

CONANT BOOSTERS 2019-2020

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Welcome from President – Elizabeth Paveza opened the meeting at 7:00pm and welcomed all in attendance.

Sixteen (16) Board members were in attendance: Liz Paveza, Melanie Tomaso, Katie Palomo, Sky Capriolo, Molly Bryant, Carol Hominac, Julie Henry, Dan Sarich, Tracy Gebhardt, Jen Schols, Adrienne Bolbot, Jenn Reiger, RoseAnne Caboor, Paula Waterman, John Williams, Angie Catania

Eleven (11) General members were in attendance: Jean Walters, Barb Matusiewicz, Seema Vasishth, Amanda Piecuch, David Gilbert, Debra Stanek, Jodi Cyr, Kim Davis, Jean Ferris, Maria Ruffolo, Charlotte DeVito

Recording Secretary – Elizabeth asked for a Board member motion and a second to approve the April 9th meeting minutes. Carol Hominac made the motion and Deb Anestopoulos seconded it.

Principal Report - Julie Nowak was present and reported there was an article in the Daily Herald today about our media center and new librarian. She did a book tasting to introduce new genres to students. There have been 2 late starts this year. There were two Morning Work Sessions: 1. A session talking about electronic usage and both teachers and students have reported less stress while using the “Put it away unless I say” model. 2. A session about who Global Competitive skills or soft skills are important. Businesses discuss what is important to them in employees. Open house was successful, and refreshments were great. We had about the same numbers as previous years. The first grill was successful. We have had a few unique student accomplishments this year. Krisha Jivani is a finalist in the Breakthrough Junior Challenge for a quantum levitation program. This is sponsored by the Khan Academy and requires a 3 min video for entry. There are 30 finalists and there is currently a public Twitter vote to determine the winner. Natalia Kawalec is in the finale of The Voice Kids Poland. Vasu Janjrukia is in the Illinois High School Theatre Festival All-State production of Aida. The variety show is coming up. Following up on school safety, the school is preparing for the first hard lock down drill of the year. The school works with local law enforcement to have a little twist so they kids keep learning and a video was shown. A teacher will have a long neon coat that says “Threat” and will be walking around to see how kids react to the situation. Any student can call a lockdown and they are able to make decisions on what to do to be safe based on their situation. Parents will also get to see the video. Paula Waterman suggested having a sheet put up in the

spirit store with information on what to do in an emergency such as hard lockdowns, fire drills, etc.

Activities Director Report – Mark Langer was present and reported activities are getting going. This is Suicide Awareness Month and student groups and counselors are doing activities. October 2nd is the NHS induction. October 16th is Homecoming. There will be a kickoff assembly the week before on Friday and a Homecoming assembly that Friday. The theme is The Wonderful World of Disney.

Athletic Director Report - John Kane was present and reported that September is Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month. Teams will be wearing gold and this week's football game will be a Gold Out. We are supporting Cal's Angels again this year. In the last 30 years, there have been only 3 medicines developed to try to cure pediatric cancer. Shirts will be sold Thursday and Friday in the cafeteria and at the game. All levels of golf are off to a great start at 12-0. Nikko Ganas had a hole-in-one at a tournament. Football are at 2-0 with a great first home game. Soccer has a big game tonight against Barrington. Girls Swim did a Feed My Starving Children fundraiser. Girls volleyball has had its strongest start in about 10 years. All major construction on the fields is complete. All that is left is to let grass grow and tweak a few things. The shotput and discus areas are at a collegiate level. The redo of the artificial turf will begin May 28th. The first football game next year is a home game. Our quarterback won the Twitter grid iron competition, which included Conant, Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg, Barrington.

President – Elizabeth Paveza was present and presented that she had a Booster meeting with District 211. If we have insurance needs such as transportation outside of busses, we should talk to them for assistance. This affects post prom and possibly the social. They are here to help. They can also assist with mass mailings. We just need to pay for stamps and envelopes. They can provide publicity for us by sending press releases to newspapers. Talk to Liz if you would like to do any of this. There is a grant available from Walmart for their grand reopening on October 5th. Sky Capriolo is going to fill out the application for us. Palatine High School does a 50/50 raffle to raise money and were most successful at the Homecoming football game. We must get a permit from the village for \$1 to do this. She also learned of an idea to recognize 1 student group a month in the email blasts to get more attention from parents.

