**CONANT BOOSTERS 2020-2021**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 8, 2020**

**Welcome from Corresponding Secretary –** Sky Capriolo opened the Zoom Boosters meeting at 7:01pm and welcomed all in attendance.

Eighteen members were in attendance, (4) Executive Board: Elizabeth Paveza, Marty Kennelly, Sky Capriolo, Heather Sharbaugh, RoseAnne Caboor, Jenn Reiger, Carol Hominac, Molly Bryant, Paula Waterman, Jen Schols, Julie Henry, Amanda Piecuch, Pam Drone, David Gilbert, Julie Nowak, Mark Langer, John Kane,

Absent: Traci Garcia, Kelly O’Hara

Sky asked for a Board member motion and a second to approve the August 11, 2020 meeting minutes. Carol Hominac made the motion and Julie Henry seconded it.

**Principal Report -** Julie Nowak was present and reported and how great the start of the school year has been. The afternoon support sessions are rolling out this week from 2-3:30pm. PE has had the top sign up already. Curriculum night overall went well. This month is suicide awareness month and a lot of information will be rolled out, the school is following the national guidance, it will be more of a review of terminology and signs. The school will also be talking about social opportunities for the students.

Sky mentioned how nice curriculum night was being able to attend from home.

**Activities Director Report** – Mark Langer was present and reported activity registration opened up last week. Clubs have started meeting virtually. Sponsors are still looking for creative ways to engage with students. Student council sponsor is really trying to get involvement with Homecoming around the corner. Still looking at a kickball game with the Juniors and Seniors. Next week will be a virtual activity fair.

**Athletic Director Report -** John Kane was present and reported that we are in week 5 and there are 5 teams; boys and girls golf, boys and girls cross country, girls swim & dive and tennis.

One of Conant’s juniors is ranked top in the state for golf. There are about 220 students getting involved in the fall sports that are going on. There will be four seasons going on this year. First girls home cross country meet today, ran at Conant, rather than Busse Woods. JV and Varsity both won. Boys had their first meet last week. Neither team had run on campus for a very long time. Girls swim and dive will have their first meet this Friday, this is the most challenging of the sports since it is indoor. They were looking at virtual meets using a Colorado timing system in order to stay under the 50 people threshold. Looking at potentially doing this for Senior Night, there are 17 on the team. Meets have been streamed live on YouTube for parents and others to watch. Athletics are heading into the contact days, starting a week from yesterday, we will get a maximum of 20 days, per the state of IL guidelines. Students will sign up for this through Infinite Campus to stay compliant with state and district guidelines. The emphasis will be on the upper class. 2 practices a week, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, will be either M, W or T, Thurs to have Friday and Saturday’s open. Meeting with all the coaches to go over all the rules and guidelines happening this week. Every student that signs up will have a wellness check before entering the building, they will pull up and and also get temperature checked. This temperature check will not happen outside with the contact days. The indoor sports will get this done when they enter the school and the outdoor sports will meet up and the coaches will do this for the team. IL and IHSA is not letting the high risk sports have contact, medium risk can scrimmage and will wear masks if breaking the 6ft barrier, low risk if outside no mask. Indoor sports will be required to have a mask on all the time. We know the rules will change and we will have to adapt. So far we have been very very safe and will continue to do so.

Sky asked about the spotlight - with the five sports are running right now and will try to highlight all the sports.

Carol asked about high risk sports and what IHSA is saying. John is meeting weekly with the head director and he said they will probably try and postpone high risk sports or consider moving the season to the summer. Spring will run in to too many students in the same sport.

Julie asked about shifting the sports to the summer, for a graduating senior what will that look like. John replied that those students will be able to compete. Julie asked how far into the summer this summer season might go. John stated that the state has posted an end date of June 26. The regionals and sectionals will not be held like they used to. We will have to compete against our COVID regional, which will be based on Cook County.

Julie Nowak asked if there would be a caveat for students with college scholarships. John said no.

Carol mentioned that dates have been posted on the IHSA website of all the sports and dates.

