

Orange Grove General FFO Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 28, 2017

Present: Jessica Brandt, Anne Gruber, Blythe Edmondson, Galena Robinson, Amy Bhola, Nancy Loose, Cindee Reynolds, Linda Gee, Gina Mehmert, Page Marks, Amanda Saffer, Becky Swift, Susan Rosenthal, Patricia Shaffer, Kelly Helfand, Shirley Parks.

Meeting called to order by President Galena Robinson at 8:30 am.

Principal's Update - Susan Rosenthal

- Tomorrow we have Saturday school.
- Final assembly today, based on student talent and performances.
- Testing ended. Jordan Wiley Hill did mindfulness workshops for students during the testing. Students were talking about strategies.
- 16 students trying out for promotion speeches.
- Rotary students honored in May.
- Students in district poetry contest took 5 out of 6 top spots.
- 1st place and 5th place for personal finance units in state competition.
- Preston Helfand placed 16th in state geography bee.
- Site council meeting was last week. Worked on communication venues. Text, blog, email. Need to come up with a systematic plan. Parent surveys will help guide that work.
- 8th grade legacy project is beautiful.
- Promotion ceremonies, dance, etc. will happen soon.
- Announcing renovation information. Whole new look to classrooms, MPR will have handicapped access, due to bond improvement program.
- Human growth and development starts next week.
- End by saying thank you for your continued partnership.

Budget Report - Cindee Reynolds

- Revenue side has 2 major changes. Chipotle dine out raised \$440, MOD pizza was \$110. Dine out total is higher than projected. The other change was book fair revenue, \$2200 versus \$1500 expected. It is a pass through, but we can order more magazines and additional items for teachers.
- Cost side - largest outstanding expense will be 8th grade promotion. Other expense will be teacher reimbursements. Need receipts from teachers by the end of school.
- Band and art expenses still expected.
- Income side is finished, only a few more expenses.
- \$300 check from the photographer came in today.

Grants - Anne Gruber

None

General Business

- Blythe Edmondson made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting; Shirley seconded. Motion passed.

- SAC sandwich making is this afternoon. Donations came in at the last moment. 3:15 pick up for students participating. Need a new chair for SAC. Two events, holiday drive and sandwich making.
- Staff appreciation has one last hurrah, but food is ordered from Sodexo. Thanks to everyone who brought salads for last lunch. Looking for a new chair for next year. Two events that are catered, roughly once a month for food that is brought in by parents. Fun job; teachers are unbelievably grateful.
- AJ's cards are in the office to purchase. Every time you reload we get 5%. Also good at Basha's. You can give them as end of the year gifts for teachers. Please let Galena know if you will be needing a few.
- Lunch duty is good through this week, need more help to finish out the year. So helpful for the staff to have that extra supervision.
- Remodel - likely need some parent support to help teachers move out/in of classrooms. Will have a signup genius for help. Email Galena if you are interested in helping.
- School supply kits are ready to be purchased for next year. Very inexpensive and the supplies are higher quality than last year. Also there is a place to make a donation which will go to teacher supplies or students that need assistance with purchasing supplies.
- 8th grade promotion - please make a \$10 donation which pays for ceremony, cookie reception, lunch, and dance. So far roughly half of students have donated.
- Cookie reception - 8th grade parents are asked to bring in cookies. See sign up genius.
- Dance - Amanda Saffer is in charge. Sign up genius for dance decorating and chaperoning.
- Community Schools - only a few weeks left in the quarter. Had a few home track meets that ran smoothly. Team photo orders are due today. Starting to plan for next year. Looking for coaches, study hall advisors, etc. Please send interested applicants to community schools. Early bird registration is Sunday April 30 for summer enrichment classes. One spot in HS PE course, health has a lot of availability. Powderpuff football game tonight at the HS. Junior girls vs. senior girls. Entrance fees go to the community food bank.
- Foundation - Patricia Shaffer - close to our budget as we wrap up the year, but still need more money. Foundation is adding a second funding stream, Professional Pathways. Teachers can get paid to do additional work above and beyond their job. For more experienced teachers that want to do more. Many exciting ways to support your school district through the foundation.
- DFFO Update - bus driver appreciation was earlier this week. Bus drivers really looked forward to the breakfast. Kids signed cards for the drivers. Also gave them QuickTrip and Starbucks cards. Proposed to start a string program for 4th and 5th graders next year. Math change in MS level. Orange Grove will have geometry next year. Shows our support of kids doing what is best for them, no matter what age they are.
- HS needs volunteers to help with grad night. Keep the new grads safe. Go to the HS FFO page, or cfhsgradnight.org to sign up to help.
- Planning for next year - have several committee chairs open. Please reach out, even just to get more information. Help spread the word to interested 5th grade families that will be coming next year.
- Budget planing for next year will happen over the summer and be voted on next fall. Will need volunteers for pick up and un pack days before school next fall. Email Galena to get the sign up genius for that. Will need more bodies to help unpack the teachers as well.

Upcoming events list:

Special recognition given to Cindee Reynolds and Linda Gee, who are leaving the board. Also special recognition for Susan's last FFO meeting. Announced that a tree will be planted in her honor with a plaque.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07.