



## Condit Elementary PTO

### Minutes of the October 2, 2019 PTO meeting

Call to Order: Amira Staller called meeting to order at 8:21 a.m. in the Condit Cafeteria.

Rebecca Grazier asked the members to review the April 12, 2019 online meeting minutes and asked for a motion to approve them into record. Dana Cran made a motion to approve the minutes and they were approved unanimously. There were no opposing hands raised in the audience.

Amira Staller introduced the 2019-20 PTO board.

#### Officer Reports

##### Treasurer

Edie Efron asked for approval of the budget. Julie Dabney made a motion to approve and there were no opposing hands raised in the audience. Edie discussed the current budget and explained that we have a healthy balance in our accounts. She reminded everyone that deposits can be made in the safe which is in the school office. Any receipts can be emailed directly to Edie at [ConditPTOtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:ConditPTOtreasurer@gmail.com).

#### Committee Reports

RFTS, Amira Staller: We started promoting last month with current giving levels. If there are any questions, please reach out directly to Jean Lee at [conditrftsfamily@gmail.com](mailto:conditrftsfamily@gmail.com).

SDMC, Shana Halvorsen: The committee explained that every campus has an SDMC team. It is made up of parents, teachers and community members. Parents have a 2-year term. Shana is on her second year and Stacy Sedaris is on her first year. They meet 1 time a month and Dan Greenberg (principal of Condit) is the chair of the committee. One meeting each year is open to the public. There are question forms available online. Please only ask about broad concerns - can also suggest solutions. The most recent meeting covered role of the SDMC, review of school improvements and budget, safety drills. A few voices of concern regarding 5<sup>th</sup> grade schedule/lack of breaks and consistent use of Class Dojo. We do not have a Speech Pathologist, but this is more of an HISD issue vs. a Condit problem. The one public meeting already took place with Parent University. The minutes from each meeting are available online.

Condit Family Movie Night, Amira Staller: Condit Family Movie Night will be held on October 11 in the MPR. Popcorn will be served, and families are encouraged to bring blankets, pillows, their own food, etc. This event is being sponsored by Houston Orthodontic Specialists. It is at 6 pm and the movie this year is Aladdin.

Update, Lacey Grimm: Ms. Grimm thanked everyone for their time volunteering at the school. She reminded everyone that Class Dojo is the best way to stay connected with what is happening at school. She asked that you do not message Mr. Greenberg, Ms. Heath, or herself via Class Dojo directly and that email is the best form of communication. They have been working on building ownership with kids and learning how to move past their mistakes. Please reach out to Ms. Grimm with any questions.

Science Box, Marjorie Hong: Science Box is a unique program that spans across all grades at Condit, with 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades being the most hands on. Studies show that most children will lose interest in science by the age of 8 and this program brings in that action, excitement, and joy to the students. Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped with Science Box over the years.

Fall Carnival, Rebecca Grazier & Meredith Vela: Fall Carnival is scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup> 1-4 PM. We are hoping for great weather again. Ticket sales start this week and forms will go home again in 2 weeks. Thank you to all the parent volunteers that make this event a success.

Ifest, Mona Sharique: This is a wonderful school event that is scheduled for January 31. Volunteers are needed to help plan and host this event. Please reach out to [monasharique@gmail.com](mailto:monasharique@gmail.com) with any questions.

Boosterthon, Dana Cran & Miriam McAuliffe: This year's Boosterthon is scheduled for Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> and will include an obstacle course. In the past the Boosterthon group brought their entire team to handle all aspects of the event as well as daily interactions on campus leading up to the race. This year we are dropping down to a different level of support that will still allow for full coverage on the day of race, but the team will not be onsite leading up to the event. This will decrease the percentage kept by Boosterthon but will require additional volunteer support from parents. A new chair will be needed for next year.

Green Generations, Esperanza Vaughan: Green Generations team helps take care of the plants in the school as well as the Condit garden. The classrooms help harvest the beds. New this year is a program called Recipe for Success which is being led by Esther Puig & Rachel Pasternak. This is the pilot year for the nutritional education program that will partner with Green Generations to use the vegetables grown in the garden. More details to follow on this new and exciting program. The Green Generations team needs help watering plants and with the composting program. Students are eager to help compost their meals at lunch but need guidance from an adult onsite.

Dads' Club, Steven Vaughan: Condit Dads' Club has free exercise classes several mornings a week at Condit as well as hosted events during the year. Please reach out to [conditdads@gmail.com](mailto:conditdads@gmail.com) if your committees need volunteers/manpower during events.

Box Tops, Amira Staller: This year has had a change in the program with receipts scanned with the mobile app. The first collection is October 29<sup>th</sup>. You can continue to send in clipped Box Tops until these are phased out.

Gala, Amira Staller: Over the past few years the Condit Gala has been held in the spring and included a silent auction and fun for parents and faculty. This event helps raise money for the school and we still need a chair if we plan to host this year. Please reach out to Holly Koehn with any questions or interest [hkoehn@gmail.com](mailto:hkoehn@gmail.com).

Upcoming Events, Amira Staller: We have a busy October. All early dismissals will now be at 12:00 PM. This year's Halloween Parade will be inside the fence. Details will follow on Class Dojo.

October 3 – Sociable – Moms' Sip & Paint at Painting with a Twist| 7 PM

October 9 – NO SCHOOL  
October 11 – Family Movie Night at Condit | 6 PM  
October 15 – CNO at Betsy’s at Evelyn’s Park  
October 18 – Early Dismissal at 12:00 PM  
October 25 – Report Cards  
October 26 – Fall Carnival at Condit | 1:00 PM  
October 28 – Dads’ Club – Monday Night Football at Watershed  
October 29 – Donuts & Dialogue with Ms. Nieto | 7:45 AM  
October 31 – Halloween Parade

*Adjournment: 8:56 a.m.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rebecca Grazier, 2019-2020 PTO VP of School Services / Support.

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