

Orange Grove General FFO Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 23, 2019, at 8:30 a.m.

Present via Zoom: Gina Mehmert, Amanda Saffer, Julie Farbarik, Blythe Edmondson, Dayna Anderson, Courtney Hinkle, Mark Rubin-Toles, Michelle Ijams, Barbie Chang, Mary Franco, Liz Doak, Heather Blakely, Amy Krauss, Travis Kolter, Kim Bourn, Allison Corkey, Jeannette Hartshorne, Lucy Young, Roxan Olivias, Brenda Pinto, Alex Mastrangelo, Katrin Schumacher, Alayna Wyatt, Kate Spaulding, Marianne Fett, Anne Gruber, Leslie Beckett

Meeting called to order by Past President Gina Mehmert at 8:32am.

Principal's Update: Mr. Rubin-Toles

- There is less than a month left of school. While looking at data for kids who are not submitting work or are struggling, OG has redeployed instructional assistants to reach out and use 1 on 1 interventions. Majority of students seem to be doing fine with remote learning platform, but 7% are feeling overwhelmed consistently. OG is putting resources behind getting those kids engaged and helping them succeed. Teachers are being flexible to reduce what's essential considering the circumstances.
- The other focus is on how to close the year for 8th graders. Mary Franco discussed the committee devoted to honoring 8th graders. There are 2 sub-committees. 1) Pre-recorded Virtual Ceremony on May 19th to mimic traditional one as much as possible will include montage of memories, shoutouts/advice from staff, student speakers, Board and District, Mr. RT speech, procession with student picture and 6 word statement, choir, legacy project presentation, and traditional program with art contest winner cover. 2) Car Parade on May 18th times TBD (considering heat, etc) will involve decorating parking lot with signs and celebratory messages, kids funneling through and getting swag bag (mock promo certificate, candy, wristbands, sunglasses, fun stuff). School will create Google classroom for 8th graders re: all things promotion to get feedback and submissions.
- Pandemic Parenting workshop yesterday had 23 in attendance and split into 2 rooms. One was on academic challenges with technology and needing guidance on Google classroom/calendar and motivation (checklists, map out the week, less focus on worry but staying safe to decrease stress). Other session was on social life and setting up routines - girls seemed more likely to initiate social outreach but there was concern for boys' isolation so making opportunities for kids to all hang out via Google classroom. Other issues addressed were sleep schedule changes with later bedtimes and wake up as ok and how to trouble shoot and communicate with staff when there are large amounts of time spent doing work.

Executive Reports:

- Treasurer: Several teacher reimbursements have been received and able to do online with e-checks. Heather will be giving updates to them on how much money they each have left. There has been an uptake in Bashas, Benefit mobile, and Fry's. Funds left over with things not being used now will be saved for next year. Budget will be presented at Aug FFO meeting for the next school year. Exec team will work on that soon to have ready.
- Panther Pride Direct Donations: We hit our goal this year! Any surplus will carry over to next year.
- Grants: There is \$750 left in the budget. Amanda presented a grant request for Family Support for \$250 in case situations come up for families with potential Covid-19 effects creating future needs. Moved and approved grant for Family Support for \$250.

- Secretary: Newsletter came out this week. Discussed whether or not it was needed and decided to continue for next year.

General Business

- Approve minutes – Moved and approved to accept the February minutes.
- Presenting 20-21 EFFO slate of officers. Introductions made by each new member. Moved and approved the proposed slate of officers:
 - President - Alex Mastrangelo
 - Pres Elect - vacant
 - VP Panther Pride - Dayna Anderson
 - VP District FFO - Barbie Chang
 - Treasurer - Jeannette Hartshorne
 - Grants - Michelle Ijams
 - Secretary - Leslie Beckett
 - Past President - Gina Mehmert
- Community Schools: Travis Kolter for Jessica Harris
 - There are Fall after-school positions open for hire. Contact Jessica if interested. Email: jharris@cfsd16.org Phone: 520-209-8313
 - Volleyball Coach M-Th or Tu&Th 2:45pm - 4:15pm, \$1500 stipend
 - Softball Coach M-Th 2:45pm - 4:15pm, \$1500 stipend
 - Flag Football Coach M-Th or Tu&Th 2:45 - 4:15pm, \$1500 stipend
 - Tennis Coach M-Th 2:45 - 4:15pm, \$1500 stipend
 - 20/21 SY Study Hall Advisor M-F 2:45 - 4:15pm, \$18.75/hr
 - 20/21 SY Late Study Hall Advisor M-F 4:15pm - 5:30pm, \$18.75/hr
 - 20/21 SY After school inclusion EA M-F 2:45pm - 4:15pm, \$13.92/hr
 - Big question CS keeps getting is what is the plan? It is one day at a time planning for multiple scenarios without creating false expectations. CS is currently offering summer programs until not able to do so and making Summer Health/PE alternate plans if needed for kids to be able to keep their 4-year plans in tact. They are still registering online for Camp Foothills and will communicate whenever things change per government orders.
 - Refunds were sent out for 4th quarter cancelations. Contact office if still waiting for refunds. CS Phone: 520-209-7551. Email: cs@cfsd16.org
- Committee Reports:
 - 8th Grade Promotion: Roxan Olivas: Goal is to preserve traditions for students as much as possible.
 - *May 11th -15th*: Spirit Week just for 8th graders with different day themes than the school-wide week via 8th Grade Google classroom; Roxan will give info to Mr. RT.
 - *May 18th*: Car Parade - teachers/staff hosting with FFO funded swag bags. Volunteers are needed to decorate parking lot (FFO can get free banners by InterState photo via Kevin).
 - *May 19th* (time TBD): Virtual Ceremony - school is coordinating.
 - *May 19th from 8-9pm*: Virtual Dance planned with DJ and light show. His platform is Twitch so figuring out other options and logistics and how to monitor chat, etc. Cost is \$150. Some discussion included loss of appeal if students can't see each other and perhaps having DJ have other ways of social connecting during that time for non-dancing kids. Please reach out to Roxan if you can help.

