

Dondero PTA – January 2021 Meeting Minutes

Date: January 21st, 2021

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Zoom

Purpose: This is the 4th 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 Nov. 19th Minutes
- Principal's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Dine Out for Dondero
 - Wing-Itz total
- Book Fair- Feb. 8-21, virtual
- Playground Updates
 - Basketball hoops
- Teacher Appreciation
- Spring Events
 - March –Calendar Raffle
 - April - Spell-a-thon
- Yearbook
- Miscellaneous

QUESTIONS? Email us at: DonderoPTA@gmail.com

Discussion

- The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm by PTA President, Alexis Lang.
- Quorum obtained; five out of five members of the Executive Board were present.
- Nov 2020 PTA Minutes were distributed for review. Minutes approved unanimously.

Principal Report- Kate Callahan

- Covid update- Dondero still caseless.
- Grades 3-5 will be brought back to school Feb 1st for the ½ day model. Kate has spent last month coordinating the logistics to bring them back. The 3-5th grade schedule will concentrate on ELA and Math as well as 2 UAs a week.
- Midyear assessments are underway. These assessments help teachers determine who needs what.
- Mandie King has been leading an equity push amongst the staff.
- Plan for next year is still unknown. Central office should announce a plan by spring.

Treasurer's Report- Jannice Hodges

- Restaurant Nights have made \$1500 so far which is great. Winter fundraiser made \$688.
- Staff appreciation has raised \$939 in addition to the \$1000 budgeted for the year. \$1400 has been spent.
- Facebook donations of \$195 have been received.

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- E school returned \$6600 from last year. NE Passage may be able to do a program outdoors this spring, if not we will request a refund.
- Bank account has \$34k.

Dine out for Dondero- Jess Harris

- Café Nostimo will be the next event on a Thursday in February. Date TBD. 15% of all take out orders will be donated to the PTA. Our last restaurant night at Wing-itz was a big success. They decided to donate a percentage of all food sales instead of just wings due to the large turn out.

Virtual Bookfair- Jannice

- Feb 8-21. Two week virtual book fair. Any books sold will raise money for the school book account. Teachers will have wish lists for classrooms if parents would like to donate books. No need for e-wallets this year since everything will be ordered online. Books can be delivered to the school or directly to the home. Jana Goldstein volunteered to chair the bookfair next year.

Playground-

- Kate met with the city to request assistance with the \$25k needed for accessibility. Waiting to hear back.
- Liberty Mutual donated \$5k to playground and the photoshoot raised \$1K for the fund.
- Elwyn Park Neighborhood Committee is meeting to discuss the location of the Dondero stage. School received all necessary permissions so doubtful anything will change.
- Mural is scheduled for the spring with local artist. A doodle walk may be tied into the project.

Teacher Appreciation- Sarah Duddy-Vaillancourt

- A Tea and Crumpets event is planned for next week.
- February will be a hot cocoa and popcorn bar and in March the committee will host a luncheon.

Spring Events-

- March Calendar Raffle- will see if Melissa will run it again.
- April Spell-a-thon will be run by Jannice. Each grade has a list of site words they are tested on. Family and friends can pledge a donation for every word spelled correctly. This is a huge fundraiser for Dondero and typically raises over \$2k. Will need to figure out way to include remote 2nd graders. Kate will reach out to LHS teachers.

Yearbook- Sarah Lynch

- Working on getting photos from teachers and parents for the yearbook.
- Need to get portraits from LHS for 2nd grade remote students. Kate to send over list of remote students for yearbook spread.

Misc

- How to Help Kids Thrive in a Digital World is coming up on Feb 10th at 7pm via zoom.
- Forest Kids is a new program being offered on Fridays at Urban Forestry now that all students are on the half day M-TH schedule.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

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

Submitted by: Sarah Lynch, Dondero PTA Secretary