

# CONANT BOOSTERS 2019-2020

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 10 , 2019

**Welcome from President** – Elizabeth Paveza opened the meeting at 6:57pm and welcomed all in attendance.

Twelve (12) Board members were in attendance: Elizabeth Paveza, Sky Capriolo, Carol Hominac, Jenn Reiger, Jen Schols, Paula Waterman, Julie Henry, RoseAnne Caboor, Traci Garcia, Melanie Tomaso, Angie Catania, Dan Sarich

Seven (7) General members were in attendance: Jodi Cyr, Heather Sharbaugh, Pam Drone, Priti Patel, Amanda Pecuch, Kathleen Henry, Jean Ferris

**Recording Secretary** – Katie Palomo asked for a Board member motion and a second to approve the May 8 meeting minutes. Carol Hominac made the motion and Mel Tomaso seconded it.

**Principal Report** - Julie Nowak was not present and reported a very difficult start to the week. Losing a student is very confusing to the community. There is a lot of protocol with what to do. Some of which is confusing to students who want to do special things like memorials which is discouraged. This affects those who knew the student or can trigger feelings in other kids who have experienced other traumas or losses. The staff has been phenomenal. The service and funeral are coming in the next few days. One really challenging aspect are the rumors. The best message for students is that there is more to the story than what you hear. Today was better than yesterday. They are looking out for the more fragile students to meet their needs. Schaumburg High School had an unexpected loss today of a science teacher. There is a lot happening this week with the time change, full moon, Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, and testing. They are starting to look at administration changes for next year. We are losing Mr. Mocan to Hoffman High School. We are getting Mr. Benning who has 10+ years admin experience as a 10-month administrator. 1 more will be named. Mr. Catapano is moving into a teaching/instructional coach position. We will have 3 10-month administrators. This will not change anything for students or parents. To deal with Coronavirus, they have regular reminders about handwashing. In English classes, students are doing scrubs of electronics to establish cleaning habits. They are continuing to look at feedback from other companies and schools. They are looking into e-learning if necessary. In the Maintenance department, the entire shift is deep cleaning things that students touch on strict rotations. State testing is this week on Thursday for juniors. Continuing set schedules is good for grief/loss, but students can make it up if necessary. Late start on Thursday for everyone else is starting at 10:40. This test is the Illinois Science Assessment that includes all sciences and is a measurement for growth and evaluating the school. This counts for 5% of the

Every Student Succeed Act. It is a 3-part test and no one in the group is allowed to move on until everyone is done with a section. This test is not timed. April 14 and 15 is the SAT. They have made adjustments to the math sequencing to help students be completely prepared. There is a GoFundMe under Lindsey's name which is the best way to help the family. There will be a special board meeting to discuss Coronavirus.

**Activities Director Report** – Mark Langer was present and reported activities are wrapping up. Chess took 12<sup>th</sup> in state. The winter play was a couple weeks ago. The BPA students had 12 1<sup>st</sup> place finishers at state. 48 students are possibly going to nationals. Orchestras and improv shows were last week. The D211 career expo was a few weeks ago and successful. We will host it next year. Upcoming are the International Fair this Friday, Operation Snowball which is a substance prevention program, and 211 honors band concert. Cupcakes for a Cause will be April 4<sup>th</sup> but no helicopter drop. We are trying to have firetrucks for a touch a truck event. Study area furniture has been picked out but has to be approved. It sticks out from the wall, so we have to check in with the architects for fire code. There will be casual seating and iPad charging stations.

**Athletic Director Report** - John Kane was present and reported Dancing with the Cougar stars is coming up and Mr. Langer will be there dancing. It will be next Wednesday in the main gym at 7pm. Spring sports are fully going now. 870 kids signed up for spring sports. Varsity baseball and softball fields are almost completed, and we are just waiting for good weather. Underlevels will be offsite. Next year all levels will be onsite. The fields look nice and grass growth is good. It is rare for spring sports to be outside on day 1 with good weather. The first invite for boys water polo will be Saturday. After spring break, there will be 5-6 events every night. There was a signing ceremony today for 3 student athletes. Another signing ceremony will be the last week of school for anyone that is left.

