

# Dondero PTA – May 20th 2021 Meeting Minutes

**Date:** May 20th, 2021

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Location:** Zoom

**Purpose:** This is the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 April 15 Minutes
- Principal's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- 2021-2022 Budget
- Dine Out for Dondero
  - May 25<sup>th</sup> at Wing Itz
- Teacher Appreciation
  
- Thinking ahead to next year
  - Board Positions
  - Committees
    - Fall Event
    - Science Week
    - Scholastic Book Fair
    - Calendar Raffle
    - Spirit Wear
    - Teacher Appreciation
- June PTA Meeting
- Miscellaneous

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## Discussion

- The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm by PTA President, Alexis Lang.
- Quorum obtained; five out of five members of the Executive Board were present.
- April 2021 PTA Minutes were distributed for review. Minutes approved unanimously.

## Principal Report- Kate Callahan

- Earth Day was a huge success, celebration incorporated outdoor time and literacy. Earth Day led into PTA Storywalk install and garden clean up.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade is busy with the Sea to Summit series. Each Wednesday the entire grade is off campus for a science-based field trip. Destinations have included Urban Forestry, Center for Wildlife, Mount A, and the UNH Docents. The staff organizes a scavenger hunt every week to reveal the surprise location of the next field trip.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade has been spending two hours every Monday in the woods led by Alice Carey and Sarah Brown. Half of the class stays in the Dondero woods while the other half visits Urban Forestry.

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- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade continues to study bees and bring science outdoors.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade is busy working on their persuasive writing unit.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade is focusing on math and conceptualizing concepts through math games outdoors (work of Kathy Ricci)
- K transition has been challenging combining the two cohorts, teachers are focusing on SEL work (social emotional learning)
- Kindergarten registration is open. Screenings will happen later this summer. Jana to post registration information for parents from Karen on social media.

## **Treasurer's Report-** Jannice Hodges

- Spell-a-thon made \$4700
- Spirit wear gear just arrived and will be distributed next week.
- Facebook donations- recently a Dondero parent asked birthday party guests to make a gift to the Dondero PTA in lieu of gifts. Party made \$145 for PTA. Fun way to fundraise and support our kids. Facebook doesn't charge any fees.
- A \$2500 loss was budgeted this year yet the bank account is \$10,000 in the black.
- Spring plant sale made \$510.

## **Proposed 2021-2022 Budget**

- Jannice reformatted the budget document to be more user friendly.
- Calendar raffle will be extended from two weeks to three.
- Field Day budget was increased
- Science Day will be held next year. Huge, school-wide event with science-based presentations. Programs include making robots, chocolate asphalt making with the Shipyard, ASPCA animals, and more. Students pick their top activities. \$3500 budgeted for the event. Will need a large committee to plan.
- Added extra restaurant nights after this year's success.
- Net loss of \$9900 predicted for next year.
- Budget will be available in pdf form and will be voted on at the next PTA meeting.

## **Dine out for Dondero-** Jess

- Next event will be May 25<sup>th</sup> at Wing-Itz.
- Juicery didn't respond last month but hoping to connect with them for a June event.
- Moving forward, hoping to schedule the entire year of restaurant nights in September.

## **Teacher Appreciation-** Sarah V

- Red's Food Truck staff luncheon was a huge success. Hoping to do it again next year. Zero cost to Red's thanks to donors.
- TA committee will host a luncheon with Moe's for teacher's last day of school.
- Hoping to decorate building for 1<sup>st</sup> day of school next fall.
- Committee is looking for more volunteers, Kristen Shiner volunteered to help.

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## Board Positions

- Board positions are two-year positions. Jana and Alexis have another year in their positions. The position of secretary and treasurer are up for change. Sarah and Jannice have volunteered to stay unless there is interest elsewhere. PTA will vote on board members at the next meeting.

## Committees-

- Yearbook, Fall Event, Science Day, Scholastic Book Fair, Calendar Raffle, Spirit Wear, Restaurant Nights, Teacher Appreciation, AIRS
- Information regarding committees will be shared this spring and then sign ups will be created come fall to organize volunteers.
- Possibly add a playground/garden maintenance committee. This could tie in with work Adam is doing on the grounds. He's hoping to clean up the front garden area and incorporate art into the landscape. He is also working on a grant to turn the old preschool play area into an outdoor art space.

## Misc

- PTA meetings will be held in person next year with the option to zoom in.
- Volunteers will be needed to print labels and distribute yearbooks.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday June 10<sup>h</sup>, 6:30pm via Zoom.

Submitted by: Sarah Lynch, Dondero PTA Secretary