

CONANT BOOSTERS 2019-2020

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 14 , 2020

Welcome from President – Elizabeth Paveza opened the very first Zoom Boosters meeting at 7:01pm and welcomed all in attendance.

Eighteen (18) Board members were in attendance: Elizabeth Paveza, Melanie Tomaso, Sky Capriolo, Traci Garcia, Dynette Lucas, Tracy Gebhardt, Angie Catania, Kathy Stanislawski, RoseAnne Caboor, Jenn Reiger, Carol Hominac, John Williams, Molly Bryan, Paula Waterman, Jen Schols, Adrienne Bolbot, Kelly O'Hara, Julie Henry

One (1) General members were in attendance: Heather Sharbaugh

Recording Secretary – Katie Palomo asked for a Board member motion and a second to approve the March 10th meeting minutes. Sky Capriolo made the motion and Paula Waterman seconded it.

Principal Report - Julie Nowak was present and reported we might be the only Boosters still meeting. This is usually the time to talk about things that have happened and what is planned but it is hard to wrap our heads around this situation. Conant is still hiring for next year and building updates are scheduled. She hopes all the students are faring well and wondering about their e-learning experience. Academically it is not the same but the main goal is to stay connected. Students will be a little behind next year and they are preparing for that. They will scale back next year. They are waiting to see the next recommendation for school reopening. Our community is being affected and some families have reported Covid diagnoses and 1 family has reported a death. She feels emotional talking about the Seniors. The district did a survey about graduation and prom. Most students and parents want to do a graduation in June or July, although July isn't as popular. Virtual graduation is the last choice, as with Prom. Prom is trickier since they lose their tether to the kids in the summer. Admin meets several times a week to discuss plans. Tomorrow, the focus is senior events and they have surprises planned. They will promote yard signs, which will be picked up from Julie Henry's home. They are looking into how to do the Honors Convocation, Prom, and Graduation, scholarships, and mini grants. They will make it known that helping Boosters includes Cougars in Need. They are dipping into funds in the way they never have before. Some businesses have reached out to donate and there are generous annual donations from staff. However, we will be out of our current funding in just under 6 weeks. She believes this Booster drive will be successful. She does want to be clear with people if there are admin fees connected to their donations. Mel asked if the district makes the decisions about graduation, which they do. All the schools want to do what it takes to have a graduation. Either way, the kids will get their cap and gown. There will be a drive-up day and the cap and gown will be put into the backseat. If they are able to schedule a graduation, it will be recorded and possibly live streamed. Julie Henry asked about Cougars in Need. She had purchased a big bag of snacks and wants to donate them. The food drives are trying to limit how much contact people have. Schaumburg, Willow Creek, and the Church of the Holy Spirit have food banks and are the best places to donate. This is what our students are accessing. Some

students are excited about e-learning while others are overwhelmed by the amount of homework. The teachers want to do the right thing and be good teachers but they are still learning how to teach online classes. They do know it is too much right now. The superintendent will email tomorrow about the grading component. Grades aren't too big of a deal right now. There is an opportunity to increase grades but they will not decrease. Angie asked if kids can volunteer anywhere and where to direct them. However, Conant can not offer volunteer activities due to the shelter in place order. Julie suggested happy uplifting activities like chalk drawings. About 90% of students are engaging in e-learning everyday which is better attendance than before. Students and parents get an email or a call if the student is not checking in every day. Some of the kids who are normally harder to reach are doing the best with e-learning. A lot of students are missing school. Heather asked if they have made decisions on summer school. They are waiting longer for their final decision. They will definitely offer summer school, but not sure if it will be regular or virtual. If summer school is regular, camps will also be offered.

Activities Director Report – Mark Langer was present and reported not a lot of activities are happening. It is good to see kids still involved with groups in Tik Tok, Zoom, etc. The building is still involved in projects.

Athletic Director Report - John Kane was not present.

President – Elizabeth Paveza was present and reported the Executive board still needs to be set for next year. We also need a Grill chair. Heather Sharbaugh will chair post prom next year. Liz asked if we will do a Spotlight for the next blast. She suggested doing the Media club since they are still broadcasting from home. They are one of the few groups still doing something for the whole school. The Drama department is trying to do a virtual version of the spring play but will do the whole play next year. Yearbook staff are trying to do whatever possible, they might feature seniors if pictures are sent in.

