

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

Present via Zoom: Jeannette Hartshorne, Dayna Anderson, Mark Rubin-Toles, Leslie Beckett, Teresa Sommers, Liz Doak, Tracy Rea, Michelle Ijams, Barbie Chang, Alex Mastrangelo, Marta Bustamante, Michelle Rooney, Kate Spaulding, Carole Siegler, Eileen Pastorious, Jennifer Dessent, Jen Peters, Abbe Goncharsky, Helena Yip, Celia Bavier, Laura Logue, Amy Courson, Amy Krauss, Angela Appel, Anjala Matalone, Ann, April Elyse, Barbara Earnest, Brynne Dolan, Deborah Ardolino, Erika Loreda, Erin Toponce, Evie C, Jamilyn Craig, Karin Fiore, Kristina Prisbrey, Priscilla Montero, Sharon Rogers, Susan, Lili Schwartz, Melissa Benner, Jennifer Morgan

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

Welcome Governing Board Members: Carole Siegler

Principal's Update: Mr. Rubin-Toles

- Orange Grove is excited to have all kids back on campus and is off to a running start. During the first week, the focus was on learning expectations for behavior, part of PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports). Panther values of respect, responsibility, and compassion and what that looks like were explained. Panther tickets, which document that a conversation about these values took place, are being given out. Students will be able to use those tickets to vote for choices over things that happen in the school, which has been successful in engaging them with school processes. It has been a great start, given the challenging circumstances all schools are facing; the kids have been fantastic. Thank you to out families and the supportive community.
- Enrollment is up and teacher numbers down this year, so some class sizes are larger than normal (some up to 34). The teachers are taking it in stride and working really hard.
- During the summer, Orange Grove worked on further developing Tier 2 supports and intervening with those students who need it in a more significant way. The school will send normal alerts out when 10% of assignments are missing. Students will be invited to come in on Wednesday mornings with peer tutors and adult staff members when 20% is missing, so no child falls behind. During 2nd quarter, OG will kick off an academic accelerator invite and expect invited students to come in for core learning to get back on track rather than falling even further behind.
- The advisor base program continues to work and improve. OG is excited to start using a new curriculum called Character Strong, which will hopefully roll out in the next couple of months.

Executive Team Updates:

- President: Alex Mastrangelo is excited to have President Elect Kate Spaulding in place in preparation for leadership next year.
- Treasurer: Jeannette Hartshorne - Budget report was shared in the chat and explained. The district has received all OG FFO reports from last year.
 - Income: \$21,988.79 - Much of this was from PUUP; thank you to everyone for your part!
 - Expenses: \$3,596.24 - FFO provided for Staff Development, Panther Pals, etc.
 - The Executive FFO reviewed each line item at its meeting last week. This budget will be up for vote later in the meeting.

- Panther Pride Direct Donations: Dayna Anderson - Thanks to the Panther Pride donations last year, the huge courtyard shade structure is being utilized now with kids back on campus. Please get the call out to include as many as you know to be connected via FFO meetings, volunteering, and donating. 100% participation is our goal to provide the extra things from our wonderful community that makes our great school even better. A great special project idea is being explored with some final research details that will hopefully be ready to present at the next meeting.
- Grants: Barbie Chang - First grant of the year was submitted on August 3rd from Mr. Tompkins requesting a grant for up to \$600 for the World Language Department for a floating library set for all Spanish students. There are about 40 books and the library is modeled after the one used in the Mandarin classes.
 - Moved and approved to accept the Grant request for up to \$600.
- Secretary: Leslie Beckett - Please rename Zoom account with first and last name for attendance purposes. Feedback on newsletter is welcome.

General Business

- Approve minutes – April minutes shared in chat.
 - Moved and approved to accept the April 2021 meeting minutes.
- Vote to approve 2021-22 FFO proposed budget.
 - Moved and approved to accept the 2021-2022 FFO budget.
- Vote to approve revised FFO Executive Board:
 - Revisions include the addition of Kate Spaulding as President Elect, and Barbie Chang for Grants and Michelle Ijams for District FFO.
 - Moved and approved to accept the 2021-22 Executive Board revisions.
- Committee Chair Updates and Introductions:
 - Book Fair: Liz Doak - This is her 3rd year running the fair. She has an 8th grader and 5th at Sunrise. Hopefully this year OG will be able to do in-person fair but will see how things go.
 - Dine Outs: Marta Bustamante - She has a younger son at OG and older one in high school. This is her first time doing dine outs. She would like to help local businesses so let her know if you know any that could participate in a dine out. Chipotle dine out is next week. 33% of sales goes to FFO.
 - Color Run: Deborah Ardolino - She has a 6th grader and a sophomore. This will be her first year doing Color Run and is learning as she goes. It's a fun community event that also raises money. Date is TBD.
 - Education: Jill Tronziger update via email to Alex - She is looking up and working on options including addressing social media addiction (Tyler Durman speaker) and Rachel's challenge that addresses the root causes of bullying.

- PE Uniforms/Spirit Wear: Leslie Beckett - She shared CustomInk fundraising site in the chat; sale closes on Monday. More PE uniform stock has been ordered and will let students know when their orders come in, as well as update website inventory.
- Social Media: Michelle Haller - She is handling the FFO Facebook page for helpful posts and networking.
- Staff Appreciation: Teresa Sommers and Tracy Rea - They are hoping to help small businesses so let them know of any that would like to participate. They hope to continue the tradition of giving out something each month to the staff. On Monday they gave eggless meringue treats.
- 8th grade promotion: Michelle Rooney and Karin Fiore - They are looking forward to working on this in the future. Karin sat in on half the mini-ceremonies last year, and it was really special.
- Communicaton: Jeannette is working on keeping the website updated and can highlight the fundraising page next time. This position technically still needs a chair so anyone interested please let the FFO know.
- Other News:
 - New librarian April Elyse spoke of 3 paintings to adorn the walls of the library to make it more inviting. The artwork is being donated and has been approved as in-kind donations. Letter will be given to gallery accepting these donations. She will send pictures to Leslie Beckett to share images with FFO community in next newsletter.
 - Someone in chat asked if water bottles needed and school answered yes that single use water bottle donations are welcome at the school.

Upcoming Events:

- August 23rd: Spirit Wear Sale closes
- August 24th: Dine Out at Chipotle
- Sept: 16th: FFO Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:23am.