

## **Orange Grove General FFO Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 8:30 a.m.**

Present via Zoom: Eileen Jackson, Leslie Beckett, Alex Mastrangelo, Mark Rubin-Toles, Kristin Harrison, Tanya Martin, Rachel Hollander, Mark Souza, Jennifer Peters, Jeannette Hartshorne, Mary Mokhtarian, Tim Colson, Erin Toponce, Liz Doak, Revol, Ashleigh Kruk, Dayna Anderson, Kristin Harris, Jennie Buban, Karin Fiore, Ann Lee, Debbie Anderson, Jessica Scott, Celia Bavier, Teresa Sommers, Jill Tronziger, Shirley Harvey, Emily Franklin, Bibi, Linette Moore, Lisa, Phyllis, Abbe Goncharsky, Michelle Ijams, John, Melina McKenna, Reen Uzomba, Lucy Young, Randi Levin, Dalina Threading

Meeting called to order by President Alex Mastrangelo at 8:32am.

**Welcome Governing Board Member:** Eileen Jackson

### **Principal's Update: Mr. Rubin-Toles**

- Return to in-person learning is this Monday. OG had 41% choose to continue remote and 59% coming back, so they will be able to keep 2 cohorts of students. OG is working hard to prepare and will hopefully get cohort info out soon to families. Campus will have dots for social distancing and is still waiting for power cords for Connect cameras.
- There are staffing challenges with 3 resigning, 2 electing to go on leave, and orchestra teacher not returning to OG. They have hired 1 math teacher and another teacher is going to the board for approval next week. Staff is stepping up to fill those gaps and excited to see kids in person. Parent question: Could OG retain resigned teachers by putting them on as all remote? Answer: No. There are no remote positions for teachers at the middle and high school level. Please spread the word for possible applicants. There is a limited substitute pool. Administration and other staff (counselors) might be subbing. Parents expressed wanting to be as supportive as possible to staff considering all of this; best way now is to have patience.
- OG is doing everything possible to be safe. The first few days will focus on getting routines and procedures established first and learning how to be on campus especially for new students. 6th grade students will have campus tours during their first science classes. Mr. RT is putting together a long Picks of the Week for this Friday to give as much info as possible.
- Parent question: How will testing be handled with remote and in-person students? Answer: For testing purposes, they will consider all kids as remote for consistency and be given the same test and same parameters with that in mind.
- Parent question: Some schools have had closures after reopening. How will that be handled at OG? Answer: Pima County Health Department will guide closures. OG will report any cases to the dept. who will conduct contact tracing and other protocols. OG will then follow the guidance of the medical experts re: closure. OG will notify families of any confirmed cases in school, specific classroom students if case is in that class, and close contact notification (not likely for close contact with how things are set up). Specific identification will be left out for privacy, but all will be notified as transparency is important to OG.

### **Executive Team Updates:**

- President: Alex Mastrangelo - Those interested in being on a volunteer list with return to school and potential needs in future can email him.

- Treasurer: Jeannette Hartshorne - Budget report shared in chat. Income is at \$12,883. Shade goal was met quickly. Panther Pride is about half way there. Edukits and Spirit Wear checks came in. Expenses are at \$6,474 with some teacher reimbursements.
- Panther Pride Direct Donations: Dayna Anderson - It was overwhelmingly impressive how the community raised the shade structure goal so quickly. Vendor Mr. Masterson is bombarded with school requests, so he is figuring out best way to bulk order while working on the engineering and red tape procedures now. It will probably be officially installed over winter break which is right around the corner. Also, please drop off needed supplies to school (sign up shared in chat). We are still raising funds for Panther Pride; link to donate shared in chat.
- Grants: Michelle Ijams via Alex reports that there are no grants at this time.
- Secretary: Leslie Beckett- Sept. minutes were shared in the chat. Please rename Zoom contact with first and last name for attendance purposes. Newsletter goes out every Tuesday before the general FFO meetings; if you did not receive it, you can subscribe on the FFO website.

### **General Business**

- Approve minutes – September. Moved and approved to accept the September minutes.
- Committee Chair Updates:
  - 8th grade promotion: Mary Mokhtarian - son Brandon in 8th grade - she is thinking of different ideas under current circumstances and what is permissible or not. Ideas include 8th grade spirit wear, celebrating students during the month of May in different ways, possible outdoor events like drive-in or socially distant gathering.
  - Book Fair: Liz Doak - The Fall book fair will be held virtually from Nov 9th - 22nd. Be on the lookout for an online link to shop. Link will go out a week or two before the fair both on Picks and email to parents. All orders will ship to home, and book-only orders over \$25 ship free. It will be good timing for holiday gifting and ways to keep kids off screen.
  - Communications: Tim Colson - He expressed thanks to Leslie for newsletter work and Jeannette for website maintenance.
  - Community Cards: We still need a chair for this; please contact Alex if interested.
  - Staff Appreciation: Jessica Brandt via Ashleigh - This Sunday is the Sidewalk Chalk event for families to draw pictures and messages to the staff in their parking lot and bus bay area for the first day of students' return. There will be templates/ideas so just come!
  - Dine outs: Allison Corkey via Alex - Chipotle dine out raised \$524 which was 33% of sales. It was encouraging to see this level of success in these times.
  - Education: Jill Tronziger - Sad news that Collin Kartchner who OG had hoped to have talk about social media, technology, etc. has passed away. Jill will start looking into other options for the community.
  - Spirit Wear/PE Uniforms: Leslie Beckett & Ashleigh Kruk - Considering offering another sale this year for the masks and shirts (hoodies this year). These could also be gift ideas for staff during holidays.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- October 25 - Staff Appreciation sidewalk chalk event
- October 26 - Return to in-person learning

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 am.