

Orange Grove General FFO Meeting

Thursday, May 10, 2018

8:30 am

President Gina Mehmert called the meeting to order at 8:36.

Present: Gina Mehmert, Mark Rubin-Toles, Jessica Brandt, Ashleigh Kruk, Monisha Patel, Mary Grodman, Jessica Curley, Leslie Beckett, Michele Thompson, Heather Blakely, Becky Swift, Courtney Hinkle, Galena Robinson, Amanda Saffer, Blythe Edmondson, Amber Isselhard, Anne Gruber, Michelle Ijams.

Principals Report - Mark Rubin-Toles

- 10 days left of school.
- Library books should be turned in, no fines for over due books, but must replace if lost or damaged.
- Promotion on May 22, as planned.
- Summer school by invite only. Carol Schaedler teaching summer school.
- No targeted math support this summer for 8th graders. Speak with Ms. Altman if your student needs math help.
- 180 school days, or a certain number of instructional minutes are required by the state. Because of the length of our school day we were not required to make up the days from the walk out.
- Teachers have made tough choices about how to make up for those 6 lost days.
- FFO has raised over \$1000 to help the hourly staff who were affected during the walk out. The staff will get to work an extra 6 days over the summer.

Budget Report - Becky Swift

- Ending the year a little short of our revenue goals. \$400 added from Chipotle dine out. Hoping also for more promotion fees.
- Projected expenditures came in a little under budget.
- Not expected to dip into reserves.

General Business

- **March minutes** approved.
- **Panther Pride**
 - \$18,000 original goal exceeded, at \$19,000. \$22,000 revised goal was not met.
- **Grants** - no new grants.
- **Presentation of the Slate of Executive Officers.** Slate approved.
 - President - Gina Mehmert
 - Treasurer - Heather Blakely
 - Secretary - Jessica Brandt
 - Direct Donations Chair - Blythe Edmondson
 - Grants Chair - Amanda Saffer
- **Committee Reports**
 - 8th grade promotion - ice cream social: students will have their own lunch period, yearbook signing, and replay of the promotion video. Dance plans are going well, getting donations of water and snacks. Cookie reception signup genius is up. Tickets

to the ceremony went in the mail; overflow will be in the library. Dance is a phone free zone. Dress code reminder; please see the letter with the tickets.

- Color Run - moving it to the fall, date TBD. Need sponsors. Will be asking for volunteers. 5th grade families are also invited.
- PE Uniforms/Spirit Wear - will have a dry fit option as well as cotton for PE uniforms. Discussed different spirit wear items that might sell well.
- Staff Appreciation - chair person transition is underway successfully.
- Book fair - Christeen Bates has agreed to stay on as chair. She would love a co-chair.
- Bus Driver Appreciation - Kate Schwartz and family donated all the bus driver gifts for OG this year. Thank you! Kate also organized the student thank you cards.
- Dine outs - \$497 from Papa John's, Chipotle raised \$436. Michelle staying on as chair.
- Family Support - counselors alert this committee to help a family get what they need. Only people who sign up to receive these emails will know about what the needs are. Anne will stay on as chair.
- Legislative Alert - looking for a new chair. Can email reports to the president to be read at FFO meetings.
- Student Action Committee - sandwich making event went very smoothly. Made well over 1000 sandwiches. Courtney Hinkle taking over for Amy Bhola.
- Education - Melissa Dean to be the chair. Goal is to host a parent education event once per quarter.
- Pick-up and un-pack- August 3 for 6th and new to OG students. August 6 returning 7th and 8th graders. August 8th for late comers.
- Foundation - Melinda McNeilus is stepping down, and new liaison is Galena Robinson. \$153,000 raised this year for the education and retention of teachers.
- **Community Schools** - 7th grade boys baseball team went to the playoffs, girls took first place in track tourney, boys took 3rd place. May 17th performance of "Mulan". After school programming extended to the last three days of school. Activity late busses running as well. Yearbooks given out on the last day school, must have library books turned in to receive yearbooks. Looking for after school staff for next year, please send interested people to Mary Grodman. May 29 summer programs to start. May 18 early bird discount ends. Outdoor adventure programs are still available. Still have room in health and PE classes. 10% off until next Friday for all camp registrations
- **District Reports** - No DFFO meeting held since our last FFO meeting. See March minutes for the last DFFO meeting notes.

Other news

- please fill out the FFO survey <https://tinyurl.com/y8jbf482>
- Donations for support staff <https://squareup.com/store/ogms-banking>
- Edukit orders are due July 18. <https://www.edukitinc.com>
- 8th grade promotion donations are still being accepted.
- Open FFO positions - parking lot position is important for the first few weeks of school. Lunch duty volunteer organizer is important.
- Reinder of our ongoing fundraises - AJ's gift cards make fantastic teacher gifts.

Upcoming Events

May 22 8th grade promotion

May 23 8th grade ice cream social, last day of school

August 3rd PUUP for 6th graders and new to OG 7th and 8th graders
August 6th PUUP for returning 7th and 8th graders
August 8th PUUP for late comers and 6th grader orientation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45.