**CONANT BOOSTERS 2020-2021**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 9, 2021**

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

Twenty-two members were in attendance, (4) Executive Board: Elizabeth Paveza, Traci Garcia, Sky Capriolo, Heather Sharbaugh, RoseAnne Caboor, Carol Hominac, Molly Bryant, Pam Drone, Jen Schols, Jenn Reiger, Kelly O’Hara, Julie Henry, Amanda Piecuch, Donna Hall, Anu Ortiz, Kathy Stan Julie Nowak, Mark Langer, John Kane, Dr. Small (Superintendent).

Absent: Marty Kennely, Paula Waterman

Elizabeth asked for a Board member motion and a second to approve the January 12, 2021 meeting minutes. Sky made the motion and Traci seconded it.

**Principal Report -** Julie Nowak was present and reported we have moved to a format to allow any student who was hybrid to come everyday, the goal is to have 400 students back in the school. We are able to accommodate any student that wants to come. Students are still assigned to a team, should we need to move back to that format. Yearbooks are in and it is really really great, there will be a yearbook for this year too. Please complete the 5 essential surveys. Dr. Small will be joining us at the end of our meeting today. She is our new superintendent this year and excited to have her join us.

**Activities Director Report** – Mark Langer was present and reported activities are back in full force. Cherelles just completed a taping of their performance, speech has done very well and we had several students progress, the winter showcase/play was this past weekend and did a great job. Our chess team is competing in IHSA chess, live from Conant’s media center. Over the last couple weeks we had some 15 staff members help with Senior events. It’s been good to have staff and seniors to provide ideas to bring the Seniors together. We are still looking into Prom and Senior breakfast; we want to give hope but don’t want to have to pull things back at the last minute. We have done some movie nights and restaurant discount nights; Shake Shack and The Village Tavern. Not much has changed from the report given last month on graduation. Our hope is that we are moving in the right direction.

Graduation will more than likely be May 25 and there could be something else on another day as well. There are a little under 600 in the graduating class.

Boosters will be providing the Congratulations Senior Signs for all the Seniors this year. A lot of the staff has asked to be part of distributing these signs.

There are some house eggings going on. Julie suggested that to file a police report if it happens. And it has gone beyond that, some senior girls have been harassed. The kids have nothing better to do which is why this is going on.

Mark said that these families would need to come forward and report these incidents.

It was asked if there were any commonalities… several groups were mentioned.

Mark is talking with other schools in the district about some events that can be done, specifically Hoffman Estates and Barrington. Once we can get more in-person events we think that there will be more participation.

The cultural awareness club will highlight some of our immigrants and February is Black History Month, on 2.19 they will be holding a virtual event.

The Spring play has auditions coming up soon.

**Athletic Director Report -** John Kane was present and reported that we are in full swing, in week two of competition for winter sports, of 6 weeks. We are off to a good start. The protocols and guidelines are changing almost weekly and we are making adjustments on the fly. Most of our competing is in our conference, there are only home fans allowed at the home meets, at Conant we give each athlete two tickets for each home meet, there is a wellness check on the back and a QR code. On each ticket, any spectator puts their name, email and cell phone number for contract tracing purposes. We are maintaining social distancing. We probably wont do this for the summer, but depends on what the guidelines are for IDPA. In our main gym we have installed a camera and can stream live on YouTube, jamesbconant. We don’t have this in the North gym and need 1,000 registered viewers/followers to use YouTube. There are some other options that we are looking into as well. JV and Varsity can be watched live.

Sky asked if John would like us to put out a communication about this and this idea was welcome, people will need to “subscribed” we are at 129 subscribers now.

There is a rotation for contact days and practice times, we are trying to get all the sports going but trying to focus on the winter now. It makes the building feel a lot better with the student athletes.

**Special Guest,** Dr. Small, visiting all the Boosters clubs to thank the volunteers and to ask us all to keep outside the box. Dr. Small has asked for multiple plans to be in place. Keep sharing ideas and thoughts. Dr. Small asked about the vaccine, and there is not enough of it around, our staff members want to be vaccinated and with our students as much as possible. District 15, 211 and 54 consortium on appointments, layouts of how we can do this; we need Cook County to tell us where the sites will be. Dr. Small asked if it would be possible to have volunteers on short notice, as little as 72 hours, to get notified for helping with registration.

Sky asked about school districts that didn’t shut down, and seem to be doing very well as far as Covid cases. Dr. Small did say that there has been great success when schools are following the rules. IDPA has information on their website about each school and if there are outbreaks.

Pam asked what more can be done for students to come into school. The district has opened up and is allowing for all students who want to come in.

Carol asked why some teachers are remote vs in the classroom; the answer was that there could be an accommodation or quarantine situation.

**President –** Elizabeth Paveza was present and reported boosters will pay for each senior to get a yard sign and in the fall paid for the senior shirt. It's February, and we need to start looking to next year. We will have a lot of needs next year to fill open committees. Everyone has been giving of their time to train or stay on. Maybe reach out to parents that you know from the past to get some fresh perspectives. We need a nominating for the executive board for next year, Carol, Jen and Sky. We really need to get new people in with fresh ideas. The Senior lawn signs will be paid for by the line items for the mini-grants so it was the best use for it.

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

**Treasurer Report –** Marty Kennelly was not present. He didn’t have anything to report.

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

**Committee Reports**

**Communications -** Sky Capriolo was present and reported the next email blast will spotlight the Cheer and Cherelles combo and how they are performing virtually. Mark will get Sky the contact info. Sky will send emails about scholarships, the 5 essential surveys, spiritwear, the YouTube channel and the career hub.

**Conant Social Fundraiser -** Traci Garcia and Heather Sharbaugh were present, the event has been officially cancelled.

**Concessions -** Cancelled.

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

**Craft Fair Concessions -** Cancelled. Carol will help with this next year and will be the committee head.

**Dances -** Cancelled.

**Fundraisers -** Carol and Jenn were present and there was nothing to report, there has not been anything additional planned. Maybe something in April, Carol and Jenn will talk about it. Maybe McTeacher’s night for next year, through a locally owned McDonalds. The Bear family, off of Roselle Road, would be the location to host this. The band did this 4 years ago.

**Grill -** Cancelled.

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

**Membership -** Paula Waterman was not present and Jen Schols had nothing to report on membership.

**Post Prom -** Heather Sharbaugh was present and there is no change from last month's report. We are keeping the money in the budget should there be an event that we can fund and participate in.

**Scholarships -** Kelly O’Hara was present and reported that she is up to 7 readers! 5 applications have already been received.

**Cougar Corner Spirit Store -**  Julie Henry was present and reported that they are getting some orders in on the website and fulfilling them weekly.

**Website –** Paula Waterman was not present but did let Liz know if there are updates to send to her.

Heather mentioned that maybe a time capsule for this year could be something to do.

Carol asked if there is a plan for prom; Julie answered that there is a plan A, B and C. We really want the in person experiences for our students.

Sky asked about Senior breakfast, and if there could be a place with multiple rooms to hold the students. IDPHA has set the limit at the 50 count limit. Usually there are 400 students that participate, and this year there will be so many other considerations.

**Adjournment –** Elizabeth Paveza adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for attending at 8:15pm

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

**Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by**

Heather Sharbaugh

2020-2021 Recording Secretary