

Dondero PTA October 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/9/2014

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Dondero Library

Purpose: This is the 2nd 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	Yes	Patrick_Lyons@DELL.com	Treasurer
Michele Aronne	Yes	micheleg229@comcast.net	Secretary
Kate Callahan	Yes	kcallahan@portsmouth.k12.nh.us	Principal

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Steve Butzel, Portsmouth Public Library
3. Approval of September 2014 Meeting Minutes
4. Principal's Update
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Activities Update
 - a. Fairy House Tour
 - b. Movie Night
 - c. Student Directory
 - d. Spirit Wear
 - e. Fall Event (Oct. 24)
 - f. Teacher Appreciation
 - g. Dondero Night at the 99 Restaurant
 - h. AIRS
 - i. Cumberland Farms
7. Next PTA Meeting
November 13, 2014

Discussion

1. The meeting was called to order by PTA President, Beth Krupp
2. Quorum obtained; five out of five members of the Executive Board were present.
3. Steve Butzel from the Portsmouth Public Library spoke about all different available options for regular books, audio books and magazines online. There is quite the selection for adults, kids and teens.
4. September 2014 PTA Minutes were distributed for review. A motion was made by Melissa Vetter to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Brooke Sokolnicki and unanimously approved.
5. Principal Update
 - a) Teachers are focused on literacy and putting methods in place to help in the future
 - b) Schools are working with the Portsmouth Police Department to come up with protocols for bomb threats. There will be a practice lock down in November
 - c) For Halloween the children will be decorating pumpkins in the classrooms
 - d) Planning to have a contest for the Seacoast Food Pantry - TBD
6. Treasurers Report
 - a) Movie Night brought in \$494.14
 - b) Seacoast Rotary Club is planning a pancake breakfast – perhaps in December
 - c) Pat would like to have a process for depositing money into the PTA account. Beth believes she has one and will get it out to everyone
7. Activities Update
 - a) Fairy House Tour – Shannon went to the ceremony. Dondero was highlighted due to the classroom participation. Dondero was given \$3059.28 from the proceeds.
 - b) Movie Night – Great turnout – kids had fun – fruit was big hit – made \$494.14
 - c) Student Directory – We have no sponsors for printing so may just have to photocopy the directory.
 - d) Spirit Wear – In progress
 - e) Fall Event – everything is in progress – Chris Hodgson is planning the event – food truck is coming, volunteers will be handing out free apple cider and marshmallows dipped in chocolate and graham

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crackers. Chili contest planning is underway. Michele is planning this portion. Planning to send out a link in a Wednesday Weekly for people to sign up to enter the contest.

- f) Teacher Appreciation – Friday, 10/10 is a teacher workshop day – planning to give the teachers chocolates and waters. Courtney Daniels is making handmade cards for all the teachers to be given to them at the end of the year.
 - g) Dondero Night at the 99 Restaurant – Scheduled for Monday, November 3rd. The 99 will donate 15% of all food and alcohol sales to the Dondero PTA. Brooke Sokolnicki is accepting donations for baskets to be raffled off that evening. She is making two football/tailgating themed baskets – one for kids and one for adults
 - h) AIRS – art projects with the kids – they will be creating tiles to be used to form a large mosaic
 - i) Cumberland Farms – We are on track towards earning the minimum of \$1000 for the month. Our first week brought in \$254.
8. Amigos Program – This is where the 3rd graders are paired up with a high school kid to learn social skills. The PTA agreed to donate \$100 to this program to provide snacks for the kids.
9. Meeting Adjourned at 7:25PM

Submitted by: Michele Aronne, PTA Secretary