**CONANT BOOSTERS 2020-2021**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, October 13, 2020**

**Welcome from President –** Elizabeth Paveza opened the 3rd Zoom Boosters meeting of the 2020-2021 school year at 7:03pm and welcomed all in attendance.

Twenty- three members were in attendance, (5) Executive Board: Elizabeth Paveza, Traci Garcia, Sky Capriolo, Heather Sharbaugh, Marty Kennelly, RoseAnne Caboor, Jenn Reiger, Carol Hominac, Molly Bryant, Paula Waterman, Jen Schols, Julie Henry, Pam Drone, Kathy Henry, Amanda Piecuch, Kathleen Henry, Cheryl, Pam Drone, Stacy G, David Gilbert, Julie Nowak, Mark Langer, John Kane

Absent: Kelly O’Hara

Elizabeth asked for a Board member motion and a second to approve the August 11, 2020 meeting minutes. Molly made the motion and Sky Capriolo seconded it.

**Principal Report -** Julie Nowak was present and reported that this Thursday there is a board of education meeting and there is every reason to believe that the hybrid model will begin on October 26. It is a unique time with the SAT and the 2020 Presidential election. Lots of our students are serving as electoral judges. There will be more communication coming out about the return to school. Students will split into two teams, Cougar Strong or Cougar Pride. This is a mathematical compilation to figure it all out. Our goal for next week is to practice the scenario, for each of our teachers, at this time we have 10 teachers that are teaching outside of the building; these teachers will have a monitor to connect the teachers with the kids. It will be important for the kids to know that school will not look like traditional school- we are excited to have the students back and move one step closer, but we want to be very transparent with how the day and school will be different from the cafeteria to walking in the halls. There is a mechanism in place in case a student does make a mistake with the wellness check, they will need to show their school ID, it will be scanned, and will be checked against the quarantine list, and another temperature check. Students who do not go on their hybrid day can still be remote. There are hundreds of logistics that have gone into this planning to meet all guidelines. We are really excited to move forward and take the first step in having the students back.

SAT tomorrow.

Carol asked when will the students get all the info: Julie Nowak responded with Cougar Pride will go first and we do know that. There is still a lot that will have to go into the planning, but students will know this by next week.

Jen Schols made a comment on how well things have been done. The teachers, administration and district have done a spectacular job. Julie Nowak said that she can not say enough about her faculty! Everyone at the school is excited to have the students back… fingers crossed with a lot of hard work.

Sky asked what will happen if a student does become infected. Julie responded that the key is the 6ft. We are following guidelines and all the cases will be reviewed on a one by one basis and there will be communication on this, and it is not an automatic that there will be a quarantine.

Julie Henry- for the SAT what is happening with breakfast and lunch. Julie Nowak replied that students will be provided with the breakfast and will be able to eat it at their desk. The prediction is that for the SAT the students will leave or just grab and go. It will be a really long day tomorrow. Students can also bring food and it can take longer and it all depends on the kids and if there is an accommodation.

There will be no issues with parking passes/permit and any student that asks for one will get one.

Carol asked if there are differences in the classroom. Julie Nowak responded that all desks are 6ft apart and there are cleaning procedures in place. There is some flexibility for the teachers to walk around as long as they follow guidelines and some teachers have put plexiglass in. Student movement will be limited.

Mask wearing is required, start getting your students used to it. It can be removed to take a drink and for lunch.

**Activities Director Report** – Mark Langer was present and reported there are some events that had people back at the school included the Savers event. Activities are up and running. The musical is up first, November 5, 6, and 7; no audience all live stream. Instead of mini-grants we are looking to buy all the students a t-shirt.

**Athletic Director Report -** John Kane was present and reported we are starting to wind down on the fall sports and sectionals are the last event. Boys golf was yesterday- it was a tough day for them to be out there. Nico Gahn, a senior, is committed to Drake with a 90% scholarship. We also have some very strong young golfers, boys and girls. This weekend we are hosting part of Schaumburg tennis sectional. Swimming has their final dual on Saturday, everything is automated and that is how the conference champs are determined. Boys and girls cross country will run at Hoffman High this weekend, they will have a regional. Everything will be wrapped up by the end of October.

Winter season starts November 16 for everyone. Most of the winter sports are waiting on what sports will run and we hope that we know by Oct 19 (or as close to this as possible) which sports will run- Governor's office needs to communicate with IHSA. Looking at what will happen with wrestling, boys and girls basketball and boys and girls gymnastics.

