

CONANT BOOSTERS 2019-2020

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

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

Twelve (12) Board members were in attendance: Elizabeth Paveza, Sky Capriolo, Katie Palomo, Deb Anestopoulos, Carol Hominac, Traci Garcia, Amanda Piecuch, Julie Henry, Kelly O'Hara, Johns Williams, Patti Jennings

Two (2) General members were in attendance: Cheryl Jancare, Jodi Cyr

Recording Secretary – Katie Palomo asked for a Board member motion and a second to approve the May 8 meeting minutes. Sky Capriolo made the motion and Carol Hominac seconded it. She needs someone to take over next year since she is a senior parent this year and has a year off before next child becomes a Conant student.

Principal Report - Julie Nowak was present and reported they are wrapping up the semester and heading into finals. She discussed round two of Weak Hair Week. The focus is on soft spaces for studying, bringing in certified dogs, and special activities for students. The holidays aren't the best time for some families and finals can be stressful. There has been changes to grading over the last few years. The district is discussing whether to have second semester finals for seniors. They do help a lot of students to focus. They might get rid of them or have students choose if they want to do it to help their grades. She is very excited to have Dr. Small for the next superintendent. We discussed how to go about projects for the school. A lot of money was allocated to the new fields. They need help with heating and air conditioning since only one of the units is working. This is an extra expense. We are number 2 in line for a new marquee since Schaumburg doesn't have a digital one yet and will be first. We are redoing the parking lot this summer and the marquee will be next summer. We talked about if we should allocate the money to something else this year, such as more comfortable tutoring area or soft study spots in library, or flow the money through to next year.

Activities Director Report – Mark Langer was present and reported activities are in full swing. This is the middle of concert season with a Choral concert right now. We recently hosted a speech tournament and the Science Olympiad. 7 students have been selected for the ILMEA All State. These students are Honors Chorus senior, Sophie Douvris; Honors Chorus junior, Logan Franklin; Orchestra senior, Makiba Kurita; Orchestra senior, Charles Lin; Orchestra sophomore, Nate Mathew; Orchestra senior, James Preucil; Orchestra sophomore, Sean Yoshihara. Tomorrow is the incoming freshmen night. There will be an electives fair in the cafeteria and an activities fair in the gym.

Athletic Director Report - John Kane was present and reported winter sports are now full blown and competing. This will be a huge weekend with boys and girls basketball combo, girls volleyball tournament, boys and girls wrestling tournament combo, student council Christmas party. Varsity baseball and softball will use the new fields this spring. Underclass fields need another season and will hopefully be ready in the summer. The stadium turf will be redone after Memorial Day. The back fields will be available for summer sport camps. Everyone takes the first week off, then 3 weeks of camp, then 2 weeks off. This first session will be all in June. After July 4th, the second session will have 3 weeks of camp then 2 weeks off before school and fall sports begin. There will be some holiday tournaments including boys and girls basketball, cheerleading, and gymnastics. The IHSA states there are currently 750 girl wrestlers. Conant has 14. Within 2 years there should be a full girls team and tournaments. Sky suggested spotlighting girls wrestling in the next blast.

President – Elizabeth Paveza was present and asked about options for the next blast spotlight. Deb suggested also spotlighting Mark Langer on his Those That Excel award.

Vice President Report – Debbie Anestopoulos was present and reported she is getting mini grant information tomorrow. The process slightly changed so it is taking longer.

Treasurer Report – Melanie Tomaso was not present

Corresponding Secretary Report – Sky Capriolo was present and reported 4 condolences were sent out to retired teacher, Bonnie Wiszowaty on the passing of her husband, student supervisor, Rick Jarecki on the passing of his wife, student supervisor, Ron Izzo on the passing of his mom, and Dr. Cates's secretary and former Conant TA, Sally Cimmarusti on the passing of her husband. She suggested someone taking over for her next year.

