**CONANT BOOSTERS 2020-2021**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, November 10, 2020**

**Welcome from President –** Elizabeth Paveza opened the 4th Zoom Boosters meeting of the 2020-2021 school year a little later due to a computer update and welcomed all in attendance.

Sixteen members were in attendance, (5) Executive Board: Elizabeth Paveza, Traci Garcia, Sky Capriolo, Heather Sharbaugh, Marty Kennelly, RoseAnne Caboor, Carol Hominac, Molly Bryant, Paula Waterman, Jen Schols, Julie Henry, Amanda Piecuch, Donna, Julie Nowak, Mark Langer, John Kane

Absent: Kelly O’Hara and Jenn Reiger

Elizabeth asked for a Board member motion and a second to approve the October 13, 2020 meeting minutes. Sky made the motion and RoseAnne seconded it.

**Principal Report -** Julie Nowak was present and reported that we are in week 3 of hybrid and we are seeing about 300-400. Our students have done a very good job acclimating, social distancing, masks, walking flow. We are seeing some increases in our numbers and the Governor is also reporting increases. There is a Conant dashboard that shows what is going on at Conant and how we compare to any other school in the district. We are most concerned with the 3rd line, “new school related quarantines.” We do have some positive results and that is a matter of being any existing entity. We do expect an uptick since students are reporting symptoms. A little unexpected for us was a room re-location in the event that a student in a classroom becomes symptomatic. This sets off a whole series of events; all students moving to a new room, deep cleaning and letters going home to parents. We have the lowest number of remote teachers and our teachers are reporting that they are feeling good while teaching.

The dashboard can be found on the D211 website, on the bottom of the dashboard you can see the historical data. IDPH and Cook County are saying that Conant HS is okay.

Paula, for the positive count what is that? Julie Nowak stated the number does include both in person and remote students.

**Activities Director Report** – Mark Langer was present and reported things are looking different but we are trying to make the best. This weekend was the musical and it was fun to see the students participating- wearing masks and lip synching. For Veterans Day we will be having some honoring and celebrations, along with some staff members that are veterans say the pledge. Next week poms competitive dance will start up. Other competitions will be going on as well. Students and staff are doing a great job trying to stay involved.

**Athletic Director Report -** John Kane was present and reported that we just wrapped up the fall sports and everything went well. We didn’t have any COVID outbreaks and this is a huge positive, considering everything with summer, fall and contact days. Boys golf had a historic season. Nikko is committed to Drake and we will do a signing ceremony on the 24th. We had a signing for a football player committed to Harvard as well; and a few more signings coming up. Winter sports will begin on Monday, November 16: Boys Swimming, Girls Bowling, Girls Gymnastics & Co-Ed Competitive Cheerleading, as well as competitive poms. Wrestling has officially been moved to the “Summer Season” and is scheduled to begin on Monday, April 19. The start date for Boys and Girls Basketball has not yet been determined. IHSA is meeting tomorrow and most schools have said that they will not start up basketball and will likely move to another season. If an athlete signed up for contact days then they do not have to sign up again; if not, they will need to and can do so through Infinate Campus. There are not too many sports going on in the winter. The Spring will be full, and we will be juggling around, indoor and outdoor sports. There may have to be some reduction in the practice schedule. There is a possibility that another sport might be moved into the Winter season. We just sent out an email with information on where the school is with the upcoming Winter Sport Season.

Carol asked about the summer start date and mentioned that it appears to be overlapped with spring; is this right... John mentioned that she is correct, the spring and summer season will have a 2 week overlap. Specifically, the summer season is going to start April 19. Additionally, John mentioned that the school is in the process of reviewing how we are going to allow the students to compete in two (or more) sports at the same time, due to this overlap.

**President –** Elizabeth Paveza was present and reported that the executive board met right after last month's meeting and agreed for the Boosters to give $1500 to Cougars in need and $5000 for the senior t-shirts. From a budget perspective, this is coming out of the “MISC” line item.

**Vice President Report –** Traci Garcia was late to the meeting, Elizabeth reported on her behalf that the mini-grants are on hold for right now.

**Treasurer Report –** Marty Kennelly was present and reported not too many disbursements this year, the bank statements are looking good, and had Paula review for a second set of eyes.

**Corresponding Secretary Report –** Sky Capriolo was present and shared that we had one card go out, for a new baby girl Quinn, to Jimmy and Danielle Rogers.

**Committee Reports**

**Communications -** Sky Capriolo was present and reported that we are looking for something to spotlight. Julie Nowak suggested the Cultural Arts club; Amy Spizziri is in charge of that club. Another gift card email will also be sent out this week. Sky also offered to send out a “save the date” for the holiday spirit wear sale, it will be a pick up only for pre-orders 10am-12pm on 12/12. Sky talked about the virtual social event that she hosted with Ups for Downs. It was very successful and if we are interested in this we should start planning for it now.

Carol mentioned that she thought that was really great and for a wonderful cause which is probably why the virtual fundraiser went so well. Traci mentioned that the biggest issue will be getting donations as most are from restaurants and other entertainment establishments that are all closed/limited right now.

**Conant Social Fundraiser -** Traci Garcia and Heather Sharbaugh were present, the event has been officially cancelled. A virtual event is still worth discussing.

**Concessions -** Cancelled.

**Craft Fair -** Cancelled.

**Craft Fair Concessions -** Cancelled.

**Dances -** Cancelled.

**Fundraisers -** Carol Hominac was present and reported that the gift card fundraiser was launched on November 2. Orders can be dropped off at the office as well. Carol is separating the fundraiser into 3 waves this year. Paula and Julie reached out and offered that people can pick up their gift cards and spiritwear orders at the same time. Shop with Scripts is who we use for the gift cards. The funds will come directly into our account and we may have checks for deposit. Carol will look up the financials from last year and send information over to Marty for reference.

Carol asked if Mark could send something out only to the faculty and Mark did last year and will do so again. Carol will draft the email.

**Grill -** Cancelled.

**Special Events -** Molly Bryant was present and there was nothing to report. Molly did mention that she could get concession type machines such as hotdog or popcorn machines, and asked if there is a need for this? Mark will take a look into the inhouse equipment that might be needed, and this could be considered for both indoor and outdoor. Molly will send a list of items available for review.

**Membership -** Paula Waterman and Jen Schols were present and reported that we had one additional membership since the last meeting. Paula has stopped sending out reminders to pick up memberships.

**Post Prom -** Heather Sharbaugh was present and reported there is change from last month's report.

**Scholarships -** Kelly O’Hara was not present.

**Cougar Corner Spirit Store -** Paula Waterman and Julie Henry were present and reported that they worked with Mr. Jenner on having students design new logos for spiritwear from the spirit store. Julie and Paula have picked the top three that will be used moving forward. The winners have been notified, they will get an item from the spiritwear with their logo, the logos will be on the website, and the winners will also receive a certificate from the Boosters.

Paula set the date for the cut off of orders for Nov. 30th for pickup on the 12th. John has been working with Jostens and once we get an order form for lettermans jackets we can add it to the spirit store website.

**Website –** Paula Waterman was present and reported to send her any updates; changes or revisions.

**Adjournment –** Elizabeth Paveza adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for attending at 7:59pm

**Next Meeting -** Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00 pm via Zoom Meeting

**Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by**

Heather Sharbaugh

2020-2021 Recording Secretary