

Orange Grove General FFO Meeting Minutes

Friday November 30, 2018

Present: Blythe Edmondson, Ashleigh Kruk, Leslie Beckett, Alana Wyatt, Kate Spaulding, Abby Michieli, Heather Blakely, Amanda Saffer, Atasha Jaffe, Bianca Rowley, Chip Smith, Brenda Pinto, Anita McGuire, Lucy Young, Mike Hettich, Jessica Brandt, Honor Walsh, Mary Mokhatarian, Anne Gruber, Courtney Hinckle, Mark Rubin-Toles, Gina Mehmert.

Meeting called to order by President Gina Mehmert at 9:08am.

Principal's Update - Mark Rubin-Toles

- Regarding the educational topic of internet safety, Mark spoke a little about what the school's role is.
 - We all signed the electronic services agreement at the beginning of the year.
 - Even on private accounts, kids are not allowed to do things that are harmful to members of our school community. However, we don't have resources to investigate or enforce.
 - Things that happen outside of the school or the school day we are very cautious to get involved in. It's not the school's authority to control behavior beyond the boundaries of school.
 - If these things affect behavior at school we do get involved.
- Next week we have two band concerts and a choir concert. Orchestra concert coming up.
- Late work deadline is December 14, across all content areas.

Treasurer

- October was a quiet month.
- Still selling PE uniforms.
- Received Panther Pride donations from foundations.

Panther Pride

- Thank you.

Grants

- No new grants.

Secretary

- Send Jessica your December newsletter submissions.

General Business

- Motion to approve minutes seconded and approved.
- 8th grade parent meeting will be January 24th before the FFO meeting. Promotion planning kicks off in January. Need four chairpeople.
- Color Run - buy tickets before the end of December to receive a free t-shirt and color pack. Still need sponsors and volunteers. Check orangegrovffo.org for links.

- Family support - may have a support call coming out over the weekend. Gathering lists of students who may need meal support over the holiday weekend and will have a food drive for them.
- Hospitality- thanks to Lynn Cosgrove for coffee and pastries today. Allison Corkey is hosting in January. Please sign up to help <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c48aba72aa64-ogms6>
- Legislative update -

Proposition 305: Expansion of Empowerment Scholarship Accounts

Referendum (ESAs): Prop 305 the ballot initiative that asked if AZ citizens wanted to keep or do away with an expansion of the state's school voucher-style program was **DEFEATED**. This means that Senate Bill 1431, which was designed to phase in an expansion of the state's ESAs program to make all public school students eligible to apply for an ESA, was not upheld.

Proposition 464: The Catalina Foothills School District's call for a special budget override election seeking voter authorization to continue the current 13.3% budget override previously approved by voters was renewed.

- Lunch volunteers needed.
- Community cards - AJ's cards make great stocking stuffers. They come pre-loaded with \$10 and OG gets a percentage every time it is reloaded.
- Dine Outs - Michele is working on the next dine out, most likely Mod Pizza.
- Education - thanks for coming this morning. Next event is Tyler Durman here on March 20. He will start with a workshop for teachers and staff on teaching middle schoolers during the day. Then he will have two assemblies with students. Wednesday evening there will be a parent of middle schooler educational session at the high school with Esperero parents. Huge thanks for the financial support to make this happen.
- We have capacity to host one more educational event. Please give suggestions to Gina on topics.
- Spirit Wear - next order due by Monday. Shirts will come in before the end of semester.
- Staff appreciation - soup lunch went well. Bagels on the 14th. Check the sign up genius.
- Student Action Committee activity starts next week for Youth on Their Own. Send in toiletries, shelf stable foods, \$25 gift cards, and fleece blankets. Kids can sign up to help organize donations. Boxes in first period classes for donations.
- Teacher of the Year nominations are due today by 3pm. Teachers do see the nominations and appreciate them.
- Community Schools - next Friday the 3rd quarter brochure will go out. December 14 registration opens. Will have a gardening class offered during 3rd quarter, which is January 7-March 8. Winter break we have day hiking programs. Spring break trips are available to register now. Make sure you get your yearbooks by December 21st. No other way to purchase a yearbook, so do it from in touch now! Summer camp

registration opens February 27. Health and PE dates for high school credit in the summer are May 28-July 5. Take PE or health in the morning, lunch break, health in the afternoon. Can pick morning, afternoon, or both sessions.

- Tax deductions and tax credits - watch the video from the cfsd website. Tax credits go to after school programs, and are a dollar for dollar reduction in your AZ state income tax. Tax deductible donations are to the FFO's or the Foundation.
- District report - Open enrollment is 46%, and the budget override was approved. New district wellness policy says kids must have two recess periods. PE counts, here lunch has been extended. New dine out protocol in place that will make it easier for FFO's to organize these fundraisers.
- Please use Amazon smile. Check out benefit mobile; it can boost your giving rate with some organizations.

Next FFO Meeting: January 24, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47am.