**Welcome and Intro of Board Members and Teacher Reps-Attendee’s include:** Melissa C, Debby L, Jaime R, Andrew J, Megan S, Jenna M, and other parents (12 total)

**What is the Conant PTO-** Melissa shared president stepped down and voting on new president tonight. Everyone is a member of PTO, we are always looking for parents to join us with great ideas. Faculty reps: Megan Spencer and Jenna Mizzi- until Dec and then in spring when back from maternity leave. We help fundraise, community building, scholarships for families in need for field trips, enrichment events, social events, capital projects, beautification of school, serve the school.

**Principal Update-Megan Spencer gave update for Val.**

1.) continue to be extremely excited about renewed partnership - as are our staff!

2.) we are looking for library volunteers! Please reach out to Michelle LaFlamme and Ann lack if interested

3.) we would like to bring our culturally responsive teacher leadership team to the next GA meeting to share some of what our goals are and work will be for the year - also to have a conversation either with GA or board about how to recruit more diverse parent involvement. Additionally, as we review all aspects of our practice through a culturally responsive lens, we are also looking at our traditions and celebrations to ensure inclusivity. We would love to partner with PTO and do this in concert as we identify new opportunities for collaboration and community

4.) We are thrilled to accept the Blue Ribbon award and will have an educator, the principal, and superintendent represent Conant at the ceremony in DC in November. We must acknowledge again that this is an achievement which reflects the efforts and commitment of educators, students, families, and the larger community

5.) we are sad to say goodbye to our wonderful, longtime music teacher Mrs. French but support her in moving closer to home. We are also delighted to welcome a very talented educator in Dr. Brendan Ferrari (a Douglas parent) who will begin 10/17).

6.) excited for craft fair and I will push out craft fair sign up at least weekly and am looking for feedback on the frequency of family communications - at the teacher and school level.

7.) we currently have Dan and Debby on School Council and one other parent who has expressed interest but not commitment - please email

Val by the end of the weekend if you’re interested in being a part of SC!

**Treasurer Update-Andrew**

-Budget for the year-we are working on it and will pull together for next meeting to vote (November agenda)

-add webhosting to budget and coffee truck, teacher appreciation week-do that again if possible, big hit

-$120 per each teacher- Megan and Jenna pass that on for teachers use (recess toys, classroom supplies, etc)

-Kindergarten t-shirts for all school meetings? Do we need to order this year? Different colors for each grade-Ask Val?

-Val- check on author programs, what would she like to see? in past Principal requested and PTO funded it

-Other schools may be doing a district wide road show, like Ruby Bridges

-already paid things like $230 for craft fair publicity

-Last year Annual appeal was $7000 we got approx.. Do we want to do it again this year?

- spirit wear- Mas will look at inventory and see how much that cost to see if we can unravel the sold/left

-Megan and Kindergarten classes can promote the inventory, smaller sizes. Great to have Conant Gear!

**Recent /Upcoming Events:**

-Back to School Night- great success, so great to have people in person!

-Room Parent Orientation- Thursday, 10/13 at 7pm in Conant Library for all room parents

-Craft Fair Update: Catherine R.

-Picture Day- 10/14 just a reminder

-Fall Festival- coming this year maybe

-Book Fair - Coming this year

-Movie Nights -Coming this year

-and More!

**New Business:**

**-**Voted in PTO President, Debby Lee

-Pride Wear for this year ordering-ideas include, baseball caps with Conant bear, water bottle stickers and car magnets, Let Mas Rodriguez know if you have other ideas

-Directory coming soon -Need it from Ann Lack and then room parents should send it out.

-Approved for water bottles $700

-Approved for 3rd grade field trip Plimouth $499

-Facebook and Email Sign up to get Polar Press -https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/8pme2tI

**Open Discussion:** Next meeting talk about more events

**Next Meeting Date:** Calendar coming soon, email an hour before PTO meeting with agenda,meetings will be hybrid of zoom, in person, can bring kids if in person, make it earlier on the time, watch for school committee meeting date conflicts, Breakfast with families, movie nights and then meeting. We will post agendas, send emails out and zoom links, per room parents and teachers.

End Meeting Time: 9:08 pm

Notes taken by Jaime Roberts