

## **Orange Grove General FFO Meeting Agenda Thursday, September 26, 2019, at 8:30 a.m.**

Present: Blythe Edmondson, Kate Spaulding, Amanda Saffer, Courtney Hinkle, Abby Michieli, Suzie Stadheim, Jessica Scott, Ann Lee, Jill Tronziger, Gina Mehmert, Ashleigh Kruk, Jennie Buban, Lina Haddad-Rizk, Abby Franz, Roxan Olivas, Clyde Brumfield, Phyllis Brumfield, Marla Handler, Biji Anililzmar, Allison Corkey, Ingrid Nairn, Bianca Rowley, Eileen Pastorious, Shirley Parks, Liz Doak, Kelly Diaz, Michelle Ijams, Carolyn Selby, Sarah Schulte, Joe Schulte, Leslie Beckett, Mark Rubin-Toles

Meeting called to order by September President Amanda Saffer at 8:31am.

### **Principal's Update: Mark Rubin-Toles**

- **PBIS:** Met quarterly goal for Pawsitive Panthers tickets well before 10/11 deadline! Students receive tickets and meaningful feedback from staff instead of reward prizes. Tickets are used to vote; this week's was "tater tots vs fries." Students voted to have a 45-min lunch as the celebration for meeting the ticket goal. It will be a block party by the student council with grilled food and music. There have been great campus-wide effects with the new program.
- **Parent teacher student conferences** are the week of Fall Break. Students are expected to be there, too, to take ownership of their learning. Sign up alerts will be sent on Picks of the Week. Parent question: Are they for all students or not? There are limited spots (not one for each student). If there is a concern or the teacher reached out, then definitely come. Otherwise it is up to the parents if they want to come especially if they missed Back to School Night.
- **Parent comment:** There's a change in next school year's (20/21) calendar. As posted on the district website, Fall Break will be a full week. Also, the first week of school in August will be a full week. School will start Aug. 10th and end May 26th. Changes made as an adaptive challenge for absences due to family Fall travel.

### **Executive Team Updates:**

- Executive Committee Report: Amanda Saffer reported on how every parent is a member of the FFO. We have great committee chairs and parent involvement at OG. Exec Team still has President vacancy and is wanting to expand with these positions whose roles were briefly explained: President, President Elect, and Member-at-Large. Attendees were recognized for being involved and asked to think of potential members in their networks to consider suggesting or asking.
- Treasurer's report: Heather broke her ankle and could not attend today. Treasury report will be at next month's meeting.
- Grants: Amanda explained grants at OG and reported no grants this month.
- Panther Pride Direct Donations: Blythe reported that giving was just above \$8,000 for now. This year's goal is at \$20,500. She gave the challenge to not be outdone in donations by another district school that made over \$30,000 at an event that required solicitations and things that now the district doesn't allow. Funds are needed earlier than later in the school year, or things that the budget supports will have to be cut. Companies like Raytheon will

match contributions so check with employers. Answered parent question re: difference from Foundation's Tapas event.

## General Business

- Approve minutes – August: Motion seconded and approved to accept August minutes.
- Committee Reports
  - **Book Fair-** Liz Doak: Things are going well. Sign up is out and please sign up to volunteer. Oct. 7 - 11 in Panther Den. Online shopping opens Sept. 29th, and E-wallet offered.
  - **Communications-** Tim updates website and edits newsletter.
  - **Community Cards/Benefit Mobile-** Discussed different ways to use the Benefit Mobile. Also, Amazon Smile with OG as beneficiary can now be used on Amazon's mobile app.
  - **Dine Outs-** Allison Corkey: First one is on Tues., Oct 15 (half day at school) at Culinary Dropout all day long. 15% percent of food order will go back to the FFO. It's a large venue with various games and family-friendly. Be sure to mention that you are there for OGMS. Reservations are appreciated by restaurant.
  - **PE Uniforms-** Ashleigh Kruk & Leslie Beckett: They can be purchased year round on the website and picked up in the office. Students learned about sun safety in health and asked FFO to provide SPF shirts. Found out dry-fit shirts and shorts are already UPF 30. If anyone in community needs help purchasing, let us or Exec know. There are means to provide for them and cost should not be an issue.
  - **Spirit Wear-** Leslie Beckett & Ashleigh Kruk: Hats can be purchased online for \$20 and picked up at office. If there is enough interest to meet the minimum with Custom Ink, then we may have another group T-shirt order this year.
  - **Staff Appreciation-** Abby Michieli reported that the teachers received bagels, muffins, and juice for September. Next month will be lunch before conferences; sign up will go out soon. November is a big one with the crock pot soup lunch.
  - **Student Action Committee-** Courtney Hinkle & Suzie Stadheim: Date for the first annual campus beautification event is Wed., Nov. 20th after school. Parents are welcome to come and help alongside students. If interested in being on a committee for this event, please let them know. Next event after that is Dec. 6th for the holiday donation collection and sorting.
  - **Lunch Volunteers-** Sign up link is at bottom of agenda.
  - **Roadrunners-** A great committee stepped up but coordinating didn't work out for this year. Thank you to the parents who were willing to volunteer for it.
- Foundation- Roxan Olivas: Tapas for Teachers event with food trucks, cash bar, and live band will be outside at St. Phillips Plaza on Fri., Oct. 11th. Tickets can be bought online.

Silent auction for things such as prized parking spots will take place. Funds raised go to develop and retain quality teachers in the district. Donations to the Foundation are tax-deductible and eligible for employer matching.

- Community Schools: Fall break trips are available. Registration for next quarter is on Wed. Oct 9th at 8am. Some sports can be in high demand so it's good to sign up early.
- Volunteer needs: Hospitality: Thanks to Sarah Schulte for today's breakfast! Sign up genius link for hospitality is at bottom; there is a need for someone next month.

**District FFO Update:** Per emailed report:

- Julie Farbarik gave the update for Dr. Kamerzell. Julie had a handout that explained the cost of bringing down class sizes across all schools by 2 students, and it would cost approximately \$2 million between health care cost and salary expense.
- From the social media discussion: Videos are better than photos. Share different aspects to hit different groups (band, art, robotics etc). Posting within 24 hour of an event/activity increases engagement. Better to avoid posting students faces - always check with principal before posting pictures with students. Likes/shares by board members or all those involved help to reach a larger audience
- Some future hot topic discussions: Tax Credits/What FFO's pay for, Bus Transportation, Staying organized as an FFO President.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Oct. 7-11 - Book fair in Panther Den
- Oct. 11 - Tapas for Teachers
- Oct. 15 - Dine Out at Culinary Dropout from 11am - 11pm
- Oct. 15 & 16 - Half days and Conferences
- Oct. 17 & 18 - Fall Break

**Next FFO Meeting:** Thursday, October 24

Meeting adjourned at 9:32am.

**Lunch Volunteers:** [www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4ea9a92ba5fa7-ogms2](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4ea9a92ba5fa7-ogms2)

**Hospitality Hosts:** [www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4ea9a92ba5fa7-ogms3](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4ea9a92ba5fa7-ogms3)

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