

Orange Grove General FFO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Present: Blythe Edmondson, Jessica Brandt, Abby Michieli, Melissa Dean, Aloma Wyatt, Michelle Ijams, Christeen Bates, Lina Haddad, Nancy Loose, Courtney Hinkle, Rifu Landey, Marianne Fett, Galena Robinson, Mark Rubin-Toles.

Meeting called to order by Past President Galena Robinson at 8:45 am.

Principal's Update - Mark Rubin-Toles

- Fun and exciting things coming up.
- Open house on Valentines Day for parents of incoming 6th graders. Adults only 5:30-6:30.
- SLC's are coming up on March 15 and 16. We want all parents to be there, required parent activity. Students are reflecting on their work, becoming more self directed. You should have received a time slot for your conference from a teacher.
- Dance on the 16th of March after the half day. Including a carnival for kids that don't want to dance.
- Spring Break is coming.
- AZ Merit and AIMS is starting after spring break. Testing will be in the mornings. Please don't make appointments for your children during these times. The student will have to make up the test at another time.
- Make sure your child gets adequate sleep before the test, a good breakfast. Will help your kids be at their best.
- Smart watches are popping up around campus. Need to be off and away during school, just like other communication devices. Very distracting during school for students and teachers.
- Please don't call or text your kids during the school day. Don't want kids to think they have to keep checking their phone for important communication.
- Elective course requests are due this Friday. Students should have brought home a little piece of paper for this. Make those designations on-line. Please do this with your student so it's a joint decision. There is a link in the newsletter and on the website.

Budget Report - Prepared by Becky Swift

- Our treasurer is moving to Australia. If anyone is interested in taking over the position it would be great to shadow her now and take over in the summer. Very simple job in middle school; not like the elementary school treasurer.
- Increased Panther Pride line item to \$22,000.
- Removed Color Run expenses and revenue.
- Paid a grant, a few teacher reimbursements, and made a payment for the legacy project.

General Business

- Blythe Edmondson moved we approve the minutes, Courtney Hinkle seconded. Motion approved.

- **Panther Pride - Blythe Edmondson**

We have had a wonderful response so far to our request to make our increased budget. Please remind people to donate, either for the first time or a second time. We use the funds while your child is here. Please consider businesses that have matching donations.

- **Grants**

Request from Mrs. Goodson to purchase supplies to make books for 6th grade English students. Not to exceed \$450. We have covered this expense in the past, and we do have enough in the grants budget for this, \$1700 left. Marianne Fett moved we approve this grant, Nancy Loose seconded. Motion approved.

- **Dine Out**

Dine out took place yesterday at Sauce. Working on March event, no details to share yet.

- **Book Fair - Christeen Bates**

In desperate need of volunteers. Look for the sign up genius in the newsletter. Especially need help during lunch slots. March 12-16

- **Staff Appreciation -**

Valentine breakfast tomorrow for the staff. Cindee is all set for volunteers and food. Her next big event is the April salad lunch, which takes more volunteers. Please let Galena know if you would like to be included in the email list.

- **Legislative**

Governor Ducey has provided a budget for schools. Will improve funds but not back to historical levels. New funding proposition on the horizon.

- **Student Action Committee**

Doing a big sandwich making event. Students make the sandwiches, deliver them to a shelter after. Look for the sign up genius for bread, meat, cheese, etc. Will be the Friday after spring break.

- **8th Grade Promotion**

There is a meeting today to help plan. Definitely need help decorating for the dance. We also have a lunch hour activity for the 8th graders on the last day. Budget constraints may limit this to an ice cream social while they watch the slide show and sign year books. We need someone to be in charge of this extra activity. Please let Galena know if you are interested in this, and also in ceremony decorations.

8th grade photos are optional. They will be taken on March 27th. Only kids with order forms will have their pictures taken. Look for the order forms.

Community Schools - Galena Robinson

- Rodeo break flyers have come home. Registration began on Monday the 12th.
- CARE registration is up for next school year through their new website.
- HS PE and Health summer school registration begins February 19. It is a 6 week program.
- Summer Camp brochures are being produced right now. New and separate offerings for middle school students. March 9th summer registration begins for in district families. March 14 registration opens up for the rest of the community.
- Volleyball coaches needed for both middle schools for quarter 4 after school teams, OG also needs a baseball coach.
- Don't have the sign up date for 4th quarter after school activities yet.

District reports - Galena Robinson

- Extreme need for substitutes. Keep your ears open for someone who may be looking for a part time job. A bachelors degree is required, and a substitute certification. Subs generally like to work here.
- 2600 open enrollment applicants, 250 more than last year.
- Grad night is being planned at the high school. This is a pay it forward activity, please let Galena know if you would like to be included in the email list.
- Amy Bhola elected President of the Governor's Board.

Other News

- Treasurer position is open!
- Thank you for attending the cyber safety presentation. It's an indication that our families want this kind of information, and we are looking for more opportunities.
- Reminder of our ongoing fundraisers Amazon Smile, Fry's, AJ's. Consider buying an AJs card from the office. They cost \$10, and have \$10 pre loaded. Every time you reload it we get 6%. Box tops has become a student council fundraiser. This is an easy way for students to get involved in fundraising.
- Lunch duty - NEW link for second semester
Please click on the link and sign up. It really helps the teachers and staff to have extra supervision, and it is fun to keep an eye on your kiddo.
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c48aba72aa64-ogms3>

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Upcoming Events

- February 14 Parent Open House for incoming 6th graders, for parents only.
- Staff appreciation breakfast on Valentine's morning.
- March 12-16 Book Fair
- March 16 Student Council dance and carnival - they may want volunteers.
- April 13th Student Action Committee sandwich making.

Next FFO Meeting: Thursday, March 22, at 8:30 a.m.

Parent meeting preceding FFO at 7:45 - 8th grade promotion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31.