- Other ideas:
 - Future Picnic. Decided best for FFO not to commit to that because at a later date 8th graders may be more focused on high school, would make their own arrangements for social gatherings, and it would fall under new Exec team.
 - Virtual yearbook signing suggestion via 8th grade google classroom with print out banner of final submissions given but would require someone to take on.
 - School could host a Fly Out for 8th graders to return to OG to say goodbye to teachers and school.
- Donations will still be used for 8th grade events. FFO can honor refunds if requested.
- Tomorrow's remote learning update will primarily be for 8th grade parents and virtual meeting for parents can be arranged if requested.
- PUUP: Need a co-chair to shadow this summer for organizing the following year. Alex and Gina will work on planning upcoming PUUP, assuming back in school physically then. Dates:
 - Aug 3rd: Set up
 - Aug 5th: 7am-11am New Students (6th and new to OG)
 - Aug 5th: 11am - 3pm Returning Students
 - Aug 7th: 11am - 2pm Latecomers
- Book Fair: Liz Doak - Spring fair went well. Thanks to all volunteers. School made about 950 in scholastic dollars which is on par with past spring fairs. Total fair revenue in scholastic dollars was about 5,000: 1,500 goes for magazine subscriptions; 1,500 balance is kept for future magazine renewals; over 2,000 left for office and school supplies from the scholastic catalog (counselors, librarian, & Anne M. will have input).
- Bus driver appreciation: Each driver will receive cards of thanks, gift card of \$25, and a travel mug. Tiffany from Esperero is taking care of distribution on everyone's behalf.
- Community Cards/Benefit Mobile: Brenda is stepping down. Need chair for next year.
- Dine Outs: Allison - 2nd dine out at Fiamme earned \$257. 3rd one at Chipotle was supposed to be yesterday but was canceled. Will wait and see for fall with possibility of reverse (not receiving profits just encouraging) dine outs to help restaurant industry.
- Edukits website is up. This year added a new optional classroom supply box for every grade level because of expectation when school resumes that there will be some restrictions on shared supplies. Website will be shared on this week's Picks.
- Family Support: Anne Gruber - The committee got tremendous turn out for one family in need a couple weeks ago. Within 2 days everything on the list received and still keeps getting donations that Anne G. delivers with school lunches every day. Family is very appreciative. Anne M. has space in office for school pantry so any excess can go there.
- Parking lot: Need chair for this committee.
- PE Uniforms: Placed order that is scheduled to arrive in July.
- Spirit Wear: New design will come out for next school year.
- Staff Appreciation: Last one was salad lunch in March. There's still money left in budget which would normally be breakfast hosted at end of school but looking at other options now: Thank a teacher writing event, Beyond Bread gift cards to each teacher, Julie offered to make a special video going to teachers where each family/student records a thank you message for staff. Anyone want to take video on, let Gina know. Abby is leaving; Jessica Brandt will chair next year.
- Student Action Committee: Sadly they had to cancel sandwich making event but families can still support Casa Maria via website and encourages families to do anything to help struggling organizations and businesses at this time. Courtney is stepping down, but Suzie will chair next year after shadowing this year.

- Color Run: Planning for this event to take place in Jan or Feb next year. Committee is working on that date with hopes of promoting at PUUP.

Foundation: Teacher of the Year event is canceled; winners will still receive their awards. Tapas event in Fall canceled because of reliance on food donations from local businesses; it will not take place until following year.

District News: Board approved 220 teacher contracts. Class size considerations went through thanks to hard work of involved parents.

Other news: FFO by-laws require a minimum of 3 general meetings per year. Although the March meeting was canceled, we have met that requirement and April can continue to be our last general meeting of the year. Exec will still have a meeting in May. Thanks to everyone here for all your contributions this school year!

Upcoming Events:

- 8th grade promotion events:
 - May 11-15th: 8th grade Spirit Week
 - May 18th: 8th grade car parade
 - May 19th: 8th grade virtual promotion ceremony and dance
- May 20: Last day of school
- August 3: PUUP set up
- August 5:
 - 7:00 - 11:00: PUUP for new students
 - 11:00 - 3:00: PUUP for returning students
- August 7:
 - Morning (times to be communicated by school): 6th grade & newcomer orientation
 - 11:00 - 2:00: PUUP for latecomers
- August 10th: 1st day of school (no late start that week)

Meeting adjourned at 10:12am.