Vice President Report – Debbie Anestopoulos was not present.

Treasurer Report – Melanie Tomaso was present and reported she emailed the final numbers before the meeting. The activity was mostly from Casino Night. We made a donation to the GoFundMe for Lindsey for \$100. Our Tax Exempt status expired on April 1. Mel had submitted the renewal but the state is holding off and extended the date to July 1. We will work out the donation details for Cougars in Need.

Corresponding Secretary Report – Sky Capriolo was present and presented that she sent condolence cards to Alex Woods, on the passing of his mother, Kelly Anderson, on the passing of her father, and Dave Pena, on the passing of his mother.

Committee Reports

Communications - Sky Capriolo was present and reported she will blast about the 3 food banks. We discussed details for people donating to Cougars in Need so she can blast that as well. Paula suggested that Boosters cover the admin costs and 100% of donations will be

donated. Carol suggested putting it on our website landing page. Sign sales have jumped since the last boost.

Conant Social Fundraiser - Traci Garcia and Dynette Lucas were present and reported they need to sync numbers with Mel and Paula before giving us finals.

Concessions - Yassi Delgado and Dan Sarich were not present.

Craft Fair - Tracy Gebhardt was not present and Liz reported that Tracy is putting provisions in case there is no craft fair/ crafters back out/ less traffic. Tracy isn't cashing the checks right now in case she needs to refund anyone.

Craft Fair Concessions - Angie Catania was present and reported nothing to report.

Dances - Kathy Stanislawski and RoseAnne Caboor were present and reported they are looking for someone to take over for RoseAnne as coat check co-chair. Kathy will stay doing concessions.

Fundraisers - Carol Hominac and Jenn Reiger were present and Jenn reported the mattress fundraiser is not happening. Sky asked if we could do it online and Jenn agreed to talk to the mattress guy about any ideas. Carol reported we are cancelling the 2nd gift card fundraiser. We are focusing on next year. The Saver's date is set for September 13-14, we might do a mattress event early in the year. Traci suggested doing an online 50/50 raffle that would donate to Cougars in Need.

Grill - John Williams was present and reported nothing to report.

Hospitality - Molly Bryant was present and reported the Senior Convocation is cancelled and she isn't sure what to do.

Membership - Paula Waterman and Jen Schols were present and reported the website is updated to reflect the new numbers and ordering the new magnets. We will give out \$5 coupons to offset the membership increase.

Post Prom - Adrienne Bolbot and Michael Clark were present and reported the option of picking another date in May or June for post prom. If the governor lengthens the shelter in place order past May 2, we can get a full refund. They seem ok with pushing the deposit to next year. Adrienne is in contact with the bus company. We discussed relocating the deposit to Cougars in Need but Julie wants to wait and see how things go with Prom. Molly discussed using the money from the convocation. Liz said she will look into line items and Mel suggested having the Executive board discuss where to get the extra money from.

Scholarships - Kelly O'Hara was present and reported there were 48 applicants and they were all high quality. The 6 readers did a great job. They did all communication electronically and finished scoring. The winners have been sent in and Kelly will make certificates. We will decide how to give the certificates later.

Cougar Corner Spirit Store - Julie Henry and Paula Waterman were present and reported people can pick up stuff in the fall. A lot of signs were sold. Luckily, the vendor is still working and will make more for us since they are selling like crazy. Julie is mostly working from home so she is able to easily do contactless pickup.

Website – Paula Waterman was present and reported to send her any updates. The donation button and sign purchase information are on the landing page of the website. An email will go out promoting Cougars in Need from the school. Sky will put a blast out and share it to Facebook. We need to decide how much money will be donated to Cougars in Need from the Boosters. Mel wants to get the check requests from Paula.

Adjournment – Elizabeth Paveza adjourned the meeting at 8:25 :pm

Next Meeting - Tuesday, May 12th at 7:00 pm in the Media Center

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by

Katie Palomo

2019-20 Recording Secretary