

Orange Grove General FFO Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 8:30 a.m.

Present via Zoom: Allison Corkey, Jessica Brandt, Jennie Buban, Leslie Beckett, Courtney Hinkle, Lina Haddad, Bianca Rowley, Alex Mastrangelo, Tanya Martin, Fang Peng, Debbie Anderson, John Fiske, Marla Handler, Jeannette Hartshorne, Celia Bavier, Mark Rubin-Toles, Abbe Morrison, Ashleigh Kruk, Elizabeth ?, Mary Mokhtarian, Erin Toponce, Michelle Ijams, Lucy Young, Jennifer Peters, Dayna Anderson, Noah Van Amberg, Liz Doak, Ann ?, Michelle Harler, Jen Ford, Teresa Sommers, Jill Tronziger

Meeting called to order by President Alex Mastrangelo at 8:30am.

Principal's Update: Mr. Rubin-Toles

- Thank you for breakfast the staff is enjoying today.
- Now planning for in-person start on Oct. 26th per email from Dr. Kamerzall yesterday. Survey is not binding but just to get a sense for planning purposes. Plan needs to be in place by Sept. 29th so joint meetings will take place next week for both middle schools with admin, teachers, and parents. OG will also conduct focus group for ideas and concerns/priorities. Currently measuring classrooms now with new standard of 6-feet of distance (vs 3-feet from July's planning). This standard for inside classrooms allows for 16 desks per room. Likely that remote will look differently than it does now. Possibly an on-going class viewing through camera in live/in-person class. Will keep updated as plans come out.
- Current online learning continues through Oct 26th. One initiative OG is pursuing is "3 Before Me" (from PBIS) where students try multiple strategies on their own before seeking help from teacher. They will help kids generate ideas to do this (mainly for tech problems not instructional content questions).
- Another proposal is to adjust the calendar for no parent/teacher conferences that week because of workload concerns and for a smooth transition back to in-person. The proposal is for a full 5-day week of instruction to get down safety practices and procedures at onset.

Executive Team Updates:

- President: FFO is able to have working budget thanks to approval at last meeting. Alex is collecting a list of volunteers to have ready for when needs arise with in-person return. Anyone interested can email Alex and he will keep those folks updated.
- Treasurer: Jeannette shared budget report in chat and via screen share. Income: Panther Pride donations are at about \$3300 (1/3 way to goal) and shade structure is at about 1/4 way to the goal. CustomInk will be sending check for \$750. \$5,183.33 is current total income. Expenses: PE Uniforms cost is coming but can use this order inventory for next year. Teachers are submitting requests for reimbursements.
- Panther Pride Direct Donations: Dayna - Shade structure is the special project for kids to be comfortable during lunch and expansion of outdoor learning space, so please spread the word on funding. This needs to pick up steam now with timing for return on the horizon. We have only \$1100 now, and we need to raise a total of \$5000. The vendor Mr. Masterson has done structures all across the district and is working to help significantly reduce cost to the FFO. The structure will be crucial for students and fundraising timing is now imminent with 6-week timeline for return to campus.
- Grants: No grants right now but Michelle anticipate requests will pick up with in-person return.

- Secretary: Minutes from August are posted in chat. For attendance, please include first and last name on Zoom account or in chat. FFO monthly newsletter automatically goes to 1st parent contact, but if you are not receiving it then you can subscribe.

General Business

- Approve minutes – August. Moved and approved to accept the August minutes.
- Special Fundraising Project: Shade Structure: FFO cannot move forward with project until we meet the goal of \$5000, which is low on our end considering the total cost of the project thanks to generous vendors. The new structure will be very important with spacing students out when they take their masks off during lunch. Suggestion was made to increase communication about these specifics to all parents with donation link via email, text, and on the Facebook page. Recommended massive push with in-person planning imminent and possible rise of interest in funding the project now.
- Community Schools: Enrichment classes are continuing. High school fall sports will begin practicing, but middle school sports is not going to begin for foreseeable future.
- Committee Chair Updates:
 - Book Fair: Liz Doak - Virtual book fair will be Oct 26 - Nov 8. Stay tuned for more details.
 - Staff Appreciation: Jessica Brandt - Bagel breakfast sponsored by the Van Amberg family was this morning. Plans are in process for an event in Oct for the community to be able to create at different times sidewalk chalk art to welcome staff back to campus; there will be a Sign Up Genius.
 - Dine outs: Allison Corkey - Chipotle restarted Dine Out program and is giving FFO 33% on orders Tuesday, Sept 22 from 4-8pm at the Wetmore location. Online orders are included as a new feature by entering promo code: LLA87DL. Show flyer in person and/or tell cashier you are participating in OGMS dine out.
 - Spirit Wear/PE Uniforms: Leslie Beckett & Ashleigh Kruk - PE uniforms sales/need tabled till next fall.
- Other News: Email orangegroveffo@gmail.com to be added on volunteer list.

Upcoming Events:

- Sept 22 - Dine Out Chipotle
- Oct 7 - Half day
- Oct 15-16 - Fall break
- Oct 22 - FFO Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:13am.