**President** – Elizabeth Paveza was present and reported membership information. She met with all the presidents in the district. The price has increased to \$30. We will provide a \$5 coupon to offset the cost. We are eliminating our multicultural passes. The price increase was decided by the presidents with mostly Fremd and Palatine pushing for it. We will have different pass options and there will no longer be separate child and adult prices. The next blast spotlight will be water polo. They won their first game last night. Last month we created a nominating committee to elect the next year's executive board. Sky made a motion to approve it and Mel seconded it. We need people for next year.

**Vice President Report** – Debbie Anestopoulos was not present and Liz reported March 31<sup>st</sup> will be the meeting for the executive board nominating committee

**Treasurer Report** – Melanie Tomaso was present and reported she provided the February financials. The casino night was a big part, but the numbers are not final yet.

**Corresponding Secretary Report** – Sky Capriolo was present and reported sending a condolence card to Matt Wiley on the passing of his mother, Rita. She sent congratulations cards to Daniel and Vicky Krueger on the birth of their daughter Adaline, Jim and Katie Maley on the birth of their son Andrew, and to Scott and Lauren Cieplik on the birth of their daughter Everly.

### **Committee Reports**

**Communications** - Sky Capriolo was present and reported to send emails if you need something in the blast.

**Conant Social Fundraiser** - Traci Garcia and was here and reported rough estimates of details. We had 129 presale tickets (5 were comped based on sponsors) and 20 at the door. This was up from last year. We made about \$5815: \$670 on wine pool, \$2240 on silent auction, \$1250 in sponsors. Profits went up 30% this year (54 per person). Chandler's gave us a discount since the chocolate fountain broke and food and drinks weren't on time. We need to decide a date for next year.

**Concessions** - Dan Sarich was present and reported volleyball is starting and dates are on website to volunteer. He wants a volunteer blast sent out.

**Craft Fair** - Tracy Gebhardt was not present and Liz reported 15 booths have signed up. The date is September 26.

**Craft Fair Concessions** - Angie Catania was present with nothing to report.

**Dances** - RoseAnne Caboor were present and reported they are done for the year. They are looking for someone to shadow next year.

**Fundraisers** - Carol Hominac and Jenn Reiger were present and Jenn reported the Mattress fundraiser is coming up. Everything will be the same but there probably will not be mattress costumes. Kids should pass out flyers to get referral money. The yard signs will be out 2 weeks before. The fundraiser will be in the cafeteria and we need volunteers. Carol reported we are doing a Grads/Mothers gift card fundraiser. She will send information to Sky for the next blast.

**Grill** - John Williams and Patti Jennings were not present and Liz reported we need a new chair for next year.

**Hospitality** - Molly Bryant was not present and Liz reported the Honors Convocation will be April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership** - Paula Waterman and Jen Schols were present and reported they need new information to revamp the offerings on the website this summer. Next year will have a new magnet.

**Post Prom** - Adrienne Bolbot and Michael Clark were not present and Liz reported they need 8 volunteers for the prom fair (Prompalooza) on Thursday, April 16 from 3:30-7:30 and Friday during lunches. The ticket design contest was completed, and the ticket was chosen and is very classy. We need 16 volunteers for post prom.

**Scholarships** - Kelly O'Hara was not present and Liz reported the applications are due this Friday. We are giving out a total of \$20,000.

**Cougar Corner Spirit Store** - Julie Henry and Paula Waterman were present and reported we will offer stadium seats again. The graduate signs are here. We will have general Conant signs ready soon and will be available online. We have extra Cougar Crazies shirts and Carol suggested selling them at the Prom fair.

**Website** – Paula Waterman was present and reported everything is online. Send any updates to her. Mr. Kurfess suggested a donation button at the last meeting, and it is now on the website. We need to decide if we will absorb the credit card processing fee. We can announce the button in the next email blast.

**Extra** – Liz suggested donating \$100 to the GoFundMe for Lindsey's family. Mel will see what we donated 2 years ago to a previous student so we can do the same amount.

**Adjournment** – Elizabeth Paveza adjourned the meeting at 8:09pm

**Next Meeting** - Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00 pm in the Media Center

**Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by**

Katie Palomo

2019-20 Recording Secretary