

CONANT BOOSTERS 2019-2020

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

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

Twelve (12) Board members were in attendance: Liz Paveza, Melanie Tomaso, Katie Palomo, Sky Capriolo, Carol Hominac, Dan Sarich, Julie Henry, Dynette Lucas, Patti Jennings, Paula Waterman, John Williams, Jenn Reiger

Eight (8) General members were in attendance: Heather Sharbaugh, Amanda Piecuch, Kathleen Henry, Jodi Cyr, Pam Drone, D Starich, Heather Varoos, Agnes Henderson

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.

Principal Report - Julie Nowak was resent and reported really good news. The school report card came out and we got an exemplary report. The report will include the 5 essentials survey. We need a 20% completion rate from parents. It is a 10-minute survey and will be available soon. Conant had the second annual Author's Day. Students were able to share their work and 2 authors came for a visit. This event is supported by the Boosters. Yesterday was the Veteran's Day assembly. This is the year off from the big assembly that happens every other year. Activities were planned in the media center and in classes. The end of October was the Mental Health Fair and was very well received. There was a week that was focused on vaping. There were posters, student led activities, and teachers wearing shirts. Today there was a fire alarm caused by vaping. The students were able to stay inside in the hallway since it was so cold. The last few fire alarms have been caused by vaping. Vaping is an epidemic across the whole student body. Kids aren't really starting anymore but are having a hard time stopping. They are telling kids to get help stopping from teachers, administrators, and parents. Getting help is different from getting caught. The students are being taught a new piece about fire alarms. They are to stop and assess the situation quickly and make sure exits are safe before acting. The fire department is a great help. We are hoping education will stop the vaping.

Activities Director Report – Mark Langer was present and reported they are wrapping up fall activities. The musical was awesome and went from Halloween into early November. Last Friday was the JCC basketball tournament. Homecoming was last month and was crazy and good. Conant made it onto Fox news where they showcased activities, athletics, and academics. Both assemblies were done on the same day and they had good feedback. There were changes made to the Homecoming court and it left the Junior class feeling slighted. They will work on that issue. The kids did a great job decorating for the dance. The District 211 meeting was the same day. The dance was very fun and like a rave. They used Go Fan for ticket sales and it was not good. This service will not be used again. Next year's Homecoming will be October 2, 2020. Thank you to all volunteers. Upcoming are winter sports and the Winter dance will be January 18th instead of February 1st.

Athletic Director Report - John Kane was present and reported they are wrapping up the fall season. Swim and diving sectionals had one junior who broke records and won the conference. A junior boy's golfer was 25th in state. Football qualified for state and had a great season. Some

winter sports have begun, and others will soon. There are currently 14 girls on the wrestling team. The goal is for girls to compete against girls. We might be able to have an all-girls state tournament in the next few years. We currently host a girl's tournament. Big thanks to concessions this year. We hosted the girls' volleyball regionals and it was great. We are wrapping up baseball and softball fields. There is still some fencing that needs to go up. It is anticipated that varsity will be ready for the spring. The under-level fields will not be done in spring since they were seeded not sodded. This summer we will redo the turf field. This will happen as soon as track and field is done. This is not as big of a project since its just redoing the turf and surfaces. The winter sports parent athlete meeting is this Friday from 6-7. We want to have the spirit store open and we can give John any announcements we have. Sky suggested highlighting wrestling in the next blast.

President – Elizabeth Paveza was present and reported a suggestion to spotlight a club in the next big blast. We are hosting a Speech tournament around Thanksgiving. The 50/50 raffle done at homecoming earned \$290 and Molly Bryant won.

Vice President Report – Debbie Anestopoulos was not present and Liz reported she is looking into who has claimed their mini grant money so she can report on it next meeting.

Treasurer Report – Melanie Tomaso was present and reported she brought October's financials. Taxes were finished and mailed. October activity had a lot of craft fair and spirit wear. She reminded everyone to fill out check request forms if needed. They are available online or in the office. She asked for someone to shadow her this year to become Treasurer next year.

Corresponding Secretary Report – Sky Capriolo was present and reported sending 1 condolence card to Pat Laudando on the passing of her mom and 1 congratulations card to Anthony Avela on the birth of a daughter.

Committee Reports

Communications - Sky Capriolo was present and reported a lot of email blasts have gone out. We haven't dropped below the 30% open rate. Send her any information you want sent out. The next big blast will spotlight the Speech Team.

Conant Social Fundraiser - Traci Garcia and Dynette Lucas were present and reported a new parent, Heather, has a connection to Lyft. We are considering offering a \$20 add on fee to the ticket that will include round trip rides. Other options are also being considered. Contracts have been signed for the DJ, Chandlers, and the casino night company.

Concessions - Dan Sarich were present and reported the girls' season is over and went well. They are all set for the boys season this spring and should have dates available in January.

Craft Fair - Tracy Gebhardt was not present and Liz reported a thank you to everyone for helping with the craft fair. She is shocked at how many volunteers she had. She is working on the date for next year – possibly September 26, 2020.

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

Dances - Kathy Stanislawski and RoseAnne Caboor were not present and Liz reported a thank you to all volunteers from the Homecoming dance. Next year they need more water pitchers. Coat check had some efficient changes and went well with only 1 bag not being picked up. They had 100% accuracy.

Fundraisers - Carol Hominac and Jenn Reiger were present and Carol reported the holiday gift card fundraiser is open. The retailer list says there is a Visa 5 back discount. It is like a regular visa gift card, but certain merchants will give you 5% back onto the card. There are no service fees. They are available on the paper form. Please recommend the fundraiser to friends. The information is on the Booster's website and there is a downloadable form. There are 2 cutoff dates – November 25 and December 6. They will be available for pick up at the spirit store or Carol's house. Jenn reported a little about mattress sales. She is looking for dates in March or April. A Saturday is best, and Mark will look into dates. We are doing the Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser again. She is considering a food drive to get Disney tickets again like last year. She is also considering other options.

Grill - Patti Jennings was present and reported it was her first year and seemed successful. They sold out on almost all games and were never short on volunteers. She is looking forward to doing it again next year.

Hospitality - Molly Bryant was not present and Liz reported Liz and Molly reorganized the supply closet in the spirit store.

Membership - Paula Waterman was present and reported no new members. They are requesting the money from the district. They plan to do a different magnet every year. December 11 is incoming freshman night. We will push Booster's membership and explain who we are and what we do. Parents will be able to place spirit wear orders that night.

Volunteers – Jen Schols was not present and Liz reported to send any signup updates.

Post Prom - Adrienne Bolbot and Michael Clark were not present and Liz reported they still need volunteers. They are waiting to hear about the format for ticket sales. There will probably be a prom fair again this year.

Scholarships - Kelly O'Hara was not present and Paula reported there are STC scholarships for seniors who went to a district 54 school in the past.

Cougar Corner Spirit Store - Julie Henry and Paula Waterman were present and reported the incoming freshman night is usually big for the store. We still have leftover retired ceiling banners. She suggested asking coaches to buy.

Website – Paula Waterman was present and reported to send updates. The Winter dance date was updated, and fundraisers were added to the calendar.

Adjournment – Elizabeth Paveza adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm

Next Meeting - Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00 pm in the Media Center

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by

Katie Palomo

2018-19 Recording Secretary