

Orange Grove General FFO Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 27, 2019, at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Lucy Young, Ann Lee, Carri Frye, Chip Smith, Ashleigh Kruk, Darrel Stewart, Keeley Weege, Amanda Saffer, Katrin Schumacher, Jennifer Moulton, Adam Henry, Atasha Jaffe, Rachel Hollander, Steven Kelly, Alex Mastrangelo, Amanda Rellora, Tyler Le Peau, Sarah Schulte, Jennifer Ford, Linette Moore, Jessica Scott, Jennie Buban, Suzie Stadheim, Kate Spaulding, Bianca Rowley, Brenda Harrington, Jeannette Hartshorne, Liz Doak, Blythe Edmondson, Abby Micheli, Leslie Beckett, Mark Rubin-Toles

Meeting called to order by Past President Gina Mehmert at 9:00am. The later start was due to allowing the parenting roundtable pre-meeting to go longer. There was positive feedback on the roundtable discussions.

Principal's Update: Mr. Rubin-Toles

- Moving into March, the next big event is the Student Led Conferences (SLCs) which are mandatory for all students to meet with an adult representative from their family. Parents should have received appointment times via email by now, and they can email teachers to reschedule if needed. Students will present their learning with supportive claims and demonstrate taking ownership about their own learning processes and goals.
- AZ Merit testing is coming up. This year OGMS is hoping to test every student at the same time which would allow for a shorter overall testing period. One final test to make sure it goes well will happen soon. April 13th & 14th are current dates allotted, but that may change to the 14th & 16th to avoid the Monday after Easter.
- The CTI (Curriculum Technology Integrator) got a grant from STEM Cam to build a maker space which will probably be placed in the back corner of the library.

Executive Reports:

- President:
 - We have a President Elect, Alex Chavez Mastragelo, parent of 6th grader Dashel! He was approved by the Exec and presented to the FFO to add to the board now. Motion seconded and approved to have Alex join as President Elect this year with plans to become President next year.
 - We also have a full slate of Exec officers for next school year. Gina introduced those who are here today. They will be presented and voted on at a later meeting. In addition to Alex as President, we have President Elect Kim Van Amberg, Panther Pride Dayna Anderson, DFFO VP Barbie Chang, Treasurer Jeannette Hartshorne, Grants Michelle Ijams, Secretary Leslie Beckett, and Past President Gina Mehmert.
- Treasurer: Reports were handed out. There were not a lot of changes since the last meeting. A large MPR projector project donation came in recently. Please give 8th grade donation if you have 8th grader.
- Panther Pride Direct Donations: We have hit our goal for everything for Panther Pride and what was this year's goal for the projector project! Parents are always encouraged to continue giving. Thank you!
- Grants: The funding for these come from Panther Pride donations, so thanks to all who made donations. There is a grant request from Mr. Michelak for the 6th grade English book-binding project. Motion seconded and approved to fund this grant request.
- Secretary: Please sign in on the attendance sheet and subscribe to the monthly newsletter.

General Business

- Approve minutes – Moved and approved to accept the January minutes.
- Community Schools: Jessica Harris.
 - Quarter 4 registration will be on Monday at 8am (girls volleyball, boys baseball, co-ed track & field). New classes offered include a news room class (creating morning announcements), foothills wrestling club by the high school coaches, and an introduction to tennis class. If anyone is interested in coaching either volleyball or baseball, they are recruiting coaches in anticipation of participation numbers.
 - Camp Foothills summer registration is now open. There are a variety of classes offered (art, sports, etc) from 7am to 6pm for K - 8th grade.
 - High school PE/Health credit classes are available for 8th graders.
 - Summer outdoor trips include ones to Mt Lemmon and the Grand Canyon.
- Committee Reports: There are 3 chair positions that need to be filled for next year. Pick Up and UnPack (6th grade parent preferred), parking lot safety for first 10 days of school for about 20 minutes a day, and social media chair to focus on communication (Facebook, etc.) and content helper for Picks and Newsletter.
 - 8th Grade Promotion: Dance chair is Roxan Olivas; the secret theme has been approved. Cookie reception chair is Amanda Saffer; reception is right after ceremony and before dance with parents invited. Ice Cream social is Olivia Sethe; it's the next day for just 8th graders. Anyone who can help with these events, let Gina know. Please make your \$20 donation; donations are down this year so please get the word out.
 - Book Fair: Liz Doak - Dates are set for March 9-13. Sign up genius (SUG) is out; please take a look and sign up to volunteer. Set your students up for E-wallet, a cash free digital option. Both links will be on tomorrow's Picks of the Week.
 - Bus driver appreciation: Despite issues with bus company, we still need/want to appreciate the drivers themselves. Kate is chairing and waiting to hear more details.
 - Hospitality: Thanks to Lucy for today's breakfast.
 - Lunch Volunteers: We still need more volunteers. If everyone could do just one shift, it would make a big difference. It helps staff have that time off for a break and to help other students. It's a great idea for grandparents to come help. Volunteers walk around the lunch areas and provide needed prompts to students as well as help monitor the snack queue to keep order there.
 - Community Cards/Benefit Mobile: Whole Foods is ending with Benefit Mobile on March 1st, but you still can redeem cards after that date.
 - Dine Outs: The Great Takeaway at Fiamme Pizza on March 13th, which is a half day of school with SLC. They will be open 11am - 9pm. The FFO will receive 20% of revenue for the whole day so be sure to show them the flyer.
 - Staff Appreciation: Next lunch (probably salad and sandwiches) will be on Thursday, March 12th during SLCs. Abby will send a SUG for that soon. FFO/Abby received a thank you note for last month's Valentine's treats.
 - Student Action Committee: The first annual campus beautification event was well-attended. There was plenty to do and it went quickly. The annual sandwich-making event is coming up, hopefully on Friday, April 10th after school for the Casa Maria soup kitchen. The goal is to make 1,000 sandwiches.

- Education: Thanks to Mr. Rubin-Toles and all who helped make this morning's parenting roundtable happen.
- Color Run for next year will be chaired by Sarah Schulte. It is usually held in Jan or Feb. Tickets will be sold for the event. It is a fun, community building and revenue generating event. It takes a lot of volunteers, so if interested in helping, please see Sarah.

District News: OGMS hosted the last district meeting here in Feb. There were discussions on volunteer recruitment and retention. It went well and thanks to all who attended.

Other news: Thursday, March 12th will be a school dance by the student council. They will have refreshments and a photo booth. It is open to all grades from 3pm - 5pm, but no parents allowed. Students must have their IDs.

Upcoming Events:

- March 9-13 — Book fair
- March 13 — Dine Out (Fiamme)
- March 19th — 8th grade portraits
- March 19th — 8th grade Promotional Parent Pre-Meet @ 7:45am
- March 19th — FFO Meeting @ 8:30am

Next FFO Meeting: March 19th

Meeting adjourned at 9:40am.