

Dondero PTA January 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/14/2016

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Dondero Library

Purpose: This is the 5th General PTA Meeting of the 2015-16 school year.

Executive Board Attendees/Invitees

Name	Present	Contact	Capacity
Shannon Harrison	Yes	shandobie@comcast.net	President, Meeting Host
Beth Krupp	Yes	doyleemd@comcast.net	Vice President
Melissa Vetter	No	mvetter79@gmail.com	Treasurer
Michele Aronne	Yes	micheleg229@comcast.net	Secretary
Kate Callahan	Yes	kcallahan@portsmouth.k12.nh.us	Principal

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Thank You
3. Approval of December 2015 Meeting Minutes
4. Principal Report – Kate Callahan
5. Budget Review/Remarks – Shannon for Melissa Vetter
6. Ongoing Activities
 - a. Yearbook - Nikki
 - b. Teacher Appreciation - Shannon
 - c. Artist in Residence
 - i. Shawn Middleton in 1st Grade
 - ii. Puppet Lady in K in January
 - iii. Curious Creatures 2nd grade – February
 - d. Box Tops
 - e. Popcorn
7. Upcoming Activities
 - a. Airzone and PeachWave – 1/22
 - b. Movie Night (Sarah) – 2/5
 - c. Bake Sale – 2/9
 - d. Margarita's – 2/10
 - e. Bowling – Monica 3/17
 - f. Wizards – Kyle & Dave - 4/1
8. Things to chat about
 - a. Fun night out?
 - b. Heart collage for entire school
9. Next PTA meeting – February 11th

Discussion

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm by PTA President, Shannon Harrison
2. Quorum obtained; four out of five members of the Executive Board were present.
3. December 2015 PTA Minutes were distributed for review. A motion was made by Beth Krupp to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Nikki Savramis and unanimously approved.
4. Principal's Report: Kate says there has been a smooth transition after Christmas break – teachers are involved in writing workshops – standardized testing is in April & May – started doing a school morning meeting on Fridays – student leadership is doing a once a month spirit day – the March 18th teacher workshop day will be a focus on science.

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5. **Treasurer's Report:** New accounting system is still going well – new bank paperwork is done and we just received the checks – still need to work on transferring money from TD Bank to Newburyport Savings Bank – still need to switch all automatic deposits to Newburyport – hoping to get a bank representative to come to the February PTA meeting to discuss their PTA program – with every new checking account opened Newburyport Bank will donate \$100 to PTA of their choice – accountant has decided not to continue working on our account because of the state of the financial records – Melissa will be looking for a new accountant ASAP

6. **Ongoing Activities**

- a) Yearbook – Nikki – everything is on target thus far, Nikki has all the photos of the kids and the staff, Kate will proof it all
- b) Teacher Appreciation – Shannon – there is a teacher workshop scheduled for March 18th where we will possibly do a teacher luncheon – would like to have a popcorn bar for Valentine's Day (Feb. 12th) for the teachers – all the kids in the school are going to decorate a heart and then Shannon will put them together as a school project
- c) Artist in Residence
 - i. Puppet Lady is coming for grades K&1 on January 21st
 - ii. Curious Creatures 2nd grade – February
 - iii. Shannon is still looking for something for the 5th graders
 - iv. Junk to Funk is available in May for 3 days for the 3rd & 4th grades
- d) Box Tops – we received a check for \$840.30 and we're still collecting more!

7. **Upcoming Activities:**

- a) Airzone and PeachWave – 1/22 – forms have been sent out, ready to go
- b) Movie Night (Sarah) – 2/5 – Sarah is toying with different movie options - student leadership is going to make a pre-movie rules and suggestions video like at the real movie theaters - regarding food she's thinking hotdogs and pasta and get as many donations as possible – for the raffle she's going to have a parent item too – not sure yet what the prize will be
- c) Bake Sale – will be held on Feb. 9th on Election Day – Shannon & Michele to organize it together – will put together a volunteer spot to have as much donated as possible
- d) Margarita's – 2/10 – Lisa set it up but Shannon will double-check with the restaurant
- e) Bowling – 3/17 – Monica is running with it – she needs to find out if we can any percentage of concessions
- f) Wizards Night – Kyle Harrison and Dave Sokolnicki are running it – they have been attending all the meetings – the team is going to be called the Strawberry Banke Shots – we need to sell 2000 tickets for seat – trying to get lots of teachers and admin from all schools in Portsmouth
- g) Dondero Idols – to be held on May 25th

8. **Things to chat about**

- a) Fun night out? – Anne to look at some venues where we could possibly host something in the fall

9. **Meeting Adjourned at 7:50PM.**

– Next PTA Meeting scheduled for February 11th

Submitted by: Michele Aronne, Dondero PTA Secretary