

# Dondero PTA – November 2020 Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Location:** Zoom

**Purpose:** This is the 3rd 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 October 2020 Minutes
- Principal's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Misc Updates
  - Spirit wear
  - Popcorn
  - Movie Night
- Misc Reminders
  - Square One Art- online ordering extended to 11/20
  - Winter Fundraising-orders due 11/20
- Winter Concert- Abby Keller
- Health Updates- Sarah Gagne
- Teacher Appreciation
  - Staff lounge and restrooms sprucing up
  - Nov/Dec events
- Dine out for Dondero
  - The Shanty- 11/17
  - Wing-Itz- 12/14
- Playground Updates

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## Discussion

- The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by PTA President, Alexis Lang.
- Quorum obtained; five out of five members of the Executive Board were present.
- Oct 2020 PTA Minutes were distributed for review. Minutes approved unanimously.

## Principal Report- Kate Callahan

- Parent teacher conferences went well. Moving forward school may consider switching to remote conferences to allow for both parents to attend.
- Academic Update- math teams are working on a more hands on, conceptual math curriculum. This approach has shown success with students once they reach higher grades. Reading specialists are working on reading with students and teachers to create a balanced literacy approach. Unified Arts teachers are working in partnership

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with classroom teachers to integrate unified arts into the curriculum as well as sending packets home for remote learning.

## Health Update-Sarah Gagne

- Goal is to stay open as long as possible.
- Daily Health Screenings- extremely important. Students cannot enter the building until screened and with the weather getting colder it is important screenings are done before students arrive. Forms should be submitted before 7am.
- Contact Tracing- a close contact is defined as being within 6' of someone for a cumulative amount of 15 minutes within the infectious period. The infectious period is considered to be 48 hrs before a covid positive test or before onset of symptoms. Rosters and seating charts are in place to minimize impact of quarantines.
- Asymptomatic vs Symptomatic- Most children have no symptoms or mild symptoms only. School is proving to be the safest place for children. Children are not major spreaders of the virus.
- Layers of Protection- There are layers of protection in place in case one layer fails. Masks at all times, distancing, and plexi glass dividers.
- Community Spread- Parents should minimize activity outside of school to help keep schools open.
- Travel- Portsmouth District requires 14 days of quarantine after travel (regardless of the Governor's 7 days with a covid negative test recommendation). If a household contact of a student or staff member travels and becomes symptomatic, then the student or staff member needs to quarantine for 14 days.
- Locations for Testing- Do not go to Clear Choice in Portsmouth for a rapid test. Their rapid test is not accepted by the school and it costs \$75. Convenient MD and York Hospital have the best rapid antigen tests. Rapid tests are for symptomatic cases only. PCR tests are best for asymptomatic cases and take 3-7 days.
- Communication and Transparency- e-mail Sarah anytime with any questions. [sgagne@sau52.org](mailto:sgagne@sau52.org)

## Winter Concert- Abby Keller

- No singing this year for safety. School held first ever zoomassembly for Veteran's Day with a picture slide show and a musical piece. The Portsmouth Holiday Ensemble also surprised students with an outdoor performance.
- This year the winter concert will be a Video Concert. Each class will be filmed and a "movie" will be compiled for the K-2 graders and the 3-5 graders. Parents will be receiving a shared link.
- Carols in Your Car, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> @PHS- instead of caroling in Elwyn Park this year Dondero is partnering with PHS and Prescott Park for 25 mins of Christmas Caroling in your car, drive thru movie style. Prescott Park is donating their large screen again which will play a slide show of student photos. Portsmouth Holiday Ensemble will perform. PTA volunteers will be needed to serve hot chocolate and pass out candy canes. RSVP link will be sent out. 100 spots available. Alexis will put together a sign up genius for volunteers to pass out treats and to help direct cars.

## Treasurer's Report- Jannice Hodges

- Restaurant Nights have done really well this year- \$521.40 for Vida, \$335 for Dough.
- Amazon Smile has made \$163 so far, Hannafords sent a check for 2019-2020 for \$996.
- Mums made \$900.
- Popcorn has made \$975.50 for the first trimester. Parents prepaid per trimester but PTA will give month of December free and then charge for the second half of year only.
- Spirit wear made \$2900 in profit compared to \$832 for all of last year.
- Teacher Appreciation has raised \$824 in parent donations on CheddarUp. This will be used in addition to the \$1000 budgeted by PTA. TA committee has spent \$612 so far.

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- Movie Night- Moe's was a big hit. Prescott Park donated the giant screen. PTA voted to send a \$100 thank you to Prescott Park. Next movie night we should consider moving the screen to allow for better viewing.

## **Square One Art-** Jannice Hodges

- Order deadline has been extended to 11/23. \$2029.50 has been made so far.

## **Winter Fundraiser-** Alexis Lang

- Order deadline 11/20. Will need to schedule pick up day in library or gym. Kate to check with gym teacher regarding using the gym. Would need to be finished by 2:30 for Peak. Volunteers will be needed to help unload truck.

## **Teacher Appreciation-** Melissa Vetter

- Bathroom baskets came out great. Northeast Credit Union donated Chapsticks.
- Next project will be to spruce up the teachers' lounge. Possibly purchase new chairs.
- Friday pick me up scheduled for 11/20 – mini pies prepackaged with gluten free muffins. Jana to share photo of mini pies on social media with a link to the CheddarUp teacher appreciation donation form.
- Planning appreciation week for December with buttons, pencils, cocoa, special creamers.
- Researching restaurant options for future events- possibly Panera, Green Bean, Moe's or Seacoast Soups.

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

- The Shanty on 11/17 had a great turn out. No number yet on donation.
- Dough made \$335.
- Next event planned for 12/14 at Wing-itz. 10% of all orders all day will be donated to Dondero PTA.
- Considering taking January off from restaurant night.

## **Playground-** Alice Carey

- 50% of the playground needs to be accessible which will make up a large part of phase 2. Pricing for a stone dust accessible walkway came in at \$28k. Pricing to rebuild the smaller mound and to add a ramp and railing came in at \$15-\$20k. Need to see if city can contribute-PTA cannot be solely responsible. Liberty Mutual donated \$5K towards accessibility phase.
- Annual PTA budget needs a line item for playground maintenance- weeding, mulching, etc.
- Family Portraits made \$1000 for playground.
- Fundraising ideas for playground-
  - Spiritwear outdoor line- outdoor gear items, new outdoorsy logo inspired by outdoor initiative. All proceeds go to playground,
  - Send out CheddarUp link for donations.
  - Promote next phase of playground with clear outline of what we need. Update web site with success so far.
  - Alexis to schedule a playground committee meeting to outline next steps.

## **Virtual Bookfair**

- Middle two weeks of February.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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Next meeting: Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm via Zoom.

Submitted by: Sarah Lynch, Dondero PTA Secretary