

Dondero PTA – February 2021 Meeting Minutes

Date: February 18th, 2021

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Zoom

Purpose: This is the 2nd 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	No	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 Jan. 21 Minutes
Principal's Report
Treasurer's Report
Book Fair • Feb. 8-21, virtual
Dine Out for Dondero • Feb. 24 at Dough
Teacher Appreciation
Calendar Raffle
Spell-a-thon • Co-chair needed
Earth Week - April 19-22 •
Committee volunteers needed
Yearbook • Photo link

QUESTIONS? Email us at: DonderoPTA@gmail.com

Discussion

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

Principal Report- Kate Callahan

- Grades 3-5 are settling into the 4 days a week ½ day model nicely.
- Students have completed math and reading assessments. So far the data looks better than expected.
- 4th grade recently celebrated their writing unit by sharing stories with their classmates. 1st grade also celebrated writing with a fancy publishing day. Students and teachers dressed up and students shared their writing.
- Adam and Abby are planning an art celebration for the month of March. Each Wednesday during the month there will be a special spirit day.
- Teachers are looking ahead to the third trimester. Teachers are striving to go deeper with content instead of wider.
- State assessments are coming up. Assessments need to be in person for all students. Remote students will be accommodated with private spaces such as the library.
- Staff is trying to tie curriculum into outdoor time. 3rd grade has been tapping trees and working with Claire from the Portsmouth Historical Society. The bee component will be starting soon. K-2 is getting recess on a regular basis, 4th grade is hoping to tie their Social Studies curriculum into some outdoor time mapping perimeters. PTA is

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researching buying pedometers so the students can participate in class fitness challenges encouraging outdoor time, a possible prize being an extra recess.

- 5th grade is running smoothly with each teacher teaching a subject similar to a middle school model. Fifth grade has no remote students.
- The school librarian Lynda is scheduling authors for online presentations to replace the in person visits the school has held in the past.

Treasurer's Report- Jannice Hodges

- \$400 in spirit wear was purchased last week. PTA is going to order a new sweatshirt style. Teachers have requested an older style be brought back. Column to be added to the spiritwear form allowing parents to buy spiritwear for another student.
- Square One made \$357 which was good considering the remote aspect.
- PTA spent \$333 on the Digital Native's presentation.
- Playground Fund has \$8100 in account. Waiting to hear if the city will help with the accessibility piece. Committee to be formed to plan more fundraising options.

Virtual Bookfair- Jannice

- Feb 8-21st. \$1000 sold so far. Profits made will be used to buy books for the classrooms.

Dine out for Dondero-

- Café Nostimo fell through. Dough will be our next event on Feb 24th starting at 4:00pm. Dough was excited to host another fundraiser with us. They are also encouraging people to dine in if they feel comfortable, extra precautions are in place to keep diners safe. Jess is hoping to schedule next restaurant night at Habibi.

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Teacher Appreciation- Sarah Duddy-Vaillancourt

- Last week's popcorn and hot cocoa bar went well. Next month there will be a luncheon with The Kitchn for the teachers' professional development day. Tricia or Melissa will send teachers a survey for their meal requests. Committee hopes to host another luncheon at the end of the year if budget allows.

Calendar Raffle-

- Melissa is working on gift cards. Will sell raffle tickets in March and draw tickets March 22nd-April 2nd.

Spell-a-Thon- Jannice

- Co-chair needed. Sarah Lynch, Alexis Lang, and Ashley Parsons offered to help correct papers.

Earth Week- April 19th-22nd

- Hoping to celebrate earth week with outdoor time tied into the curriculum. Committee volunteers needed. Jana, Amber, Alice, and Ashley offered to be on the committee. Teachers are also planning internally for the week. Possible ideas being another walk to school day.

Yearbook- Sarah Lynch

- Working on getting photos from teachers and parents for the yearbook.

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- Need to make sure there are plenty of photos of remote kids.

Misc

- Thrive in a Digital World zoom was recorded and is available to watch for the next 30 days.
- Citywide meeting regarding a request to move the playground stage is upcoming. All proper permits were obtained but it would still be nice to have Dondero and neighborhood support on the zoom. Jana will post a reminder on social media.
- Ashley Parsons requested we look into doing something special for Field Day this year. Perhaps a month-long extension program. Kate suggested mapping out the field with chalk for socially distanced events.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday March 18th, 6:30pm via Zoom.

Submitted by: Sarah Lynch, Dondero PTA Secretary