

Orange Grove General FFO Meeting Minutes Thursday, November 19, 2020, at 8:30 a.m.

Present via Zoom: Courtney Hinkle, Alex Mastrangelo, Leslie Beckett, Jennifer Peters, Tanya Martin, Jennie Buban, Jeannette Hartshorne, Jessica Brandt, Liz Doak, Mark Rubin-Toles, Teresa Sommers, Michelle Ijams, Tim Colson, Debbie Claggett

Meeting called to order by President Alex Mastrangelo at 8:35am.

Principal's Update: Mr. Rubin-Toles

- Kids are doing fantastic on campus with following safety practices and adapting well; they seem happy to be on campus. Mitigation plan is working. PE classes are moving to the next phase (from initial phase of no equipment or any contact) to now gradually introducing some with sanitizing between classes as long as safety measures are successfully followed.
- There is some concern with Thanksgiving coming and families having a variety of practices and plans. Pima County is doing better than Arizona overall. OG wants to encourage students and families to be as mindful as possible to keep the school safe. Safe practices at home (social distancing, masks, etc) are important since what happens outside of school is critical for being able to stay in school.
- A team of awesome educators is working on the next phase for the advisor base program. They have built a foundation for inclusive and connected community especially in light of the pandemic. Next phase is exciting now that they have established ground rules and can move on to grappling with more difficult discussions like social media, racism, and other topics middle school students can engage in and enjoy in a structured setting. It is being developed now and includes staff training for these discussions in an age-appropriate way.
- With the end of the semester approaching, work may pick up in the last couple weeks. Mr. RT taught Ms. Snow's 6th grade math and found it to be mind-blowingly complex balancing the kids in class and those online while teaching content. It made him appreciate the challenges teachers face as well as what the students are facing in this type of environment.

Executive Team Updates:

- President: Alex Mastrangelo
- Treasurer: Jeannette Hartshorne - Budget report was shared in chat. Income is at \$13,091.19. Expenses \$7,297.19. Panther Pride had about another \$800 that hasn't made it through Quick Books into the budget report yet, so it is at \$6,000 now. We received an Amazon Smiles check recently so keep OGMS FFO in mind as beneficiary when shopping on Amazon Smile. Amazon affiliate links have higher margin of return on Amazon vs Smile alone so we could encourage shoppers to choose those options. We are still waiting for the Chipotle check. Teacher support is largest expense currently.
- Panther Pride Direct Donations: Dayna Anderson via Alex - The shade structure is still in the behind the scenes phase. We are about halfway to the goal for Panther Pride which is good. Hopefully we will see a bump with Giving Tuesday and end of the year matching tax donation push.
- Grants: Michelle Ijams - There are no grants yet. Hopefully there will be some in January.
- Secretary: Leslie Beckett - Newsletter link was shared in chat. People can subscribe on the FFO website. Submissions for upcoming newsletters are welcome from anyone.

General Business

- Approve minutes – October (minutes shared in chat). Moved and approved to accept the October minutes.
- Community Schools: None
- Committee Chair Updates:
 - Book Fair: Liz Doak - Virtual fair is happening now until Nov. 22nd, so there is still time to buy books. Website is easy to use with sections on best books of the year, holiday gift guide, middle school readers, etc. If the fair is virtual in the Spring, we will have teacher wish lists. Scholastic is working on that to be available but even if they cannot then OG will. Thank you to all those who have bought books.
 - Communications: Tim Colson
 - Staff Appreciation: Jessica Brandt - Thanks to all who volunteered for the sidewalk chalk event. She is currently prepping staff lunch for today which is Jimmy John's sandwiches with chips and drinks. Milk and holiday cookies will be given in Dec. There is still more money in the budget for meals of pre-packaged healthy options; she is open to suggestions for next semester.
 - Dine outs: Allison Corkey via Alex. There won't be any more for this calendar year but she is working on options for next year with a focus on only doing the most profitable to lower fatigue of too many. Since there have not been many opportunities for this year, she made a personal donation to make up for that. Thank you, Allison!
 - Spirit Wear/PE Uniforms: Leslie Beckett & Ashleigh Kruk - Spirit Wear sale is now open. Link was shared in the chat. If minimum items not sold, then it will cancel and people will be refunded. Sale closes on Dec. 2nd.
 - TOY update: Courtney Hinkle - This year is going well with 639 nominations for the district and 29% of those are from OG. Anyone can nominate as many teachers as you want, even past teachers. Teachers receive the nominations even if not eligible to win to know how amazing they are in their students' eyes. It's a great way to show appreciation to the teachers and very encouraging for them to receive. Links for nominating are in the Picks of the Week and Foundation website. Deadline to nominate is on Nov. 30th.

Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 25th-27th- Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 1st- Arizona Gives Day
- Dec. 2nd- Spirit Wear Sale Closes
- Dec. 21st-Jan 1st- Winter Break
- Jan 21st - next general FFO meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:11am.