**CONANT BOOSTERS 2020-2021**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2021**

**Welcome from President –** Elizabeth Paveza opened the 6th Zoom Boosters meeting at 7:01pm of the 2020-2021 welcomed all in attendance.

Twenty-two members were in attendance, (5) Executive Board: Elizabeth Paveza, Traci Garcia, Sky Capriolo, Heather Sharbaugh, Marty Kennelly, RoseAnne Caboor, Carol Hominac, Molly Bryant, Pam Drone, David Gilbert, Paula Waterman, Jen Schols, Jenn Reiger, Kelly O’Hara, Julie Henry, Amanda Piecuch, Donna Hall, Diki Kolimbris, Julie Nowak, Mark Langer, John Kane

Absent: N/A

Elizabeth asked for a Board member motion and a second to approve the December 8, 2020 meeting minutes. Carol made the motion and Sky seconded it.

**Principal Report -** Julie Nowak was present and reported that we had a really good start to our second semester with our faculty during the teacher institute days. Everyone is participating in a study on how to strategically teach students with different backgrounds. Additionally, discussion was held on Title IV and how these are issues and topics that come up from time to time. Either based on student perception or changes in how students were reading a situation, that the school had some work to do on how to handle situations that arise. In the moment some teachers will not know how to handle in the classroom when things come up. Our student population needs to know that we are moving and working towards a culture for preventative actions. To prepare and protect our students we will begin to hear things, as parents will start to see, there is a student group that is working with administration on this topic.

We are excited to see our students on Tuesday, January 19. Our numbers are looking about the same as last semester. We did have more failures and many more incompletes. There will be an impact for years on the learning situation from this year. There will not be any finals for seniors or any other students this year. There may be one single assignment worth 20% in some classes.

We are starting some listening sessions with Seniors to bring about ideas to help our seniors to have a wonderful end to their senior year. Hopefully, once we are in a better phase we can start to meet in person. We are really interested in feedback from our seniors.

Pam Drone asked if a family has requested to come back hybrid but participates remotely how are they marked for attendance. Julie replied that remote students are marked hybrid attending remotely.

Heather brought up the Hoffman Estates High School lights and holiday drive through and provided information on how we might be able to use the same format but tailor this to be a send off to our seniors. Heather offered to help with the event should the school want to pursue the idea.

**Activities Director Report** – Mark Langer was present and reported there isn’t a whole lot with activities, all are meeting remotely. Chess will be participating remotely. The winter play is remotely preparing for their performance in February. Our cultural awareness is continuing to have speakers. Still looking at the same structure with graduation and activities done last year. We would like the Boosters to get signs to every single senior. Keeping the building clean and ready for students to come back next week. The yearbook is printed and we are waiting for it to begin distributing.

**Athletic Director Report -** John Kane was present and reported that we are very excited to see students back in the building. John and Mark have been working with facilities to make sure that the building, areas and spaces are all ready for students to come and use. IHSA is still on hold, John has a meeting on Thursday, until the numbers continue to go down, hospitalizations and deaths are down, we are running out of time for the winter season. Things are dependent on how much time is left; winter season, spring season and summer season. Right now it is wait and see. IHSA and the Governor's office have recently met. Our Principles have been working with allowing students to compete in two seasons at the same time, and the possibility of competing on Sunday’s, to allow some additional flexibility. Everything to John is pointing in a positive position. Badminton is moved to winter to allow some additional sports for the Spring. Contact days could change based on what is announced by the Governor at the end of the week. Even if the phases change, the sports risk level will determine if the sport can start and when. There will be overlaps between the seasons, to give the sports teams in those seasons as much time as possible.

Carol expressed that the students really just need to have a decision on what is going to be happening, and if and when sports should be cancelled or be able to move on to something else. It is hard as a parent to help our children to emotionally, socially and mentally cope.

John thinks that in the next two weeks the IHSA will have some information and decisions on sports for the year.

**President –** Elizabeth Paveza was present and had nothing to report.

**Vice President Report –** Traci Garcia was present and had nothing to report.

**Treasurer Report –** Marty Kennelly was present and had nothing to report.

**Corresponding Secretary Report –** Sky Capriolo was present and shared that we sent out three cards since the last meeting: Lisa Kirchens - father passed away, Dorothy Romberg - thank you for the $400 gift card purchase during fundraiser and Ashley Langley-Krajack - baby girl Olivia born.

**Committee Reports**

**Communications -** Sky Capriolo was present and reported the next email blast will have scholarship information and suggested to highlight the Chess Club.

**Conant Social Fundraiser -** Traci Garcia and Heather Sharbaugh were present, the event has been officially cancelled. Nothing more to report.

**Concessions -** Cancelled.

**Craft Fair -** Scheduled for October 23, 2021.

**Craft Fair Concessions -** Cancelled.

**Dances -** Cancelled.

**Fundraisers -** Carol and Jenn were present and there was nothing to report.

**Grill -** Cancelled.

**Special Events -** Molly Bryant was present and had nothing to report.

**Membership -** Paula Waterman and Jen Schols were present and reported that no new memberships. Paula still has membership packets and magnets at her house.

**Post Prom -** Heather Sharbaugh was present and there is no change from last month's report.

**Scholarships -** Kelly O’Hara was present and reported that the application has been changed to a google doc. It is live and already on the website. Same criteria as in the past. There is a minimum GPA requirement of 2.0. The due date is Friday, March 12. Kelly will be the only person to view the google forms and redact the personal information for the readers. Kelly verified with Julie Nowak for the readers and announcers. Students are providing consent

Lots of discussion around volunteer opportunities.

**Cougar Corner Spirit Store -** Paula Waterman and Julie Henry were present and reported that people came and picked up their spirit wear orders. Julie will talk to the sign company about signs for all seniors and follow up with Mark.

**Website –** Paula Waterman was present and reported if there are updates to send to Paula for updates. Scholarship information was posted. Custom wear was taken down until a new vendor.

Julie mentioned that our district Superintendent will be joining us at the February meeting.

**Adjournment –** Elizabeth Paveza adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for attending at 8:05pm

**Next Meeting -** Tuesday, February 9th at 7:00 pm via Zoom Meeting

**Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by**

Heather Sharbaugh

2020-2021 Recording Secretary