**General Assembly Meeting of Conant PTO**

**Wednesday, May 31, 2023**

**Notes**

**Attendees: Jaime Roberts, Debby Lee, Melissa Cottone, Andrew Jones, Catherine Reichert, Mas, 8 other parents**

**7:30 PM – 7:45 PM Feedback on Recent Events** *Jaime Roberts, Secretary*

* Breakfast with Families- 3 of them, lower attendance the last one, make sure we didn’t have enough coffee, got to meet a few parents we didn’t see, first one the most crowded, double line for food, library open for quiet space, accommodations at each event
* Sixth Grade Dance Party
  + So much fun, one more hour, 3 hours, too much food? 5th grade parents helped , grade appropriate, into to what is to come for junior high, school store cost for this event, used the lobby outside for games
* Conant Carnival- more volunteers at the bouncy castle, more parents for that station, NHS high school volunteers were great, make sure incoming K’s come and invited
* Movie nights: put out the donation bucket at events

**7:45 PM – 7:55 PM Upcoming Spring Events** *Debby Lee, President*

* **Thurs, 6/8: Scoops & Stories Night**
  + 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
    - Shop at the Silver Unicorn and 15% of your purchase will be donated to Conant PTO
    - Plus, stay to enjoy stories being read by three Conant Teachers:
      * 6:00 PM: 1st Grade Teacher, Veronica Pena
      * 6:30 PM: 4th Grade Teacher, Kara Boyle
      * 7:00 PM: 6th Grade Teacher, Katelyn Norsworthy
  + 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
    - Enjoy a $5 Luther Bear-themed Sundae at West Side Creamery
* **Library Packing Party – 6/12 – 6/16 Ms LaFlamme, sign up genius is going out this week** 
  + Tearing down the ceilings and insulation this summer so packing up school by the end of the year
* Please watch for an email from your Room Parent this week! Time slots going out
* Kids may be packing classrooms
* **Friday, 6/9: Polar Pride Day**
  + **Sign up genius went around by teachers**
* **Weds, 6/14: Sixth Grade Graduation**
* **Fri, 6/16: Last Day of School**

**7:55PM – 8:00 PM President’s Updates (couldn’t make it but here is an update)**

Dear PTO, thank you for your kindness in sharing this generous gift card with me today. I apologize that I am not able to be there to thank you in person, but please know it is deeply appreciated. It has truly been my pleasure to join the Conant community this year after a few tumultuous years of administrative changes. I have been in a number of schools in my interim work and I can say that I found Conant students, families and teachers to be open, welcoming, and a joy to work with. I hope I've been able to bring a bit of stability to the school and I am excited that Tricia O'Reilly will be taking up the helm as I believe she is the right leader to move the school forward. Than you again for all your support this year and I look forward to hearing about all the Conant success stories next year.

**Volunteer Recognition**

-Thank you to all the volunteers!!

* + - * Update on PTO structure for the 2023-2024 school year
      * Chair/Lead Sign-ups for 2023-2024
        + Key committees pass out and sign up
        + Hospitality – teacher appreciation week , coffee truck, fleeces, snacks, custodians, admin assistants, library, café workers, nurse
        + Gardening committee- needs someone
        + Polar Press
        + Facebook page

**8:00 PM – 8:10 PM Treasurer Update** *Andrew Jones, Treasurer*

* Presentation of 2023-2024 Budget

**8:10 PM – 8:20 PM** **Board Elections**  *Debby Lee, President*

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| **President:** | open |  |
| **Co-Vice Presidents:** | **Melissa Cottone** | **Incumbent** |
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| **Treasurer:** | **Andrew Jones**  Maria Seng | **Incumbent**  **Candidate** |
| **Secretary:** | open |  |
| **General Board Members:** | Ryan Farrell (couldn’t make it) | Candidate |
|  | Premlata Gunapu- grade 1 next year son | Candidate |
|  | Lisa Adil- on Acton Family Network Board, rising 3rd grader daughter, has special ed background as a high school teacher | Candidate |
|  | Cathy Cuddy- Acton in Kindergarten next year | Candidate |  |

All in favor of voting the new board is approved!

Zoom Meeting next Sunday 6/4/23 to transition

Events to do next year in fall: Festival of cultures (fall) , pumpkin fest, -food and games and tables, talent show/music dance, Spelling Bee, Game Night? PE night?, Sledding Day/Night, Annual Appeal next year? , PTO kindergarten summer events (2, meet the principal and end of the summer) August , advertise this for volunteers and ask kids to come 4th , 5th?

-ABFN Goward Playground-bus will come, wear a color

-Volunteer T shirts (order this for events) or buttons

Craft Fair- 43 rd annual, $11,000 in cash we get to Conant

-Email Dr. O’Reilly -July 1st

-Polar Pride gear and inventory push on facebook and teachers put in newsletter

-Flyers will go out this week with Stories and Scoops

-Pictures of polar pride gear

-Calendar -summer for PTO meetings every month a meeting General Assembly , board meets once a month

-Meet with principal once a month (Board)

-Joint PTSO with other schools – a rep from Conant goes (run by Peter Light and School Committee Member) Monday’s once a month on zoom-get one rep per board

-One Movie License for the district and then get reimbursed

End time: 8:31 pm