

# Dondero PTA November 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 11/13/2014

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Location:** Dondero Library

**Purpose:** This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 14<sup>th</sup>)
  - Movie Night (December 12<sup>th</sup>)
  - 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](http://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. 14<sup>th</sup>
  - 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