

General Meeting of Luther Conant Parent Teacher Organization

Thursday, March 10, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

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March 10, 2022, 7 pm -PTO General Body Meeting Agenda

Welcome- Erik Larson-Vice President

Meeting Attendees: Principal Val G, Megan Spencer, Julie Weir, Ali Ganns, Jaime Roberts, Erica A, Andrew J, Dan B, Catherine and Jimmy R, Heather T, Randi T, MT,Deepak,

Principal Update:

Cori check for volunteers, back in building, start with April and May volunteers for now, parents can come into the main office to do it, need their drivers license to make a copy of. There will be a booth at the Ice Cream social.

Process of cori is every 3 years and most have expired, so want to do all again, ext day parents if office is open, at pick up can come do it if volunteering for April/May events.

-Sweet blackberry event on 3/10 went really well, thank you to PTO for funding it. Mrs. Parsons was here all day, 9 to 3 and did each grade individually in person, first one in 2years. Kids became poets, inventors. Dawn Bentley tweeted it out.

-Asst Principal search underway with Gates asst principal. Big committee of 12 different teachers, 18 applicants, 6 interviewed, 3 finalists (Val is contacting them shortly), Site visit, feedback, tour, interviews of students and do an observation of teacher and feedback session with teacher/Val, final interview, soon they will decide.

-6th grade graduation most likely on last day of school June 21 like most schools

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve but need to post on the website-need Walter to do it. Need to have a meeting with Walter to discuss updates to the website, etc.. Send email to Walter with all the months notes to post, does he have access to the drive ?

New Business:

-Spring /Fall Community Events :

- 2022 Ice Cream Social is back –Outside

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- Committee Planning Volunteers Needed, Teacher Games, Supplies Needed
- Date: Sunday 5/15 3 to 5 pm rain date 5/22 or move inside?
- Custodial/bathroom needs-yes approved to use bathrooms inside no porta pottys. Need custodial support \$300 about for overtime on custodians
- Stay outside and use rain date. If Rain date is also on 5/22 , move inside.
- Megan Spencer talked about ideas, send email out to room parents, lots of discussion around this
- Parking is a CONCERN: Val, ask transportation to move busses if we use the back parking lot for more parking, Busses in past, moved on Friday
- Teachers, Mrs. Hodsdon, Mrs. Zamary, Spencer, Vitale
- face painting, ask high school volunteers, Mrs. Mastrolia in past got a group to do it and supplies, maybe on hand or tattoos
- Budget? How much everything will cost
- each grade come up with a game and room parents in charge with teachers- sub committees needed
- Communions on Sundays in May so may miss people
- Drip Drop game fun for a lot of people
- chalk /hula hoops on playground
- ask other PTO's about their carnival, Merriam?
- Inflatable Slides not bouncy house, need to book, cost? Petting Zoo?
- Dunk Tank- need hose? Do we want to do? If move inside we may loose money or rain date cancellation?
- If parent/teacher run game, need child supervised by another parent-
- work out logistics on tickets per kid
- free ice cream truck ice cream for every Conant Student and Teacher, Volunteer
- Parents and siblings (non Conant) will need to pay.
- do we ask for donation of \$10 and then you can get ice cream from truck?
- Do we charge- we decided no charge – but that was asked about
- Cori Table, Volunteer PTO Table, and Annual Appeal Donation Table

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-Annual appeal- coming out this week –letter in backpacks went out this week, some already got it and on the website (need Walter to update this) Donate button works. Will update next meeting on how much. Table at Ice Cream Social to ask for \$.

Nurse Chudik supplies needed- \$150 to \$200 from PTO , that was appoved motion and 2nd to use funds to the nurse. It was also posted on facebook for people to donate.

-Conant Craft Fair – Catherine Reichert 10/23/2022 Volunteers Needed in the fall, later that will go out. 30 vendors so far, which is good, 6 weeks application went out, 80/90 vendors typically , we get \$10,000 total to Conant in past years, big fundraising event. Thinking of bake sale, candy plates (closer to event). Teachers set up and clean out classrooms on Friday night before, volunteers happen closer to event

-Polar Pride- happening, it will be on Wednesday June 15th most likely since most events are on Fridays, green team field trip, natures classroom 6th grader, Committee is forming of teachers, need volunteers, room parents will send out info to get volunteers, -Val will work with Mrs .Bardsley to look into (t shirts order? Rainbow of colors for each student per class.. too small some kids who ordered those) other supplies needed? , Kindergarten doesn't have t-shirts, Tell Mas how much we need, inventory shirts, maybe order a shirt every year due to kids needing clothes. Reach out to room parents to send information out, sizes each year, this year?

6th grade Yearbook- publish ourselves, Randi Taylor volunteered to help but not take the lead and asked about Mrs Wilcox being out. Val stated she is okay, personal issues and out this week and most likely next. She can plan but can't be in school. Kids are worried so Val will speak to the class. Mrs Kayer(sp) is helping and Mrs. Northworthy.

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Library request for Spirit Wear/Gift cards- Every year we offer the challenge of reading all 25 books as well. This year Julie Weir has up to 5 students who may complete the challenge by March 30th. One idea was for PTO Donate Sweatshirts/Pants \$145 for 5 students or water bottles? But decided a bigger prize like Gift cards to Silver Unicorn would be better.. 7 x \$15 so total of \$105 and it Julie would buy and we would reimburse.

-We approved to have Mrs. Weir buy it and maybe get a discount for this and we will reimburse her

-Will ask Paul for Discount, never in 7 years have kids done this and now we have a handful will read 25. Motivated 4th and 5th graders this year, picture of kids and maybe post if we can of those students

-IN past we had a library account for key chains summer reading but funded by the book fairs which we haven't had in years. \$300 in past for that, Mrs. Weir had about \$51 dollars left but we all approved this award for the kids and the challenge.

Survey coming out- events for 2022-2023 school year, parent /teacher series (math curriculum, SEL, digital wellness) , google doc and add teachers on their as well to collaborate for what we all need

-PTO Board Positions Open and Chairs for event volunteers- President Resignation-

-Vicki Tadiff resigned as president

- Need Walter to change the email address on the website

-Next meeting call for volunteers for Board Positions Next year

-posters, flyers, info on events and what time it entails,

-committee leads

-flyers in back packs

-room parents send out emails

-Table at Ice cream social with clip board, Board Member greeting people

-Slide Show presentation at Back to school Night

-Announcement on Intercom at Ice Cream Social and Back to school night

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-post on Facebook

-Julie Weir said 5th graders are working on newsletter in Camo and can do one for parents, 6th graders good at it.

-posters for Parent Spring Conferences

-Gardening Committee? –spring clean up (Olga)

The high school seniors are resuming their day of community service this year to spread mulch/pull weeds/rake, etc. for the front of the school. This is our traditional project. Almost always, a PTO member takes the lead on working with the kids that day. Volunteer needed to work with Ann Lack

-Olga F agreed to do this and take the lead, be the supervisor.

-This happens April 29th , 300 to 400 for mulch in past, during the day in the front

-typically 10 to 15 high schoolers not necessarily Conant Grads. Olga did this at Douglas and in past years at Conant

-Maybe Green Team can help as well, talk to Mrs. Vitale about this and how they can help (Julie and Megan will mention this to Mrs. Vitale)

Open Discussion: We talked a lot so had many discussions so n/a on other items

Next Meeting: April 14, May 19 and June TBD

End Meeting: 8:15 pm

Meetings Notes taken by Jaime Roberts