shanty for February or March

Fall Fest Recap

- Two places to pay online and in person was helpful
- CheddarUp prepay was great and helped us to make more money
- Need more food for next year
- Great layout for stations
- 6-8 weeks in advance to get pumpkins from Aldi/Home Dept etc – important to know for next year as this year it was difficult to secure pumpkins.
- Make sure to coordinate the calendars (this year it fell on HS Homecoming)
- Jess Harris and Leslie Scuderi will volunteer again next year. Amber Buttermore will help.

Night Out for Nature

- Great Venue
- If we do this again next year lets do the silent raffle online in order to get the bidding a bit higher.
- Raised \$4600 for playground
- Liberty Mutual donated \$5K
- *We need to fix the mound and plans are in place for that which will cost 10K

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Teacher Appreciation Committee

- ½ Day Reds Truck Sponsored by T – Mobile and they gave \$500 to TA fund as well.
- Gift for staff each day every morning next week for a “Week of Giving” Donations from TD Bank to keep the staff bathroom and staff room clean and spruced up.

Calendar Raffle Update

- Juicery, Seacoast Hoops Lab, Seacoast Science Center, Martingale Wharf, and Beach Plum GC have been donated. We need to get more donations for this event which is fast approaching. Feb 7- Feb. 25

Spirit Wear

- On track and should be picking up order on the 17th. Organize and go home on Monday. Alexis and Krystal Cole volunteered to help on the 17th

Science Day

- 3/24 was the planned date. There was some interest for the committee but not enough to run the show and coupled with the increase in Covid cases we are scaling back and maybe we will run some smaller presentations that will focus on a class by class basis. Many presenters aren't offering in-person programming due to Covid, too. Let's get a committee together for Science Day 2023 by the end of this year for next year.
- Lynda Schmidt is still planning on running the Earth Day/Literacy event and maybe we can highlight some bits of Science Day there.

AIRS-Molly Wilson

- Molly has been reaching out to contacts on the list that Sarah Lynch gave her and will have more to share out next meeting.

Book Fair

- Jan 24-28th. Monday is a look only day. Tues-Thurs buying books day. Rachael Delisle is chairing this event. Wish List tree display not on the website now, but there is an alternative.

Winter Fest

- Not official, just an idea. It would be spontaneous based on weather when there is a big snowstorm. We could do a social media post, get a bonfire permit, have hot cocoa, snowmen etc. It would need to be a weekend. Kristen Shiner volunteered to be the point person on this.

Miscellaneous

- Liz Barrett shared her concerns about School Board stuff and skate park funding.

Next Meeting is January 20th. It will potentially be a zoom meeting since it is post holidays.

Submitted by: Jana Goldstein, Dondero PTA Vice President

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