



## Condit Elementary PTO

### Minutes of the October 14, 2020 PTO meeting

Call to Order: Amira Staller called meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. virtually, from her home.

Mrs. Amira Staller asked for a motion to approve the final meeting minutes from last academic year into record. Jean Lee made a motion to approve the minutes and Julie Dabney seconded the motion. There were no opposing hands raised in the virtual audience.

PTO President Jean Lee started the meeting by expressing her gratitude to everyone for joining the first virtual PTO Meeting of the 2020/2021 academic year. Jean also introduced the PTO Board:

PTO Board Positions 2020/2021	Name
President	Jean Lee
President Elect	Edie Efron
VP of Volunteering	Lindsay Cohen
Treasurer	Edie Efron
Treasurer Elect	Pinar Cepni
VP of Finance #1 (Business)	Jennifer Friedberg
VP of Finance #2 (Family)	Julie Dabney
VP of Social/Community Service	Rebecca Grazier
VP of External Communications and Student Activities	Amira Staller
VP of Internal Communications	Rachel Pasternak
VP of School Services/Support	Lynnea Roth
Past President/Parliamentarian	Amira Staller
Faculty Representative	Michelle Nybakken
SDMC	Rachel Auwarter
SDMC	Stacy Sederis

### Officer Reports

#### Treasurer

Edie Efron shared the current PTO budget. She requested that everyone keep in mind that the key to this year will be allowing for flexibility and fluidity with the budget. The PTO is hoping for loads of support. The school store is now completely available online – you can even purchase Condit masks. If you are a committee chair who has receipts, please email them to [conditptotreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:conditptotreasurer@gmail.com) \*please be sure to include the name of the committee in the email and how you would like to receive reimbursement. (i.e. Venmo, check, etc.)

## **Committee Reports**

Reach for the Stars – Family, Julie Dabney: Donations from families help with improvements across the campus. Every donation helps immensely. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

[Julie.dabney@gmail.com](mailto:Julie.dabney@gmail.com)

Reach for the Stars – Business, Jennifer Friedberg: We are currently in the process of working with local businesses who have purchased ads, banners and funded the Cat Chat and School Directory as well as, sponsored school-wide events. If any parent is aware of a business interested in donating to our fundraising efforts, please share my contact information. [jenfriedberg@gmail.com](mailto:jenfriedberg@gmail.com)

SDMC, Stacy Sederis and Rachel Auwater: For those who are unsure of the SDMC's role, we serve as an advisory group to the school principal, Mr. Greenberg. We are community members, current teachers, parents and former teachers. We express the voices of concern and care within our community. If you have a query for this group, please contact us directly. [cruz.rachel@gmail.com](mailto:cruz.rachel@gmail.com) [stacyeallen@hotmail.com](mailto:stacyeallen@hotmail.com)

New item, Teacher Wish Lists, Nicole Dobbs: Due to the current situation with the pandemic, we have created grade-level wish lists on Amazon.com. Each grade level has a listing for the top 3 items requested to make the transition back to face-to-face education a bit safer and easier. Items purchased are intended for the entire grade. Nicole Dobbs is serving as the point of contact. Many thanks to all who have already purchased items for our wonderful educators. [nicbaum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nicbaum@sbcglobal.net)

There are a few committees in need of chairs and co-chairs for the 2020/2021 academic year, these include: Green Generation (needs 2 chairs), Dad's Club (needs a co-chair), Book Fair (needs a co-chair), Odyssey of the Mind (needs a chair, parent of student participant). If you are interested in volunteering for these incredibly important committees, please contact Lindsay Cohen for more information: [linz5432@aol.com](mailto:linz5432@aol.com)

With the pandemic continuing to be present in our lives, many of our regularly scheduled large-scale Fall events have been postponed until Spring 2021. These events include the Fall Carnival and Boosterthon. Other events which typically occur later in the year, Condit Gala and International Festival, remain on the school calendar but with the understanding that they may be modified to preserve the safety and wellbeing of our community.

Box Tops will look a bit different this year as they will no longer be collected at the school but rather digitally through the Box Tops app. Certain store receipts can also be scanned with the app to apply Box Tops credit to our school account. If questions arise, please contact Leslie Sutin or Brandy Patterson for more information. [lesliesutin@gmail.com](mailto:lesliesutin@gmail.com) [brandice.m.patterson@gmail.com](mailto:brandice.m.patterson@gmail.com)

The School Spirit Store is now open for business! Whether your children are learning virtually or in-person, all purchases will now be made online. This committee has worked long hours to ensure that all items are now available through the website. Visit the Condit PTO website and use the Quick Link navigation box on the right side to access the School Spirit Store. <https://www.conditpto.org>

## **Principal's Report**

Many thanks to all of our Condit parents for your patience and dedication to our school community. We are getting ready for the next phase of this school year as we will strive to honor both the in-person and virtual student populations. We are moving forward into unknown territory but we are looking forward to Monday and seeing some smiling faces on campus.

## **Upcoming Events**

October 19th - Face to Face instruction begins

October 21st - No School

October 23rd - Report Cards

October 26th - Condit Night Out - Samurai (11-2:30pm or 5-10pm) Don't forget to mention Condit!

November 17th - PTO Mtg. 6:30pm

November 23-27th - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

### **Communication and Information**

There are several ways to stay in touch with Condit Elementary and stay informed of upcoming events and information:

Condit Elementary PTO website (listing of monthly PTO meetings): <https://www.conditpto.org>

Weekly Condit Happenings emails: register for these emails on the Condit PTO website (see above)

Monthly Cat Chat newsletter: register for this newsletter on the Condit PTO website (see above)

Dojo: download the app and connect with your children's teachers and Condit Administration

HISD website: <https://www.houstonisd.org>

Condit Elementary on social media: Friend "Condit Elementary School" on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!

### **Reminders**

VIPS renewals are necessary each academic year but due to strict no-access policies at all HISD schools during the COVID-19 pandemic, these approvals have been put on hold.

Don't forget to join the Condit PTO (PTO website) – annual membership is \$25 and lawn signs are \$10

Condit Student Directory – please verify the current information in our system. You can access the Directory from the PTO website.

Closing Comments, Jean Lee: The next PTO meeting is November 17th at 6:30PM. Teams logon information will be provided. Thank you again for attending this evening's meeting.

*Adjournment: 7:25PM*

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lynnea Roth, 2020-2021 PTO VP of School Services / Support.