Committee Reports

Communications - Sky Capriolo was present and reported a suggestion of someone else taking over next year. Student focus last blast was on the Speech team and went over well. Let her know if you need to send anything. She needs information about the Social. She has slides for incoming freshmen night.

Conant Social Fundraiser - Traci Garcia was present and reported there wasn't much to share. They are looking for sponsorships. Donations are coming in. They are especially looking for gift card donations. Amazon and restaurant gift cards were big sellers last year. She is willing to stay on next year but needs more people for next year.

Concessions - Yassi Delgado and Dan Sarich were not present and Liz reported they are preparing for the boy's season.

Craft Fair - Tracy Gebhardt was not present. There was a question about if prices have been raised recently.

Craft Fair Concessions - Angie Catania and Patricia Laudando were not present and Liz reported Carol Hominak is taking over next year and would like underclass parents to help.

Dances - Kathy Stanislawski and RoseAnne Caboor were present and reported the winter dance was changed to January 18 and they need volunteers. We have 1 signed up for coat check and 3 for concessions currently. They are both senior parents next year and want someone to shadow them now. Carol suggested putting a limit on number of students from other schools. We are not using GoFan this time since it caused a lot of issues. There was talk about VIP tickets for presale that allow students to get in faster. The dance will be in the cafeteria to change things up, have better airflow, and since the winter dance usually has low attendance. Concessions will be moved to the hallway outside the cafeteria.

Fundraisers - Carol Hominac was present and reported she will co-chair again next year but wants someone to join. She does not think Jenn is doing it again. The gift card fundraiser was huge with \$20,000 in sales. 1 final order is being placed today. The mattress fundraiser will be April 18 from 10-3. There are a lot of sports events that day and the spring play. The Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser is happening. Say "Team C" so Conant gets a percentage. Amazon smiles is easy, but you must sign up on the computer, not smartphones.

Grill - John Williams and Patti Jennings were present and reported a suggestion of a big project of installing EV (electric vehicle) charging stations in the parking lot. John is not co-chairing next year but Patti most likely is staying for next year. Everything is down to a science and easy for someone to pick up. There are only 4-5 games in a year. Volunteers had positive feedback. Homecoming game for next year will be October 2.

Hospitality - Molly Bryant was not present and Liz reported Happy Holidays!

Membership - Paula Waterman was present and reported a few more memberships were purchased, and she will send the packets to the office to be picked up. She is waiting to hear if the money requested from the district has happened yet. She needs to update forms and get them to the district. The district may change the way registration is done again. Incoming parents can purchase the membership while registering their child. Prices for membership are set by the district. Senior citizen grandparents had to pay to get into games this year and were upset. We will look into them getting in for free again. Paula is co-chairing again next year and Jen is probably doing it.

Volunteers – Jen Schols was not present

Post Prom - Adrienne Bolbot was present and reported 11 buses have been ordered. The Spirit of Chicago is the boat this year and will have games. There are a lot of schools moving away from the boat idea. Prom fair needs a date and a theme. There was a discussion about doing prom fair on an evening or doing 2 fairs so more people can attend. We need the theme so we

can have the art competition for the tickets again this year. We need another person to learn Post Prom for next year.

Scholarships - Kelly O'Hara was present and reported she already has readers. Applications will be available February 3 and due March 13. She will send the information to Sky and Liz and send the document to Paula for the website. We are giving \$20,000 – 4 at \$1,500 and 14 at \$1,000. We will do this many next year too but need names for the 2 additional big ones.

Cougar Corner Spirit Store - Julie Henry and Paula Waterman were present and reported they are gearing up for the incoming freshman night. It is tomorrow from 6-8 and they have some helpers. The spirit store is now selling ponchos, blankets, hats, etc. They have sold \$17,000 so far online.

Website – Paula Waterman was present and reported to send her updates by writing out a blurb. She needs information for the mattress fundraiser, post prom, and the social.

Adjournment – Elizabeth Paveza adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm

Next Meeting - Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 pm in the Media Center

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by

Katie Palomo
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