Vice President Report – Debbie Anestopoulos was present and reported mini grants are now available for review. Julie Nowak went through the requests and took ones out that aren't appropriate for Booster funds and gave us the rest. We have more grants than money available. The next step is for a committee to determine who we approve and what amount we approve. This will need to take place in September as money is distributed in the beginning of October.

Treasurer Report – Melanie Tomaso was present and reported the budget proposal to be voted on. She handed out copies for review. John Williams made the motion to approve and Sky Capriolo seconded it.

Corresponding Secretary Report – Sky Capriolo was present and reported no cards were sent but she sent a thank you email to everyone who attended the first meeting.

Committee Reports

Communications - Sky Capriolo was present and reported email blasts went out for fundraisers, grill, and sign up links. She tried to do 2-3 things at a time. She can start adding in student club shout outs. Please send pictures of Booster events.

Conant Social Fundraiser - Traci Garcia and Dynette Lucas were not present and Liz Paveza reported the Social will be on Leap day.

Concessions - Dan Sarich was present and reported they have already started the season.

Craft Fair - Tracy Gebhardt was present and reported the craft fair will be September 28 from 9:00-4:00. She especially needs volunteers from 6:00-9:00 and 2:00-4:00 but will use the help anytime. She needs people helping at the door or just walking around wearing neon green shirts, so the crafters feel supported. Harper promise students can volunteer to get service hours. 80-90 students are needed in the morning if possible. Students there from 6:00-9:00 will get \$10 and students there from 2:00-4:00 will get \$7. We need people to share the event on social media and put up fliers. She asked for suggestions on how to guarantee people will not use the emergency exits. Suggestions included caution tape or poster boards in front of the doors. Huge thank you to Molly for all her help and donations she gathered.

Craft Fair Concessions - Angie Catania was present and reported she needs 10 students to help in the morning and 15 runners throughout the day.

Dances - RoseAnne Caboor were present and reported Homecoming Dance will be on October 19th and volunteers will be needed for coat check and concessions from 6:45-10:45. You can sign up online. The Winter Formal will be on February 1st.

Fundraisers - Carol Hominac and Jenn Reiger were present and reported fundraising is off and running. We estimated earning \$500 for Cougar Crazies and sold \$501. The shirts will be available next Friday and are pre-order only. The first spirit day is Camo Out on September 20. The next fundraiser is this weekend with the Savers fundrive. There will be a truck in the parking lot on Friday at 4:00 and will be open until the Varsity game starts at 7:00. The truck will be back Saturday morning until 12:00. All donations will be delivered to the Carol Stream Savers on Saturday. Volunteers will be needed to unload at about 12:30-1:00. If you shop on Amazon, please use Amazon Smiles. Holiday gift card information will be available at the next meeting.

Grill - John Williams was present and reported everyone had fun at the first grill. Paula had aprons for everyone, and menus were made. There were only a few hiccups. People made good comments about the food. We need more volunteers for future games. Patti Jennings is the new co-chair.

Hospitality - Molly Bryant was present and reported Open House was fun and successful. There were people filling their purses with candy and desserts. We went through 800 bottles of water. There was only a little bit of product left over. She suggested putting signs up around the school saying what Boosters does during future open houses. NHS induction is October 2.

Membership - Paula Waterman and Jen Schols were present and reported we currently have 555 paid memberships including 147 staff. Memberships and extra passes total \$18,552 so far. There was an issue at the district level for online purchases. The district took money but didn't itemize what was purchased. We plan to do a new magnet every year.

Volunteers – Jen Schols was present and reported they get volunteer interest from the membership purchase papers.

Post Prom - Adrienne Bolbot was present and reported she is looking for 3 committee heads to shadow this year and take over next year: volunteer chair, ticket chair, and head chair. Post prom is a boat ride after prom. Prom is Saturday, May 2nd and we need about 25 chaperones. We are waiting to hear from Mark Langer if we are doing a prom fair this year or just online ticket sales.

Scholarships - Kelly O'Hara was not present.

Cougar Corner Spirit Store - Julie Henry and Paula Waterman were present and reported they are working on getting ponchos and logo blankets. We have sold almost \$6,000 in merchandise online and in store so far this year.

Website – Paula Waterman was present and reported to let her know if there are any updates or links that do not work.

Extra – Carol Hominac gave a shout out to Paula about the help with Cougars Crazies. Most sales were done online. Julie Nowak announced that Mark Langer won the Those Who Excel award from the board of education. He had to be nominated, have letters of recommendation, and answer questions to win this award.

Adjournment – Elizabeth Paveza adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm

Next Meeting - Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00 pm in the Media Center

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by

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