

# CONANT BOOSTERS 2019-2020

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

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

Fourteen(14) Board members were in attendance: Elizabeth Paveza, Sky Capriolo, Debbie Anestopoulos, Katie Palomo, Melanie Tomaso, Carol Hominac, Jen Schols, Traci Garcia, Julie Henry, Jenn Reiger, Amanda Piecuch, Paula Waterman, John Williams, Adrienne Bolbot

Four (4) General members were in attendance: Heather Vargas, Heather Sharbaugh, Cheryl Janceric, Steve Kurfess

**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 Melanie Tomaso seconded it.

**Principal Report** - Julie Nowak was present and reported this time of the year is big in evaluations and staffing. The Dean of students position is unique in D211. It is a part time roll for teachers thinking about leadership programs or administration and is a 1-2 year rotation. Mr. Moravek has been Dean for 2 years and Mr. Torpe will be the next. Two chairs (science and social studies) are retiring next year and the plans need to be thought of well in advance. They are celebrating Black History Month in a new way with a group of students taking leadership. They are the Black Leader Achievers Group. The vision was to not celebrate in traditional ways of civil rights movements. This time they were looking at underdogs and achievements of all different academic areas and events all month. The late start day will have an optional assembly that is a diversity celebration. She is really impressed by the group. They have an exhibit for topics about hairstyle by the music hall: My hair, my story, my heritage. Conant also has a business incubator that is thriving. They have a shark tank environment where they pitch ideas to real business people who give them tough questions. Some of the best ideas include a hydro pouch for drinking water while working out, and a new sanitary pad (the presentation was amazing, and they had samples of the organic and environmentally friendly pad). There is a lot going on in activities and athletics. Numbers are low in band due to lack of freshman enrolling.

**Activities Director Report** – Mark Langer was present and reported a busy winter season. Competitive dance (poms) took 4<sup>th</sup> in state and beat Fremd. We hosted a coding event and we won best game and best social ( recycling). Chess took 2<sup>nd</sup> in sectionals and beat Fremd. State is soon. ILMEA honors Allstate Choir and Orchestra. We have the best violinist in the state. Speech had regionals and 5 students are going to sectionals. Last Friday was a Tech and Trade

fair for kids to see technical school options. Upcoming on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> is the winter play, "Front". Orchestis will have a showcase in March.

**Athletic Director Report** - John Kane was present and reported Senior night for girls basketball at the last home game. Regionals start next Tuesday. Winter sports are wrapping up. Cheer took 6<sup>th</sup> in State and beat Fremd, even though they are a young group with a rocky season. They finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at sectionals. 1 person was hurt during the performance and they had to stop. They restarted the routine with Sky's son Zalen as an alternate and that got them through to the second day. The second day was the best performance of the year and was very impressive. Bowling got 2<sup>nd</sup> in regionals and all qualify for sectionals. Wrestling qualified in regionals and we host sectionals. We hosted girl's gymnastics and Conant won. They compete in sectionals tomorrow. Boy's swimming and diving MSL is this Saturday. Boys basketball/cheer/poms/dance Senior night will be next week. We are hosting girls basketball super sectional in March to for the final 8. The final 4 will go to Peoria. Some spring sports have begun such as boys and girls Track and Field at indoor tracks. Most of the other 13 spring sports will begin March 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was a signing ceremony this week. Big 10 signings are a big deal. Some athletes like to do individual signings but last Thursday was a big signing day. We will host girls track and field sectionals this year.

**President** – Elizabeth Paveza was present and reported she posted the 5 essentials survey again on Facebook. We decided to spotlight IMLEA for the next blast. She asked for volunteers for the executive board nominating committee – 1 officer, 2 chairs, and 2 general members. Volunteers have been decided. Online membership registration is being revamped at the district level. We are making our final decisions tonight. There is a proposal to increase the basic membership from \$25 to \$30. We are considering eliminating the cultural pass since it's a pain (logistical nightmare and no tracking system) and the money goes to us instead of the theater program. The available membership packages and prices must be the same across the district, but each school can choose which of those packages they want to offer. There is a new membership system that changes how we can do things. We could give people \$5 coupon to use towards the spirit store or some other incentive if we want. Nothing is decided yet. We received a thank you card from Theater and School of Rock for grant money.

**Vice President Report** – Debbie Anestopoulos was present and reported only 3 mini grants have turned in papers for reimbursements. Lynn will see if more people turned in their information without saying it was a mini grant.

