

## **Orange Grove General FFO Meeting Agenda Thursday, October 24, 2019, at 8:30 a.m.**

Present: Kelly Diaz, Liz Doak, Jill Tronziger, Ashleigh Kruk, Lucy Young, Jennie Buban, Jessica Peel Scott, Kate Spaulding, Heather Blakely, Blythe Edmondson, Gina Mehmert, Allison Corkey, Roxan Olivas, Leslie Beckett, Mark Rubin-Toles

Meeting called to order by October President Gina Mehmert at 8:34am.

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

- First school assembly is on Friday. They will recognize athletes, artists, musicians, etc.
- The first SLC (Student Led Conferences) meetings are starting with goal-setting. 6th graders will be led by 8th grade Panther Pals. Students learn to prepare for these with WOOP = wish, outcome, obstacle, plan.
- OG surpassed the PBIS goal with 2,300 tickets (goal was 1,500). Outcome of latest popular vote for spring dance theme will be announced at the assembly. New goal is 2000 tickets for 2nd quarter. School-wide celebration and a wide breadth of students receiving tickets are some of the great feedback by students re PBIS.
- First campus beautification with student council is Nov. 20th.

### **Executive Team Updates:**

- President: Still need Pres/Pres Elect for this year. There are a couple people who have expressed interest. Please continue searching through your networks including those not usually involved in FFO. Position can be shared as co-presidents. There is an open invite to come to Exec. meetings for observation for any position as several will be open next year.
- Treasurer: First Quick Books report handed out. Highlights: Income = list is the only sources. Teacher reimbursements are happening. Security cameras bought from reserve spending and installed over fall break. Spirit Wear goal met already with new hats.
- Panther Pride Direct Donations: Special project funding is a part of PP. Last year's shade structure drew so much support (beyond goal). This year is the MPR projector, not as big of push with Pres vacancy, and not as "appealing" as shade structure but still a focus for where the money is going. Your funds in action campaign will be in Picks of the Weeks. Currently at 10,000, up 1,000 from last month. The issue is that we need this funding by January or else things could be cut. Email blast before fall break went out and in newsletter. Giving Tuesday in Dec. and Tax Credit pushes will come. Most donations come through Square store.
- Grants: Mr. Baker and PE teachers give lessons on sun safety. Luke S. & Ms. Wilhem (student council reps) asked for \$500 for sunscreen for all students. Amanda & Mark found affordable, safe ingredient sunscreen to purchase that is SPF 50, chemical free, & MD approved. Try to keep in dark storage to prevent expiration. Guidance will be given to just purchase 2 gallons first and reorder as needed with total grant available. Motion seconded and approved to accept the grant.
- Secretary: Subscribe to monthly newsletter; thanks to all contributors for their submissions.

## General Business

- Approve minutes – Motion seconded and approved to accept September minutes.
- Community Schools: Mary has left, but has been replaced with internal hire. They are short of staff so looking for part timers. Also they are looking for more participants.
- Committee Reports
  - **Book Fair**- Liz Doak: It went really well even as first time held on a non-conference week. OG should be getting about \$1600 in scholastic dollars. 16 book wish list from one teacher was fulfilled by parents and earnings. E-wallets were well used. Great volunteers helped. Fall profit amount can fully fund magazine subscriptions for school, so spring fair will be excess that can be for other things via Scholastic for the school (library stock, supplies, chairs, etc.).
  - **Community Cards/Benefit Mobile**- Parents can use Benefit and Amazon Smiles on mobile devices easily. Idea given to include step by step guide for set up in next newsletter.
  - **Dine Outs**- Allison Corkey: Last week was 1st dine out at Culinary Dropout who happily reported that there was a lot of activity at lunch time (half day). Still waiting to hear total on money raised. There's one set for Friday, March 15 (half day/SLC's, so another full day) at Fiamme Pizza. Tucson Tamale/Nothing Bundt Cakes was suggested as another possibility.
  - **Education**: Still on hold as current chair is taking on district duties and Pres. Vacancy makes coordination more challenging.
  - **PE Uniforms**- Ashleigh Kruk & Leslie Beckett: sun safety lesson had students request SPF uniforms. Committee discovered that dry fit shirts and shorts already have UPF 30.
  - **Spirit Wear**- Leslie Beckett & Ashleigh Kruk: Buy hats - good teacher gift idea for holidays. Exec. looking into how parents can buy credit in the Square store for teachers to use on Spirit Wear.
  - **Staff Appreciation**- Abby Michieli: lunch organized over conferences. Next Nov. 19th is popular soup crockpot lunch. Please sign up early.
  - **Student Action Committee**- Courtney Hinkle: Campus beautification event is on Nov. 20th after school from 2:30pm - 4:15pm. Kids can be pulled out of community school programs for it. Siblings are welcome but younger ones must be with responsible adult. Middle schoolers can be here solo. Family is encouraged to join. Currently working for boys to be able to get credit for Boys Team Charity hours.
  - **Lunch Volunteers**- Sign up link is at bottom of agenda.
- Foundation- Roxan Olivas: Tapas for Teachers attendance was up this year with over 300 tickets sold. There were more than 12 restaurants on site and lots of teachers were there who had tickets purchased for them by parents.

- District news: Dr. K. Reported that there are 5,264 students in district this year (43% are open enrollment without which 2 elementary schools would not exist) which is more than last year. Next board meeting will discuss how bond money is spent.
- Other news:
  - There's a board game trolley out at lunch time. Lunch periods are longer this year, so kids need something to do. Please donate board games (complete sets, good condition, small parts in ziplock, not long games like Monopoly) for the trolley.
  - Question and discussion on different ways of donating in district: FFO, Foundation, and Community Schools. There is a helpful video on bottom of FFO website that explains.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Nov. 19 - Staff appreciation soup lunch
- Nov. 20 - Campus beautification event
- Nov. 22 - FFO meeting (**Friday**)

**Next FFO Meeting:** Friday, Nov. 22nd.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37am.

**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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