

Orange Grove General FFO Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Present: Bart Pemberton, Kate Spaulding, Shirley Parks, Ashleigh Kruk, Joe Arnett, Mary Grodman, Amber Burson, Lucy Young, Courtney Hinkle, Michele Thompson, Michelle Ijams, Brenda Pinto, Leslie Beckett, Amanda Saffer, Gina Mehmert, Anne Gruber, Heather Blakely, Mark Rubin-Toles, Jessica Brandt, Amy Bhola.

Meeting called to order by President Gina Mehmert at 8:38 am.

Special thank you to Governing Board President Amy Bhola for attending.

Principal's Update - Mark Rubin-Toles

- The next big thing coming up are the Student Led Conferences March 14 and 15. These are mandatory for all students. They must present to a caring adult so they can reflect on their learning and take ownership of their progress. You should have received info from their 1st period teacher on time slots.
- Tyler Durman coming soon. Every student and staff member will hear him speak. He'll address the age groups separately.
- Spring break coming up.
- AZ Merit testing scheduled for April 4-19. Testing is in the mornings. Please schedule any necessary appointments for the afternoons. Children have all day to take the tests if needed.
- School dance March 15, 3-5pm.

Treasurer

- The biggest change this month is Color Run. It came in under budget on expenses and over budget in revenue. Made \$5300.
- PE shirt income is still trickling in.
- Received a stack of teacher reimbursements recently. Yay!

Panther Pride

- We made a lot of money this year. Next year we will have to do it again!
- We used these funds for backpacks for Panther Pride Land visits, as an example.

Grants

- We have a grant submitted by the 8th grade science teachers to buy fruit flies. \$1200 requested. Would like to start this unit next month. These funds also will buy supplies that can be used year after year. Motion to approve this grant seconded and approved.

Secretary

- Thank you for your newsletter submissions.
- Please sign up for the newsletter. We would like to increase our subscribers from 45% to 80% of OG families.

Community Schools

- One week of 3rd quarter left. The 4th quarter brochure will go out this Friday or Monday. Next Friday, March 8, 8am registration opens for 4th quarter. We have some fun new classes added for 4th quarter.
- Looking for a baseball coach here at OG. Need a 7th grade coach to go through the clearance process starting Monday to be eligible by the start of the season.
- Also looking for a volleyball and baseball coach at Esperero.
- March 11-15 there will be no after school athletics or classes. Thursday and Friday of that week are half days. You can sign up for study hall if you need a place for your child to go after school. We also have staff to offer study hall on the half days.
- Caving trip on the afternoon of Thursday the 14th.
- Spring break trip available "Adventures in Verde Valley." Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of spring break.
- Camp Foothills registration is open. Register before May 17 to get a discount.
- May 28-July 3 PE or health for credit summer school registration is open.
- Middle school wrestling tournament this weekend.

Committee Reports

- 8th grade promotion- have a chair for the ice cream social. No chairs for the dance or the cookie reception. Please spread the word to 6th or 7th grade parents.
 - Portraits by Brita van Vranken. Envelopes will be coming home in the next week or so. Only 8th graders with completed forms and payment will have their pictures taken.
- March 11-15 Book Fair. Please visit during your SLC. We are giving each teacher \$15 in scholastic dollars to use at the fair, and \$350 to the Library. This is Christeen's last year as the chair, please think about shadowing her to be the chair next year. The scholastic dollars we raise pay for magazine subscriptions used by social studies, language department, etc.
- Bus Driver Appreciation efforts led by Kate Schwartz. We are not hosting the event this year, which is in April. She will be helping kids write cards, and giving the drivers QuikTrip gift cards to show our appreciation.
- Color Run- massive thanks for all of the volunteers. We had 150 runners participate, and great sponsorships. Netted \$1500 over our goal. It was a great community building event. Next year we will have another event to avoid color run fatigue.
- Dine Outs - MOD Pizza made \$177. Working on one in May. Michele is looking for a new chair person to shadow her during the end of the year to be prepared for next year.
- Education - Thanks to Amanda Saffer for a great presentation this morning. March 20 Tyler Durman is our last education event. Make sure your child is here. He will begin the morning with a staff presentation here with Esperero teachers. Then rolling into the kid sessions. He will present to the parents at 6:30pm at the HS. Doors will open 5:45ish. You will need to RSVP for this. You will be able to go in early and get seats. No guaranteed seats without an RSVP.

- Hospitality - Thanks to Allison Corkey for breakfast today. We need someone to volunteer for April.
- Dr. Kamerzell joining us in April for a budget report following the legislative session.
- Lunch volunteers - sign up is updated through the end of the year. Please consider volunteering.
- Parking Lot Safety - the first ten days of school we need to have the lot staffed to help parents remember the rules. We need a chair for this. Contact Gina if you are interested.
- PE Uniforms and Spirit Wear - will have the female cut PE shirts for next year. No spirit wear sales scheduled the rest of this academic year.
- Staff Appreciation - Teachers got Valentine's treats from this committee. Next month is a lunch coordinated with the book fair so teachers can use their scholastic dollars.
- Student Action Committee - The sandwich making event has been scheduled for April 12. Students will be making 1000 sandwiches for Casa Maria. This is a fun event for students after school. Will need adult volunteers before and after. Please email Courtney to volunteer.
- The office still needs colored paper and hand sanitizer. Check the supplies sign up genius.

Open Committee and Officer Positions

- Please reach out to your networks to try to get these positions filled. Think about who will enjoy these jobs and have a great experience.
- Positions still needed include parking lot safety, book fair, and dine outs.
- If one of these positions doesn't interest you, that's ok. The FFO has a lot of other jobs that need someone.

District News

The last DFFO meeting included a great discussion about FFO recruitment and retention.

Upcoming Events

March 11-15 Book Fair

March 11 - Teacher book fair preview and staff appreciation lunch.

March 20 - Tyler Durman at OGMS during the day, 6:30pm parent presentation at CFHS

March 21 - FFO meeting with 8th grade parent breakfast

April 25 - Bus Driver Appreciation

April 25 - FFO meeting with Dr. Kamerzell.

Next FFO Meeting: March 21

Meeting adjourned at 9:30am.