

Dondero PTA – March 2022 Meeting Minutes

Date: March 17th, 2022

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Library

Purpose: This is the 6th General PTA Meeting of the 2021-2022 school year.

Executive Board Attendees/Invitees

Name	Present	Contact	Capacity
Alexis Lang	No	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 February 17th Minutes

Principal's Report

Treasurer's Report

 Parking Spot Raffle

Adam Bastille- Grant Project

Evening out for Ecology- April 9th

Dine out for Dondero

Teacher Appreciation

AIRS

Spell-a-thon

Spring Celebration- June 3rd

 Committee needed

Yearbook Update

Elections and Bylaws

Spring Flower Sale

 April 11th-May 4th; delivery on May 13th

Miscellaneous

Questions/Comments

Discussion

Meeting called to order at 6:45.

February Meeting Minutes approved.

Adam Bastille- Dondero Nature Art Studio

- Clipper Foundation rewarded \$4k for an outdoor art studio. This space will be located where the old PEP playground was. The space will be used for processed based art making using natural materials and traditional mediums which will be stored in a locked shed. The space will be open to the community after school and on the weekends but the shed will be locked after school hours.
- Wood, chalk, and plexi glass panels will be installed along the fence for art making. There will be a giant paint pendulum suspended from the trees. Nature looms will be installed along with bins for collecting nature

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materials. Perennial flowers will be planted along both sides of the fence for observation drawing and ascetics. Benches will be installed for discussion. Will need easels, paint and picnic tables.

- This spring Adam hopes to have the following work completed:
 - Ground to be leveled, especially where the shed will be placed. Kate to look into ADA compliance requirements.
 - Benches to be made by parent volunteers.
 - Plantings-Adam will reach out to Sarah McCain regarding the perennials. Jannice suggested Wentworth Gardens may help considering we do three fundraisers a year with their nursery.
 - Sand to be spread and the shed installed.
- This fall Adam hopes to install the paint panels.
- Eventually the city will need to be approached for an outdoor water source for a mop sink. Adam will apply for phase 2 of the grant which might cover this component.
- Adam is also planning to host a Paint Night Party for 50 parents and students. 45 minutes for grades K-2 and 1 hr for grades 3-5. Proceeds to help fund the outdoor studio.

Principal Report- Kate Callahan

- Mask transition has gone smoothly, overall noise level and energy has dropped now that students can see each other.
- Teachers are engaging in professional learning community at date.
- Mary C Dondero Day was a hit.
- Teachers are planning end of school year fields trips. 4th grade had their government field trip to Concord. Third grade went to the Stone Zoo.

AIRS- Kate

- The ice carver was cancelled due to weather. If used next year, we should schedule the carving around an out of school community event.
- Leslie recommended Exploration out of Nasua for a stem event. They plan on coming in May while the 5th graders are at Ecology School. The program will cost \$600 for three days and the students will make bubbles and slime.

Budget: Jannice

- Calendar raffle made \$6200 this year and set a new record. The 3 week raffle instead of 2 weeks is definitely best. Leslie and Rebecca did a great job gathering prizes.
- Popcorn has made \$3000 in profit.
- Bookfair made \$2700 in profit.
- A deposit of \$815 was made to the Elks Club for the Ecology fundraiser.
- Amazon Smiles has made \$554 so far.

E School

- E school will cost \$7000. The district donates \$3300 each year and each family pays \$85 per student. The rest of the cost is raised by the PTA. Currently Amber is looking for sponsors and auction items for the Evening Out for Ecology event. Kate is looking to relocate the event from the Elks club to the Atlantic Grill to reduce costs and drum up more interest.

Dine out for Dondero-Jess Harris

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- 110 Grille is tentatively scheduled for April 1st -still waiting on approval.
- Jess to reach out to Cornerstone and Fresh Press.

Teacher's Appreciation -Sarah and Kristen

- Last month was a milk and cookie grab and go.
- This month there will be a yogurt bar and a popcorn bar is scheduled for April.
- In May there will be a week long event for Teacher Appreciation week with a salad bar on the 20th.
- Moe's for the last day of school.

Spell a thon-Jannice and Morgan to chair

Spring Celebration- June 3rd

- Committee needed
- Ask DJ Scooch to dj
- Look into spartan obstacle courses

Yearbook-Leslie

- Decided against custom pages. Names will be printed on the back this year.

Elections and Bylaws-Jannice

- All four PTA board positions are up for grabs.
- Bylaws due April 28th. Paid PTA members will vote on them via email.

Spring Flower Sale-April 11th-May 4th

- Delivery date May 13th
- \$24 per hanging basket

Miscellaneous

- Earth Day is scheduled for Tuesday April 20th and Thursday April 22nd. Lynda has requested to use PTA funds to purchase books for each classroom.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45.

Next Meeting: April 14th, 2022 **Please note this date has changed from what was previously published. May 12th will be the following meeting which was also rescheduled.*

Submitted by: Sarah Lynch, Dondero Secretary