

Dondero PTA – January 20th 2022 Meeting Minutes

Date: January 20th, 2021

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Zoom

Purpose: This is the 4th 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 December 2021 Minutes

Principal's Report

Treasurer's Report

Scholastic Book Fair - Jan 24-28 • Volunteers needed

Calendar Raffle Parking Spot Raffle Round 2

Dine out for Dondero

Teacher Appreciation - Tea Party 1/24 • Donations requested

AIRS

Playground Fundraising Page

Miscellaneous • Spirit Day - Friday, January 21st • Popcorn machine cleaners still needed

Email us at donderopta@gmail.com

Discussion

Meeting called to order at 6:30.

December Meeting Minutes approved.

Principal Report- Kate Callahan

- Busy return to school after winter break. Covid protocols put back into place. Kids are excited to be back together.
- Mid-year reading assessments and small group instruction underway. Grades 3-5 have begun math practice modules for their state math assessments.
- K-2 are using real life conversations for math work.
- Outdoor Science Curriculum
 - Joe from SeaBee Honey has been in to work with the students.
 - Between White Pines and Alice, kids are going out every week.

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- The Unified Arts team has been working collaboratively to create a program for the students not taking band.
- February- Teachers are focusing on diving deeper into writing. Lucy Culkins, a long term sub, and Maureen Watson have been working together to reassess the writing units.

Budget: Jannice

- \$3,000 Popcorn profit so far
- Leftover spirit wear inventory is for sale
- \$1300 in Square One Art profit (home deliveries came in late this year-Jannice will inquire about ensuring guaranteed delivery before the holiday next year)
- Wreaths & Poinsettias made \$600
- Amazon Smile has made \$300
- Parking Spot Raffle made \$475 (this money will go towards 5th grade)
- PTA spent \$296.67 on pedometers
- PTA checking account balance is \$39,000
- Playground fund has \$15,000
- NE Passage in coming in May for grades K-5- credit from 2 years ago will be used.

Book Fair- Jannice

- Starts next week. Monday will be browsing only. Tu-Friday each class will have a ½ hour shopping window. Books are set up by grade. Parents can create e wallet for students to avoid sending in cash. Parents can preview books online or purchase books for classrooms.
- Online Book Fair will be open a few days before and after the in school sale.
- Book Fair will also be open Thursday from 2:30-5:30 for parents to shop in person. Volunteers needed to man the book fair from 4:00-5:30 that night.

Calendar Raffle - Leslie and Rebecca

- 3 weeks of daily raffle. Winning tickets are returned into the pool for the chance of winning a second time. The class that sells the most tickets will win a pizza or ice cream party.
- Leslie and Rebecca have done a great job sourcing prizes.

Parking Spot Raffle Round 2

- 2nd parking spot raffle sale will start in February via Cheddar Up. Each ticket costs \$25. Winner will have the parking spot for the rest of the year.

Dine out for Dondero-Jess Harris

- Nothing schedule for February.
- Chipotle is tentatively scheduled for March.

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Teacher's Appreciation -Sarah and Kristen

- PTA received cards from the teachers thanking the TA committee
- Committee is planning a tea party for 1/24. Heather has been planning the details. Jess Harris is lending tea sets.
- In February, Kristen is planning a valentine day themed event with candles, cookies, and flowers for the half day.
- TA week is coming up- committee is planning a different event for each day- they are open to ideas.
- Heather has continued sprucing up the staff bathrooms.

AIRS-Molly

- Molly reached out to Greg who organizes the Hampton Sand Castle event. Hoping to organize a snow castle event at Dondero.
- Curious Creatures is still doing in person events.
- Lynda is organizing author visits with G. Willikers.

Miscellaneous

- Playground Fundraising page is live and has been shared. \$75 raised so far. Need to promote this link on social media and pta.org
- Spirit Day 1/21
- Popcorn Cleaners Needed
- Seacoast Art Spot - new fundraiser being planned for the early release day on 2/9. Program will be for grades K-5 with 20 spots available. Cost will be \$25 per child- \$10 from every ticket will go to the PTA. PTA to promote event in the newsletter and on social media.
- Student Leadership has established spirit days for the rest of year as well as opportunities for the school to give back to our community. They present all ideas to Kate. Also planning activities for Mary C Dondero's birthday- history and cupcakes. Mary Carey Foley might join.
- Library Youth Services has gone online again.
- Seacoast Lacrosse is looking for K-2 players. Email Meg Berling if interested @seacoast lacrosse.
- Todd Henley from the recreation department, also a Dondero parent, spoke about the new program guide coming out in February with more forest programs as well as the expansion into community campus.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:23

Next Meeting is February 17th on zoom.

Submitted by: Sarah Lynch, Dondero Secretary