**Treasurer Report** – Melanie Tomaso was present and reported she provided the January financials. There was not a lot of activity and most of it was from the spirit store. The gift card fundraiser totals are still coming in. She is in the process of renewing our tax exemption.

**Corresponding Secretary Report** – Sky Capriolo was present and reported nothing to report.

### **Committee Reports**

**Communications** - Sky Capriolo was present and reported she will get in touch with the head of the ILMEA to run the spotlight. We met the 5 essentials survey threshold, so we do not need to blast it again. She wants to put yard signs in March blast. She will send a special Casino night blast about tickets and table sponsorship now. We need more speakers for the D211 job expo, where students to get information on possible careers. It is at Fremd on February 27 from 4:30-6:30. There are free busses from other schools and information is on Schoology.

**Conant Social Fundraiser** - Traci Garcia and Dynette Lucas were present and reported we need to get in ticket sales. Only 19 tickets have been purchased so far. Presale tickets are preferred to tickets sold at the door. Tickets cover entry, food, beverage, and chips. Raffle tickets are purchased separately at the event. Raffle prizes include \$500 to Hurley and Volk, possible Botox gift cards, 10 Disney tickets, school parking pass, prom table, Schaumburg family pool pass, a 10-pass for Rainbow Falls, alcohol, and restaurant gift cards. We sent a mass mailing that had Casino Night on the front and fundraisers on the back. We have 4 table sponsors and 2 more coming in.

**Concessions** - Yassi Delgado and Dan Sarich were not present and Liz reported that Dan will send the dates for volunteers.

**Craft Fair** - Tracy Gebhardt was not present and Liz reported that we have 103 booths already. The craft fair will be September 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Craft Fair Concessions** - Angie Catania and Patricia Laudando were not present

**Dances** - Kathy Stanislawski and RoseAnne Caboor were not present and Liz reported thank you to the volunteers. There were no problems at the dance, and they had 100% accuracy in coat check. There were about 400 kids in attendance. Student council oversees planning and might make the next winter dance more casual. Mostly underclassmen are at the dance and they need to work on the dance identity. The dance committee is now concluded for the year.

**Fundraisers** - Carol Hominac and Jenn Reiger were present and Jenn reported the mattress fundraiser is set for April 18<sup>th</sup>. There is a new person helping us and is pushing for a parent meeting to get them more involved. They will give us \$5 per parent that comes to listen to the information (up to \$500). It might get more people involved in Boosters. We are considering doing it 20 minutes before the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting . Last year we made \$2500 and could get more this way. The Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser "Team C" is going until April. Carol reported that we talked about doing another gift card fundraiser this year to do around May (moms and grads) at the last meeting. We can order through the month of April and deliver in May. The Savers fundraiser is confirmed for September 11 and 12 for next school year.

**Grill** - John Williams was present and reported we are looking for a chair for next year. Everything else is sorted. Patti will help next year but does not want to co-chair.

**Hospitality** - Molly Bryant was not present and Liz reported the convocation is April 30.

**Membership** - Paula Waterman and Jen Schols were present and reported nothing new.

**Post Prom** - Adrienne Bolbot and Michael Clark were present and reported we will have artwork soon for tickets. Heather, Pam, and Maria will all be helping the committee. We still don't have a date for the prom fair. We need more volunteers for post prom chaperones.

**Scholarships** - Kelly O'Hara was not present and Liz reported the application is now available on the website. Conant is including the scholarships in the daily announcements. Please keep posting about it.

**Cougar Corner Spirit Store** - Julie Henry and Paula Waterman were present and reported new senior signs are available for \$20. They are working on a general Conant lawn sign. They brought pictures of ideas and we liked two: a pawprint shape in blue and a rectangle in red. We officially are turning a profit for the year.

**Website** – Paula Waterman was present and reported the Casino Night information is up. Dave Gilbert will help with the website next year. Send Paula any information you want to be put up.

**Extra** – Mr. Kurfess was here and thanked us for everything we do for the kids and the teachers. He asked if the money donated is tax deductible because money donated to Cougars in Need is not. We determined that people can donate to Cougars in Need through the Boosters. Paula will look into putting a button on the website and Sky will add it to the next newsletter.

**Adjournment** – Elizabeth Paveza adjourned the meeting at 8:17pm

**Next Meeting** - Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 pm in the Media Center

**Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by**

Katie Palomo

2019-20 Recording Secretary