

Dondero PTA November 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/13/2014

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Dondero Library

Purpose: This is the 3rd General PTA Meeting of the 2014-15 school year.

Executive Board Attendees/Invitees

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

Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Monica Walker & Shauna Macy
 - Foundations & Words Their Way
- Approval of October 2014 Meeting Minutes
- Principal's Update
- Treasurer's Report
- Activities Update – Completed
 - PTA Website – donderopta.org
 - Student Directory
 - Spirit Wear
 - Ninety Nine Restaurant Night
 - Bonfire & Chili Cookoff
 - Teacher Appreciation: Salad Bar
- Activities Update – Active
 - AIRS – One school-wide collaborative art instillation or Multiple programs across all grades
 - Calendar Raffle
 - Bingo Night (Nov. 14th)
 - Movie Night (December 12th)
 - Future Planning – Science Day
- Other
 - Amazon Smile
- Next PTA Meeting - November 13, 2014

Discussion

- The meeting was called to order by PTA President, Beth Krupp @ 6:35PM
Quorum obtained; five out of five members of the Executive Board were present.
- Monica Walker and Shauna Macy explained Foundations and what it is about. They discussed what K, 1 and 2 do each year. Words Their Way is for grades 3-5. They discussed sorting words, spelling, and how they assess kids so they are put in groups together with kids of the same level.
- October 2014 PTA Minutes were distributed for review. A motion was made by Tanja Gravelle to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Renee McNaughton and unanimously approved.
- Principal Update
 - Word Study is under way – they are reassessing students in literacy
 - Teachers are setting writing goals for the kids
 - There is a team of teachers looking at the science curriculum
 - Girls on the Run – running a 5K race in Concord – they are collecting items for the SPCA
 - PEP Program – 82 kids are enrolled
 - Socktober was a huge success – 90 pairs of socks were donated to Cross Roads
- Treasurers Report
 - Checking Account Balance is \$27,880.18
 - Last 30 day deposits \$6505.36 (Bonfire, FHT, Popcorn, Spirit Wear)
 - Last 30 day expenses \$1666.70 (Directory, Popcorn Supplies, Spirit Wear, Movie Night Expenses, PTA Sitters)

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6. Activities Update - Completed
 - a) PTA Website – www.donderopta.org – new website is up and running
 - b) Student Directory – directories went home – it was voted that we would give Nicky her money back that she paid out of pocket to print the directories
 - c) Spirit Wear – all items were sent home
 - d) 99 Restaurant Night – Raffle took in \$180 – not sure of final dollar amount of proceeds but it was around \$250 at 9:00pm that evening
 - e) Bonfire & Chili Cookoff – Brought in \$438 total – discussed what worked and what needs tweaking for next year for chili cookoff – people seemed to enjoy it
 - f) Teacher Appreciation Salad Bar – it was an easy idea that seemed to work out well – there were no costs associated to it because everything was donated.
7. Activities Update – Active
 - a) AIRS – Discussion about whether to do one school-wide collaborate project of multiple programs across grades. For the school-wide project the cost was \$10,000. Last year we did numerous programs for far less. It was voted that we would stick to the multiple programs option as it was much more cost-effective.
 - b) Calendar Raffle – sold about 50 so far – great deal
 - c) Bingo Night – all set and ready to go for Nov. 14th
 - d) Movie Night – Sarah gave everyone a list of movies to vote on – It was voted that the movie would be The Grinch
 - e) Science Day – One day event – morning and afternoon – need to form a committee to discuss many different options
 - f) Amazon Smile – basically a way for the Dondero PTA to make money where Amazon donates a portion of sales to the school – Kate will set us up and bring back all the information
8. Next PTA Meeting is scheduled for December 11th
9. Meeting Adjourned at 7:50PM

Submitted by: Michele Aronne, PTA Secretary