

CONANT BOOSTERS 2018-2019

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 12, 2018

Welcome from President – Elizabeth Paveza opened the meeting at 7:03pm and welcomed all in attendance.

Thirteen (13) Board members were in attendance: Elizabeth Paveza, Debbie Anestopoulos, Sky Capriolo, Katie Palomo, Melanie Tomaso, Paula Waterman, Jenn Reiger, Molly Bryant, Dan Sarich, Traci Garcia, Julie Henry, Adrienne Bolbot, Dynette Lucas.

Two (2) General members were in attendance: Amanda Piecuch, Angie Catania

Recording Secretary – Katie Palomo asked for a Board member motion and a second to approve the May 8 meeting minutes. Paula Waterman made the motion and Sky Capriolo seconded it.

Principal Report - Julie Nowak was present and reported that district 211 works closely with districts 54, 214, 215 work close together for weather related closings. If one district closes, the others are likely to follow. Thank you for completing the Essential Survey. We reached our completion threshold. Currently working on tallies, which are plans for classes for next year. It is a big process with a lot of details. Sectioning is determining what classes kids are taking and mostly is about the electives, not the core subjects. Teacher evaluations are also taking place. The big focus right now is school safety, especially this time of the year. The phrase, "If you see/hear something, say something" is big. We are chasing a lot of false reports, but do fully investigate all concerns. We are wrapping up the winter sports seasons. Cheer went to state but did not have the desired outcome. We are working with IHSA to fully address that. We are also suggesting that scoring is more like the gymnastics model. Chess, 1 wrestler, gymnasts, 1 speech team member are going to state. She is excited for the mattress sale. Teachers are getting excited for the social.

Activities Director Report – Mark Langer was present and reported a successful winter dance with 550 tickets sold. The winter play, Subtext was the past weekend and was great. Coming up are the Prom Fashion Show, the Variety Show, and the Orchestral show. The chess team went to state and placed 26th place, which was their highest. One speech team member is going to state for radio speaking. Poms did great but didn't make it to state. BPA (Business Professionals of America) sent a lot of people to state.

Athletic Director Report - John Kane was not present

President – Elizabeth Paveza was present and reported a need for volunteers for the nominating committee for next year's executive board. The process is this month we create the committee, next month we approve the committee, the following month we nominate people for the board, the following month we vote. We need 1 executive board member, 2 chairs, 2 general members. We picked volunteers for the committee. The current executive board members can be nominated to stay but anyone can put their name in. We are working on

branding and will go forward with the official name of “Conant Boosters” on all correspondence. We will use the same logos and fonts as the school to be consistent.

Vice President Report – Debbie Anestopoulos was present and reported nothing to report

Treasurer Report – Melanie Tomaso was present and reported she provided the January financials. The most recent PayPal deposits are missing from it and are being worked on. The gift card fundraiser was the largest deposit.

Corresponding Secretary Report – Sky Capriolo was present and reported she sent a congratulations card to Kent and Maggie Roeslein for the birth of their baby girl.

Committee Reports

Communications - Sky Capriolo was present and reported she needs post prom volunteer information to send out. She thanked Dynette Lucas for posting about mattress sales on the NextDoor social media group. Tomorrow there will be a blast for Casino Night. She will send another Mattress Sale blast Thursday or Friday. For the next full blast, send information by the last week of February.

Conant Social Fundraiser - Traci Garcia and Dynette Lucas were present and reported they are selling tickets. We need to sell 157 tickets to break even, we are halfway there. They need help putting together baskets for raffles/auctions. 3 people have sent \$500 sponsorships and 5 people have sent \$250 sponsorships. Some raffle/auction items are plane tickets, Medieval Times, Pops, Rockford Park District golf, Arlington Race Track, Shedd, Egg Harbor, YMCA, Lifetime Fitness. Social dress code is casual. Volunteers needed to set up raffles/auctions and place baskets, check people in, check out the winners of silent auctions and raffle prizes.. Tickets will be sold online and at the door. Chandlers has a minimum of \$5500, which is new this year.

Concessions - Dan Sarich was present and reported they picked up a few extra gymnastics events. The next season starts in March.

Craft Fair - Tracy Gebhardt was not present and Liz reported 90 booths are already booked for next year.

Craft Fair Concessions - Elizabeth Demaret was not present

Dances - Kathy Stanislawski and RoseAnne Caboor were not present and Liz reported coat check is done for the year. We had 100% accuracy at the Winter Formal. There was a new setup with tables pushed back and it was better. Next year we should have the signup at the beginning of the year.

Fundraisers - Jenn Reiger was present and reported they think the word out for the mattress fundraiser this weekend since there are signs out everywhere. Flyers can be downloaded online. They still need parents to volunteer on Saturday from 9:45-4:45. You can sign up online. Parents will be greeting people, telling them where to go, thanking customers, and corralling kids if necessary. The kids will get cash in their student accounts if they bring any people in that

buy a mattress. They get \$25 per mattress. Seniors can cash out their accounts at the end of the year. The Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser is not very big, we have only made about \$60.

Grill - Deanna Laskero and Kathy Armando and John Williams were not present

Hospitality - Katie Palomo and Molly Bryant were present and reported nothing to report

Membership - Paula Waterman and Jen Schols were present and reported we are up to 454 total memberships, including 45 staff memberships. So far our income is \$19,220. Memberships are up 14.7 from last year and staff membership is up 21.6 percent. A staff discount was brought up for next year. We decided to have \$10 staff memberships going forward. There was discussion about having an incentive for new parents at Incoming Freshman Night where people can buy a membership and get a shirt or a coupon. We want to get word out to feeder school PTAs to get people on our mailing lists.

Post Prom - Adrienne Bolbot and was present and reported 22 art submissions for the tickets. 4 or 5 are being tweaked before a decision is made. The boat needs 28 parents and 4 staff members from 10:30pm-4:00am. Volunteers are needed for the prom fair on April 6 from 8:30-11:30. Next year, all the prom things will be online, including tickets, table selections, and post prom. No prom fair next year.

Scholarships - Mucia Burke was not present and Liz reported scholarship applications were available starting February 1. The Conant Boosters website has information and the application, plus previous winners names and the amount they were awarded. We can add pictures of the winners if we would like. 5 readers are needed and we have 2 so far. The responsibilities include reading and scoring. They will be provided with essays, directions, and electronic scoring spreadsheets. The applications are due on March 8. Each reader reads all the essays, usually about 20-25. Volunteers get a few weeks to read. If your students are applying, please do not volunteer.

Cougar Corner Spirit Store - Julie Henry and Paula Waterman were present and reported we are profiting now. They want to make 1 change - discount the gym banners. They are currently \$200 for state banners and \$100 for others. They will start at 25% off and go from there if needed to get rid of them.

Website – Paula Waterman was present and reported to send updates and she will update the volunteer information.

Adjournment – Elizabeth Paveza adjourned the meeting at 8:12pm

Next Meeting - Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 pm in the media Center

Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by

Katie Palomo

2018-19 Recording Secretary