

Orange Grove General FFO Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 21, 2017

Present: Jessica Brandt, Blythe Edmondson, Nancy Loose, Courtney Hinkle, Gwen Mikinski, Tanya Martin, Leslie Bickett, Becky Swift, Melinda McNeilus, Galena Robinson, Abby Michieli, Michelle Ijams, Melissa Dean, Bart Pemberton, Christeen Bates, John Diaz, Anthony Pierson, Alfonso Matius, Galena Robinson, Mark Rubin-Toles, Kate Spaulding.

Meeting called to order by Past-President Galena Robinson at 8:40.

Principal's Update - Mark Rubin-Toles

- Next week have a band concert. Everyone is welcome.
- Proud and happy that our school is being featured as part of a national workshop on systems thinking. Educators are coming from around the world to learn about systems thinking. Educators will come to school and meet with kids who will talk about the projects they are doing with Mr. Bindschadler. There will be a panel on Wed night. Systems thinking is one of the deep learning proficiencies of the district. It is a set of tools that allow people to analyze problems as systems. Kids use these tools to help them with problems.
- Problems in crosswalk on Orange Grove Rd. Cars are going through red lights and safety monitors with stop signs. Police presence has been requested. Help your child to be safe, obey the crossing guard present.
- There are a lot of dogs on school grounds on the weekends, leaving a lot of feces. Staff members are picking it up. Talking to Pima County Sheriff to come out and give tickets. Dog group meets here on Sunday that needs to be talked to.
- ZAP program working really well. Still looking for improvements, let us know of any suggestions. Kids are invited after 3 zeros. Even if students get an invitation and happen to get their assignment in before the ZAP session, he recommends they still come to the session and use the time for other useful activities. Students can take the activity bus home after ZAP sessions after school. We are also building in alerts for students that have missed their session.
- Discussion about dress code. It is enforced and the policy is in the student handbook. Same rules for boys and girls. Anyone in violation will be asked to put on their PE uniform. Would like to convene a committee of parents, students, and educators to really come up with an appropriate dress code.

Budget Report - Becky Swift

- We look very good budget wise. Earned almost half of our dine out money for the year from Chipotle.
- Sold a lot of PE uniforms.
- Expenditures are not numerous yet.
- Have gotten quite a few teacher reimbursement requests. Which is good.
- Paid for a new student welcome lunch at the beginning of the year.
- Please support Panther Pride, and purchase Basha's cards in the office.

General Business

- Gwen made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Abby seconded. The motion passed.
- Panther Pride Update - Goal is 100% participation, for any amount. We are currently at \$13,000, and need to get to \$18,000. Very happy with our progress. If we make more then we have plans to use the money for extra items, i.e. choir shirts. Big email push next month after we get the square added to our website. We work really hard to use the money this year for your students, and not carry a big reserve year to year.
- Two grant requests to discuss. \$2000 a year budgeted for grant requests from teachers. The requests go first through the principal, then the Executive FFO, then the general FFO for a vote.
 - 1. Mrs. Martin 7th grade math, amount not to exceed \$100 for a set of 8 block games. Motion to approve by Nancy, Michelle second. Grant approved.
 - 2. Second request is for 10 extra Choir loaner shirts for students that can't buy their own. Should not exceed \$165. Motion to approve by Gwen, Abby seconded. Grant approved.
- Mentioned that if your student grows out of their band or choir shirt, please donate it to be reused.
- Next dine out will be a "Chill Out" ice cream social at Frost on Friday, October 27th.
- Book Fair - Wild West theme, October 9-11, including online book fair October 2-20. If you order online the books come here then will be distributed to your student through the home room. A Sign up genius will go out for volunteer sign up.
- Lunch duty - parents are asked to come to lunch to give staff members a break, or time to talk to a student. It is a very easy task, just be a parent (pick up your trash, push in your chair, etc.) Please consider signing up.
- Still need a few chair people. The main chairs needed are PE uniforms and Student Action Committee (SAC). This year would be just shadowing the person in charge who will be leaving the school. Hospitality chair is needed to pick up breakfast for FFO meetings. Typically this person just picks up the coffee and organizes others to bring food.
- Community Schools second quarter sign ups will be coming soon. A great opportunity to meet new friends. Registration October 6.
- Foundation - Melinda McNeilus is our representative. Tapas for Teachers is the fall event happening on September 23. Ticket sales are already higher than last year. Classic rock band will play, restaurants will be providing food at different tents. Drink ticket included. There is also a silent auction. OG item will be an 8th grade promotion parking spot and two reserved seats at promotion. Interesting items, like a helicopter ride, plane ride; Rural Metro donated a ride to school in a fire truck. Tickets still available online through cfsdfoundation.org. Limited number at the door on Saturday.

21 and over event. Thanks for our community sponsors, the money made from ticket sales goes to the foundation and not the cost of the event.

- District Reports -enrollment is 5432 students, higher than previous years. Close attention to class size and student/teacher ratios. The district is not taking advantage of lower teacher qualifications, which were approved by the state legislature.
- Ventana Vista is hosting plant night Friday, September 22 in the evening.
- Thanks for attending the parent night event on Aug. 31.
- Reminder of ongoing fundraisers. Please link your Fry's card to OG, and ask your friends and relatives. We do collect box tops. We also participate in amazon smile.
- Please fill out a volunteer form to get information on different opportunities around the school.

Next FFO meeting breakfast will feature a presentation from Kate Spaulding from Pima County teen court. Starts at 7:45am on October 26th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 am.