The more the sports get pushed into the next seasons we run into space issues. A lot of things are up in the air.

Sky asked if John had a gut reaction on anything, he replied that wrestling would likely get pushed back and maybe basketball too

**President –** Elizabeth Paveza was present and thanked everyone who was at the Savers event. Mark mentioned about providing funds to go to the seniors; there are a little under 600 seniors this year. It was said that it would be really great and an estimate of $10 would be the range. The more that the boosters can contribute for the students the better. We will refer to our budget and figure out something.

Traci was asked if the mini grants could be used for it; the money is still there.

We will look into how and where we can help and get back to Mark on it.

**Vice President Report –** Traci Garcia was present and had no update.

**Treasurer Report –** Marty Kennelly was present and reported the tax return is almost complete.

**Corresponding Secretary Report –** Sky Capriolo was present and presented there were 4 cards, 3 births Lauren Pieper- birth of son, Tracy Gall- birth of son and Austin Scobey- birth of daughter;, Mark Langer’s father passed away.

**Committee Reports**

**Communications -** Sky Capriolo was present and reported that the newsletter with Julie’s Isby award and the fall sports spotlights and career center information will be added in the future. We can highlight the musical in the next newsletter.

There is a $2 fee to get the link to watch the musical.

**Conant Social Fundraiser -** Traci Garcia and Heather Sharbaugh were present, the event has been officially cancelled. We might look into something in the winter and still investigating virtual fundraising options.

Carol mentioned that there could be some virtual games/fundraisers. Sky will let us know how her virtual fundraiser goes.

Elizabeth Paveza asked if we have heard of Queen of Hearts and that might also be something to consider.

**Concessions -** Cancelled. John Kane confirmed there is nothing going on with concessions.

**Craft Fair -** Cancelled.

**Craft Fair Concessions -** Cancelled.

**Dances -** Cancelled.

**Fundraisers -** Carol Hominac and Jenn Reiger were present, Carol thanked everyone that participated in the Savers fundraiser. She reported that we did collect a lot of soft goods, over 4665 lbs, we will get $1009.25 via direct deposit. Lori Bartolli is a huge reason why this was such a success. Also the Lewenduskis were able to donate a lot of clothes over the last several weeks. The drop off went very well. Carol recommended in the future to only do soft goods since it went so well. Carol will stay on next year and help as a consultant. They will probably book this spring for the event for next fall (plan in March for event in Sept). Holiday gift cards will also run this year. The sooner we get that open the better. Thinking people will want to order gift cards this year. Carol can order and deliver more waves of cards.

Carol also mentioned that one of our seniors put together a facebook and GoFund Me page and movement to save Mario’s pizza. If we can try to order from them and to the school for any catering events.

**Grill -** Cancelled.

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

**Membership -** Paula Waterman and Jen Schols were present and reported, current memberships are about half 192 parents, 56 staff, 248 total. $391 in donations to the Boosters. $8291 which is about half of where we were last year. Nothing to report on virtual memberships.

Cougars in Need still need help and we are looking for some corporate connections. Donations can come in through the gift card pro

**Post Prom -** Heather Sharbaugh was present and reported there is nothing to plan at this time. Mark Langer will let Heather know when it is okay to plan. May 15 is the date of Prom on the school calendar.

RoseAnne Cabor asked what are we doing for the mental health of our seniors? Julie Nowak mentioned that for students that are reaching out for help the staff has been engaged in helping. We are trying to stay as true as we can to our calendar and keeping a schedule so that students still have things to look forward to.

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

**Cougar Corner Spirit Store -** Paula Waterman was present and reported joggers have been added to the store. In December we are looking to have an event

Thank you to everyone that helped for spiritwear, we sold over $2000 at the event and $1500 through online. JH reported that the art students are submitting designs to get some new spirit wear items for the holiday store sales. We are hoping to push out the new items to all the incoming Freshman and hold a pickup date for December 12. Carol can combine that with the gift card fundraisers.

Paula asked Julie Nowak and Mark Langer if they could reach out to the feeder schools for us. Juie Nowak said that she is happy to do that.

**Website –** Paula Waterman was present and reported to send her any updates; changes or revisions.

Elizabeth Paveza ended with one final thought, for those part of the Boosters club to help spread the word to get more people involved and to take over committees and to keep moving the us forward.

**Adjournment –** Elizabeth Paveza adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for attending at 8:07pm

**Next Meeting -** Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 pm via Zoom Meeting

**Meeting Minutes respectfully submitted by**

Heather Sharbaugh

2020-2021 Recording Secretary