

## **Orange Grove General FFO Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 21, at 8:30 a.m.**

Present via Zoom: Mark Rubin-Toles, Leslie Beckett, Jeannette Hartshorne, Allison Corkey, Liz Doak, Tanya Martin, Teresa Sommers, Dayna Anderson, Alex Mastroangelo, Jennie Buban, Jennifer Peters

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

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

- OG is entering the 2nd half of the year into the season of welcoming new families and starting to make plans for next school year. Last night was the virtual Town Hall for prospective families, in lieu of the usual in-person open house. Dayna represented the FFO. They showed a video and answered questions. In the coming week, they will invite 5th graders on a virtual visit geared for the kids who will have breakout rooms with Panther Pals and staff to integrate them into the community and answer their questions.
- The deadline for open enrollment is on Jan. 31st. Currently, numbers are down now which may be because people's attention is turned to other things. Open enrolled families need to make sure they are enrolled by then. Registration for in district families will begin soon.
- Kids have been great on campus with following safety practices. Teachers are working on developing new ways to engage remote kids because they recognize the different experience that is. OG keeps fine-tuning and improving what we do.
- Q: Have OG teachers gotten the vaccine? A: Multiple teachers have gotten the 1st dose. Educators are placed in the 1b category whose vaccinations started happening across the state and 3/4 of staff has secured appointments. PCHD has worked with the district to organize any remaining staff that don't have appointments. 80 vaccines were given to the district who prioritized staff based on percentage of in-person students (eg. elementary schools ranked earlier based on almost 80% of students in-person). In the second district round, OG will be able to submit some staff for receiving the vaccine. By the end of this month, all staff will hopefully have had the first dose and be scheduled for 2nd. Staff are encouraged to get it when they can. School is staying vigilant and sticking with safety practices.

### **Executive Team Updates:**

- Treasurer: Jeannette Hartshorne - Budget report was shared in chat.
  - Income: \$21,387.92. At the end of the calendar year, we had \$1700 come in for both the shade structure and Panther Pride. This year started with another \$1550 coming in donations. We have reached our shade goal! We are close to meeting the Panther Pride goal. Fry's cards, Benefit Mobile, and Customlnk profits also came in this month.
  - Expenses: \$9,811.47. Most have been for teacher support and staff appreciation. Shade payment will be coming soon and some grants that we have to approve today.
- Panther Pride Direct Donations: Dayna Anderson - We are moving along with Panther Pride donations and met the shade structure goal. There is still behind the scenes red tape that is being figured out and is so much a part of the process. But it is approved and

moving forward. Thank you to everyone who has gotten the word out and helped with securing the funding.

- Grants: Michelle Ijams via Alex - There are 2 grants requests at this time.
  - Ms. Pyne is asking for \$200 for tactical flashlights for the 6th grade science space unit.
  - Ms. Horn is requesting \$250 for a virtual choir video performance and setting up a platform to use in future as well. She will also use \$250 from department support towards this project.
- Secretary: Leslie Beckett - Newsletter link was shared in chat. People can subscribe on the FFO website.

### **General Business**

- Approve minutes – November minutes shared in chat. Moved and approved to accept the November minutes.
- Special Fundraising Project Update: Community has come together to raise the funds. Thank you! The process is gradually moving forward. It should be installed by the Spring.
- Motion to Approve Grants: Moved and approved to accept and fund the 2 grants presented today.
- Benefit Mobile demonstration: Jeannette explained the Benefit Mobile app. It is easy to use and contributions add up so quickly during everyday shopping like at Safeway, CVS, and other frequented retailers. The app shows immediately money raised per purchase. There are 12 active users right now so hoping to get more families signed up. 7 used it in Dec and raised \$143, compared to AmazonSmile taking over 3 month time with 99 contributors to raise a similar amount. Jeannette created and shared a video demonstrating the basics of how to use it.
- Committee Chair Updates:
  - Book Fair: Liz Doak - November virtual fair had \$867.33 in total sales, so the Scholastic reward was \$216.81, which is not too bad considering. Thanks to all who purchased books. The Spring fair is tentatively set to be virtual in April.
  - Dine Outs: Allison Corkey - There will be a dine out on Tuesday, Jan. 26th from 4-8pm at the Chick-Fil-A on Oracle across from Tucson Mall. If sales reach \$750, then we'll get top tier return of 20%; the percentage return ranges and depends on total sales generated. They usually do in-person spirit night, so they are giving this drive-through only option a try with us. Mention OG FFO when ordering; it may help to have flyer ready as well. The Chipotle total sales was about \$1600. Plans are being made for a 3rd dine out too.
- Bus driver appreciation: need chair

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Jan. 26th - Dine Out at Chick-Fil-A

Meeting adjourned at 9:20am.