

October 15, 2019

Conant Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order 7:02PM
2. Introductions
3. Approval of September meeting minutes:
 - a. Jenny Zussman motion to approve; Nikole Swiatkowski 2nd - APPROVED
4. Boy Scout Presentation:
 - a. Amanda Shelton is the liaison between Boy Scouts & Conant PTO
 - b. Looking for service project ideas: typically do 1 in the fall and 1 in spring
 - c. Currently picking up apples from playground trees weekly; Mr. Russo suggested the build of a GAGA pit, but the idea needs to be researched further
 - d. Other ideas: courtyard clean-up, addition of buddy benches, volunteer at PTO events

Reports:

5. Principal's Report:
 - a. Halloween (10/31) is a ½ day. Parade starts at 10:30. Discussed costume appropriateness – nothing too scary
 - b. Disability Awareness Day changes – moving to central location (Booth Center). 4th graders will be bussed to that location. Unknown if each school will need to provide volunteers. Elisa Fory is leading again for Conant. Dates: Dec 9th, 10th or 11th.
 - c. Reviewed mischooldata.org website. Tool used to compare MSTEP data from like-schools; can compare Conant's performance to other schools in our "group"
6. President's Report – PTOC:
 - a. Multicultural Night committee is asking each PTO to donate \$200 to the event this year.
 - b. Date of event is 3/18/20
 - c. Much discussion on the value of the event; group supported the idea of donating
 - d. Voted to donate \$200 – motion to approve by Jen Burlingame; Theresa Kasel 2nd – APPROVED
7. Treasurer Report – no treasurer present; deferred to next month
8. Breakfast with Buddies:
 - a. Overwhelming RSVP for the event - ~ 500 guests!
 - b. Serving bagels, coffee, juice, "sweet" item, and working on fruit donation
 - c. Note to go out re: the event to go out on FB and through the office (detail what is being served, adults need to stay with their kids until 9:00, cannot get into classrooms until 9:00, etc). Will include a sign up genius for help setting up and cleaning up for each day.
 - d. Jenny asked for a \$1200 budget approval. Debra suggested that funding could come from last year's Yearbook 'rebate' (~\$800) and Red Wings Ticket Money (~\$400).
 - e. Motion to approve \$1200 budget by Nikole Swiatkowski; Jen Burlingame 2nd - APPROVED
9. Make a Difference Day:
 - a. Ann Marie Veneroni explained MADD
 - b. Collecting snack items at Conant through Friday 10/25

- c. Can join students and families from BH school district to volunteer at Gleaners on Saturday, 10/26. K-12 students welcome.
- 10. Conant Community Night at LCA
 - a. Over 70 tickets sold generating almost \$400 for Conant
 - b. Jenny Zussman with distribute tickets directly to families – they will not be sent home in folders
- 11. GET:
 - a. Mr. Russo gave an overview of what GET is and discusses
 - b. There are opportunities for more people from Conant to join the team

Old Business:

- 12. Playground funds
 - a. A K-1-2 basketball hoop was approved at the end of last school year as the recipient of the remaining playground fundraising money
 - b. The District has approved PTO to pursue the purchase and installation of a pole/backboard/hoop
 - c. Nikole Swiatkowski in the process of reviewing 2 supplier quotes and will select supplier
 - d. Estimated timing for install – beginning of November

New Business:

- 13. “New Family” to Conant event – agenda item tabled until next month
- 14. Beautification of School Grounds:
 - a. Nikole Swiatkowski discussed the idea of improving the aesthetics of the entrance of the school. No additional fundraising in 2019/2020 school year. Hoping to find a landscape architect to donate time to propose plans/ideas.
- 15. March 2020 Bond Election
 - a. Mr. Russo shared that the School Board has approved a March 2020 bond ballot item valuing \$120-\$180M. Bond will be for re-configuring and/or improving school facilities. Exact proposal has not been determined yet.
- 16. Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 12th at 9:15AM
- 17. Meeting Adjourned at 8:33PM