**President –** Elizabeth Paveza was present and did not have anything to report.

**Vice President Report –** Traci Garcia was not present.

**Treasurer Report –** Marty Kennelly was present and reported the books reviewed for 19-20 were really clean and Melanie did a really great job. Reimbursements should be submitted within 60 days of purchase, individuals should not be paying for hundreds of dollars rather it really should be Boosters, 2 stale checks found for scholarships will be reissued, Marty purchased a new computer and software, signers at 5th 3rd bank are Marty, Liz and Traci, Marty is very open to where the Boosters are financially. Some good news is that we did get the post prom refund. Current cash is just under $91,000, this year will be a lean year collection wise. Budget for this year from the meeting last month will be sent out to the group for review after this meeting.

**Corresponding Secretary Report –** Sky Capriolo was present and reported that a congratulations card went out to Anthony XXX for having a baby boy.

**Committee Reports**

**Communications -** Sky Capriolo was present and reported the blast was sent out to the new list that is back up to a few thousand. Mark needs to send Sky the list for the teachers, staff, etc. Sky showed the Conant facemask. 203 that will be sold at $5.

Paula asked if Sky needed the list of Boosters meetings, and said that she is good with the full list that she is now using.

**Conant Social Fundraiser -** Traci Garcia was not present, Heather Sharbaugh was present, and had no update to what was presented at the August 11, 2020 meeting.

**Concessions -** Cancelled

**Craft Fair -** Cancelled

**Craft Fair Concessions -** Cancelled

**Dances -** Cancelled at this time but are determining what the school can do to be creative.

**Fundraisers -** Carol Hominac and Jenn Reiger were present, and talked about the big day coming up on Saturday, September 12. It's exciting to be doing something! We will be using a trailer and it will stay in the Conant parking lot for 10 days before it can go to Savers. Carol thanked Julie and Mark for working with us on the use of the school parking lot for the fundraiser. Traci Garcia was able to secure several large boxes of clothes. Also for Saturday, Luke Jenner has been working with Mark and the student Crazy Shirts will be at Saturday’s event for sale for $10. Luke will have 8 student crazies at the school to help. Mark said that students there need to wear a mask, socially distance and can not handle cash. Carol did pay for the shirts through the Boosters and will be submitting that receipt. Students are communicating through tick toc and instagram.

Paula mentioned that she will bring her chromebook to help reconcile and that checking out at the end especially if paying by credit card is a great idea.

Sky asked if the school could announce something about the fundraiser and the spirit wear sale to be held on Saturday. Julie mentioned that she would make the announcement after the pledge tomorrow 9/9/20 or Thursday 9/10/20.

Unloading the truck will be on September 26 and we will need people to help with unloading, one person out of the vehicle out at a time, wearing a mask and gloves.

Mark said that volunteers can use the bathrooms at the school.

There was discussion on how the route should go.

**Grill -** Cancelled

**Special Events -** Molly Bryant was present and reported that there is nothing going on yet and nothing that can be done for the teachers yet.

**Membership -** Paula Waterman and Jen Schols were present and mentioned that there are volunteers signing up to help with Saturday’s event. We have 224 total memberships, which is about half of what we had. Income from membership to date is approximately $7400 . Paula goes in once a week to get the staff memberships. For mini-grants it is required to be a Boosters member.

**Post Prom -** Heather Sharbaugh was present and reported that we have received the refund from the previous years post prom deposit. At this time plans are still uncertain. No new updates.

**Scholarships -** Kelly O’Hara was not present.

**Cougar Corner Spirit Store -** Paula Waterman and Julie Henry were present and reported that some signs have been purchased. Custom spirit wear will need to be ordered by Dec 4 as the vendor is closing at the end of this year. Paula and Julie have been talking about engaging with students from the art for new designs.

**Website –** Paula Waterman and David Gilbert were present and reported that everything is up to date on the website. Any updates can be sent to Paula and David.

Mark asked if Paula and him could touch base on Friday to go over logistics for Saturday. Carol will be putting up the banners this week.

**Adjournment –** Sky Capriolo adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for attending at 8:01m

**Next Meeting -** Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 pm via Zoom Meeting

**Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by**

Heather Sharbaugh

2020-2021 Recording Secretary