

# General Meeting of Luther Conant Parent Teacher Organization

Thursday, January 20, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

## Notes



### January 20, 2022, 7 pm -PTO General Body Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Commenced:** 7:00 pm

**Board Members Present for General Body Meeting;** Erik Larson, VP, Jaime Roberts, Secretary, Andrew Jones, Treasurer, Erica Abbruzzese

**Teachers, Parents, Guests Present for General Body Meeting;** Abigail Dressler, Ali Ganns, Sharon Ryan, Joan Kelly and 15 parents

**Welcome-** Andrew Jones was host as Vicki Tardif couldn't be there.

**Reading Presentation: Sharon Ryan, the Pre-K to 2** Reading Specialist at Acton Public Schools and Joan Kelly, Harvard School of Education, former teacher, did a presentation on Reading app Abound.

To access go to : [partners.aboundparenting.com](https://partners.aboundparenting.com)  
(put in code per class/teacher) is the website for grades K to 2

- She talked about how to think about reading differently
- What role does schools play in reading and what should parents do?
- Read often and quickly enough so it becomes automatic
- 3 buckets of reading
- Letters and sounds, Vocab and knowledge, and awareness and regulation
- reading is small moments every day, vocab, talk, reading, accumulation over the years
- academic words that trip kids up in high school, use the app to help, boggle, crossword puzzles too

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[joan@aboundparenting.com](mailto:joan@aboundparenting.com) is her contact information if you want to get more information

### **New Business:**

Yearbook-Erik Larson volunteered to do it as coordinator but Abigail volunteered the teachers and students in 6<sup>th</sup> grades to do student driven project where they build there own and make it equitable for the 49 students in house

6<sup>th</sup> grade t-shirts- Debby Lee will get the t-shirts ordered like last year, questions will we pay for them? We need a 6<sup>th</sup> grade parent to help

-Spring Community Events Planning/Fundraising ideas- Erica asked Abigail to get dates in May and then we will book ice cream trucks, needs volunteers to organize games

-Annual appeal- Vicki will draft letter and send out in February like we passed out in backpacks

-Buying bday ribbons : Mrs. Vitale -\$480 payment good for 2 years -We approved this spending

-Treasurer report-we filed taxes, will be filing with state, purchased welcome back brunch, Venmo is no-go (Andrew will look into stripe)

-Spirit wear report (Jaime gave this for Mas Rodriguez)

We were able to send home the pre-orders of Conant Gear before the winter break after a few setbacks: the duffel bags were not available from any of the vendors, the only company that supplies PJ pants stopped making them in youth sizes, many sizes were unavailable from any of the vendors because of

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supply chain issues, and the local printer that we went with was forced to cobble together sweatshirts from many different vendors to fulfill our order so if you looked at the sizes side-by-side the smaller sizes are a heather blue, the medium sizes are shiny performance material, and the larger sizes are the navy that we had wanted. Luckily they all looked good when we received them and people who ordered sizes that ended up being unavailable were understanding and we were able to refund them.

This year we automated the site so that it keeps track of inventory and lets people know when certain sizes are sold out which is extremely helpful on our end. We had a total of 118 orders (many with multiple items)

### **Here's what we sold (\$2955: I don't remember the total order price, but the treasurer should have that number)**

- 40 youth sweatshirts
- 24 adult sweatshirts/microfleece zips
- 13 sweatpants
- 15 shirts (from old inventory)
- 26 bags (from old inventory)
- 3 waterbottles (from old inventory)
- 7 PJ pants (mix of old and new inventory)

### **Here's what we have left:**

from new order:

- 49 sweatpants (assorted sizes)
- 16 1/4 zip microfleece adult sweatshirts (assorted sizes)
- 26 youth sweatshirts (assorted sizes, no XL)
- 19 adult hoodie sweatshirts (assorted sizes)
- 13 adult PJS (assorted sizes)
- 1 adult sweatpants (L)

from old stock:

- 2 duffel bags
- 82 water bottles
- 6 short sleeved shirts
- 45 tote bags
- 9 long sleeved shirts

For next year, I would do a re-order of the youth sweatshirts with more orders on the L/XL/XXL sizes since they tended to run small. I would also try and find a vendor to do the duffel bags since these are always popular and they are now running out. If we want to put in another order in the spring for short sleeved shirts, the sports theme was very popular.

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It would be great to do a few more facebook posts, we could advertise the sweatshirts and sweatpants as being especially cozy for classrooms with windows open!

-Question was did we make any money? Andrew will look into spending on the conant gear. Should we increase prices even more next year?

### **Open Discussion:**

-Parents asked if we can provide anything for Covid related items. Abigail said boxes of soft tissues are all they need as wipes we can't donate anymore due to Covid specific cleaning supplies and they have enough masks, etc..

Next Meeting: Feb 10<sup>th</sup> and then March 10<sup>th</sup> for now , April, May and June meeting dates will be set at a later date

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:08 pm

**Minutes Typed by:** Jaime Roberts