

Dondero PTA September 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Date: 09/10/2015

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Dondero Library

Purpose: This is the 1st General PTA Meeting of the 2015-16 school year.

Executive Board Attendees/Invitees

Name	Present	Contact	Capacity
Shannon Harrison	Yes	president@donderopta.org	President, Meeting Host
Beth Krupp	Yes	vp@donderopta.org	Vice President
Melissa Vetter	Yes	treasurer@donderopta.org	Treasurer
Michele Aronne	Yes	secretary@donderopta.org	Secretary
Kate Callahan	Yes	kcallahan@portsmouth.k12.nh.us	Principal

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Approval of June 2015 Meeting Minutes
3. Principal's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. PTA Goal and Activities Explanation
6. Next PTA Meeting – October 15, 2015

Discussion

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by PTA President, Shannon Harrison
2. Quorum obtained; five out of five members of the Executive Board were present.
3. June 2015 PTA Minutes were distributed for review. A motion was made by Elizabeth Craig to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Nikki Savramis and unanimously approved.
4. **Principal's Report** – The teachers are ready to go. There are lots of new families in the school this year. There is community building going on in the classrooms. Grades 1-5 are already starting to get into academic. The new assistant superintendent and superintendent have given us a great new shift and want more partnership between all three elementary school. The early release day coming up is a writing workshop for the teachers that is continued from August.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** There is approximately \$38000 in the PTA account. PTA paid out \$7000 for Chrome Books but we now have 36 of them. Amazon Gift Cards are given to all teachers at the beginning of the year which totaled \$1760. Melissa is looking into coming up with a better process for depositing money that goes into the PTA account. She is working on porting the information to a different software and getting it organized for the upcoming school year.
6. **PTA Goal and Activities Explanation:**
Shannon explained the goal of the PTA and how we have pulled back on traditional fundraising (like selling wrapping paper and popcorn) and have put more effort on outside fundraising such as pairing with businesses and doing more community events.
 - a) Yearbook - Nikki will be the coordinator of the yearbook for this year. We have a 3-year contract with memory book. There was lots of discussions around photos and fundraising.
 - b) Teacher Appreciation – Shannon explained things we do throughout the school year for the teachers. One of the things was the Amazon Gift Cards. We will also do a luncheon for the teacher's on the next Teacher Workshop Day scheduled for October 9th.
 - c) AIRS (Artists in Residence) – Shannon explained that different artists come in throughout the year the do different things with the different grades. Examples include the storyteller, Junk to Funk, Yoga, etc.
 - d) Box Tops – ongoing fundraiser throughout the year – easy way for school to make money

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- e) Popcorn – popcorn is sold every Friday for 50 cents/bag. This year we tried a prepay option. 1/3 of all students prepaid.
- f) Spirit Wear – items available for purchase that have “Dondero” on them. There is a \$25 charge to change the design but we are thinking of narrowing down the options
- g) Fairy House Tours – biggest tour in the world – last year the PTA received approximate \$3000
- h) Movie Nights – Sarah Honeyman has decided to start the movies earlier this year. She hopes this will help the chaos that starts as the evening goes on as well as make more money for dinner. It was decided to let the kids vote for the first movie scheduled for October 2nd.
- i) Schoola – this is an online consignment shop where they send you a bag to fill up – you send it back to them and the company donates a percentage of money to the school. Shannon is going to look further into this
- j) Bonfire/Chili Cookoff – Christine Hodgson & Michele Aronne to chair the event – will be similar to last year except we are going to serve hot dog meals instead of having a food truck
- k) Walk to School Day – will be held on October 7th – Melissa Vetter to help Kate organize the event
- l) Bowl-A-Rama – has offered to host a fundraiser – Monica Lord will chair this event and get details
- m) Firefly Pottery - has offered to host a fundraiser – Monica Lord will chair this event and get details
- n) Blitz – Sarah Honeyman will chair this event and get details for a future fundraiser
- o) 99 Night – tentatively scheduled for November 2nd – Brooke Sokolnicki and Michele Aronne to chair event

7. Meeting Adjourned at 8:10PM.

Submitted by: Michele Aronne, PTA Secretary