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| **Date:** 03/09/2017 | **Time:** 6:30 pm | **Location**: Dondero Library |

**Purpose:** This is the 6th General PTA Meeting of the 2016-17 school year.

**Executive Board Attendees/Invitees**

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

**Agenda**

1. Welcome, Introductions and Thank You
2. Approval of Feb. 2017 Meeting Minutes
3. Visitor - Pure Barre Presentation
4. Treasurer’s Update – Melissa
   1. Deposits & Expenses
   2. Updates & Reminders
5. Updates Since Last Meeting
   1. Drums Alive
   2. Artists in Residence - AIR
   3. Movie Night
6. What’s Coming Up
   1. Yearbook
   2. Parent Movie
   3. Science Day (3/31)
   4. Wizards (4/2)
   5. Spell-A-Thon
   6. Spelling Bee
   7. Garden Clean Up
   8. Playground Committee
7. Other ideas/comments
8. Next PTA meeting – April 13th at 6:30 pm

**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. Feb 2017 PTA Minutes were distributed for review. Melissa Vetter & Nikki approved the minutes, all agreed, no one opposed.
4. **Drums Alive** – big thanks! Kids have been out of breath during the activities. They have been drumming and getting out of their comfort zone. It’s been “Amazing!”
5. ***Pure Barre Presentation –*** new local business located in McKinnon’s Plaza. Great for women, low impact, 55 minutes. 25 people are limited per class. Soft launch planned for April. Distributed promo of $99 for unlimited 5 week pass. Socks required. Will continue working with Michele on potential promotions to benefit Dondero!
6. ***Treasurer’s Report***:

* **Deposits** – Movie Night, $315 before expenses. Spirit Wear in close to $1k so far before expense.
* **Expenses** – $425 annual movie license fee. $50 Bowl-A-Rama. Science Day expenses will be coming in soon. ~$100 for 2 credit card chip reader.

1. ***Update on Activities***
   * ***AIR (Artists in Residence)***
     + 5th did inspirational boards, kids liked it, lots of organization was needed.
     + *3rd – embroidery planned for next week, each classroom will be involved.*
     + *3/4th – Junk to Funk in June. Still looking for ideas for a second 4th grade event.*
     + *4th – Shannon is helping 4th grade with NH State string activity*
   * ***Yearbook –*** people have been uploading to the site. Nikki will evaluate variety of candids to see what types of additional types are needed. Interviewed 2 companies for individual yearbook photos/school pictures. 1) Lifetouch and 2) company out of Seabrook. Both are based in NH. In the end, we’re going with a new school photo vendor for next year.
   * ***Movie Night –*** Sarah shared the group attending “Trolls” was so calm & attentive. Agreed to reschedule from April 7th to April 14th. Named a new “Concessions Team” -> Michele & Melissa. Sarah drove to Lawrence to pick up popcorn & can get them delivered in the future – awesome to get them delivered going forward & better quality kernels! Consider next year asking for extra $ in advance to cover popcorn bags along with pre-paid popcorn. Also consider 1-1 lesson for cleaning machine. This could be conducted by the PTA liaison in the spring with a personalized reach out to prepare for the fall.
2. ***What’s Coming Up?***
   * ***Parent Movie – “***Screenagers”, see Wednesday Weekly for more details.. All PTA’s have contributed $50 to bring it to the local community.
   * **Science Day** – Michele & Melissa responsible for student placements. Kids selected their choices and will be placed accordingly. Need volunteers (greeters, food help, etc). Volunteer Spot will be sent out and will define specific tasks and time periods. Kids will have option to order a school lunch (hot dog) or bring a bagged lunch for eating in their classroom. Huge event with lots of planning involved!
   * **Harlem Wizards** – April 2nd. Nikki will share a Volunteer Spot link & volunteers from the 3 elementary schools will have ability to sign up. Proceeds are shared across the 3 schools.
   * **Spell-A-Thon** – Shannon shared a date will be selected soon. Targeted for K-5. Fundraiser.
   * **Spelling Bee** – targeted for the older kids. Will pick a date soon.
   * **Garden Clean Up** – committee is taking it over. Cheryl Harrington and Garden Kate. Looking for volunteers to help. Committee include about 5-6 people. One day event, each grade will have a bed.
   * **Playground Committee** - $20K capital fund to begin. Shannon & Nikki are brainstorming a logo. We’re anxious for a plan. Looking at UNH playground & others for ideas. Need to look at insurance options. To remove & replace aging parts is estimated at $43K (remove sliders & dinosaur, all decking needs to be replaced, etc.). Consider Pennies for Playground fund.
   * **Multi-Cultural Night** – April 6th. Cancelled.
3. **Other Ideas:** 
   * Alice interested in promoting the outdoor classroom. Maybe a committee would be a good idea – include some photos.
4. ***Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM.***

– Next PTA Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 13th @ 6:30 pm

Submitted by: Brooke Sokolnicki, Dondero PTA Secretary