

Orange Grove General FFO Meeting Minutes Thursday, November 18, at 8:30 a.m.

Present via Zoom: Jeannette Hartshorne, Dayna Anderson, Leslie Beckett, Alex Mastrangelo, Kate Spaulding, Michelle Ijams, Jill Tronziger, Barbie Chang, Eileen Pastorious, Susan Wright, Teresa Sommers, Mark Rubin-Toles, Abbe Goncharsky, Sharon Rogers, Jen Peters, Tracy Rea, Sophie Fiore, Tanya Martin, Deborah Ardolino, Lia Bueno, Ann Lee, Angela Appel

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

Principal's Update: Mr. Rubin-Toles

- We are now in the middle of 2nd quarter. The shade structure is moving forward with finalizing placement details. Thank you to FFO for these efforts and support.
- Right now the student council is holding a holiday food drive competition among the 1st period classes. Help your child compete and give to those in need. Our community is traditionally so supportive and generous.
- Advisor base is going really well, using the Character Strong program. Every week students have a character dare, which is something they need to do as homework (not enforced or graded just an invitation) such as leaving a positive note for someone at home to find. Recently they discussed values and the roots of those. Some that came up were loyalty, family, trustworthiness, kindness, and humor; every kid had at least 2 others who shared same values. They are learning how to embody those and bring them more into life. This social-emotional learning is particularly exciting and critical following a year of separation and isolation. The students have done a fantastic job in coming back and being surrounded by peers again.
- Next week is a 2-day week with Thanksgiving break. The school continues to push for a 95% attendance rate. This does not include COVID-related absences, so families can follow safety mitigation plan.
- Parent Question: Are students given a guide of how to handle when they are absent? Is it discussed with kids what to do when you are absent and what their role is in staying connected? Answer: When kids are going into quarantine, the Pima County Health Department sends a letter. The school follows up with FAQ on how to best keep on track of assignments, recommend emailing teachers, checking google classroom all the time just like normal, but school cannot share with teachers if students are positive due to privacy reasons. But this may not be the process for kids who are simply isolating or absent for other reasons. OG will think of ways to relay that information to students and families, maybe in homeroom or advisor base.

Executive Team Updates:

- President: Alex Mastrangelo

- Treasurer: Jeannette Hartshorne - Budget report was shared in the chat.
 - Income: \$46,107.11. Income includes payments from Benefit Mobile, Bashes Community Cards, Dine out at Fini's (\$246), and some Color Run sponsors starting.
 - Expenses: \$29,158.10. Pay outs include teacher reimbursements, staff appreciation, 5th grade "Welcome to Prideland" event for incoming 5th graders, and shade structure.

- Panther Pride Direct Donations: Dayna Anderson - Great news that Color Run sponsorship already has 2 signed up. Parking spots for the shade structure special project went off

well and the funding for it is wrapping up now as the project is in the district's hands, now that the main push is done. All that is left is the construction and behind the scenes to get that aspect done. Panther Pride is coming to the end of the year with Giving Tuesday on Nov. 30th. Color Run preparations are starting, and sponsorships and registrations are welcome!

- Grants: Barbie Chang - None at this time.
- Secretary: Leslie Beckett - Newsletter submissions and feedback from the OG community are welcome.

General Business

- Approve minutes – October minutes shared in chat.
 - Moved and approved to accept the October meeting minutes.
- Committee Chair Updates:
 - Education: Jill Tronziger - Hoping to get some decisions made before the end of the year to reserve something for this school year. 3 possibilities to consider:
 - 1) Looking Out Foundation (continuation of late Collin Kartchner's mission) - focuses on getting kids off phones and addressing social media and phone addictions. There are new people doing what he had done at more affordable pricing.
 - 2) Tyler Durman speaker - the district hosted a few years ago. He can address different topics all related to teens and middle schoolers.
 - 3) Rachel's Challenge - addresses the root causes of bullying, prejudice, self-harm, etc. It sounds amazing from lots of positive videos praising their work at schools. There is additional follow up afterwards to make sure it sticks with the kids.
 - 4) Any other options that anyone else might have to suggest, please email Jill (jillyv2@yahoo.com).
 - All options were willing to hold a spot knowing the possibility of cancelation with circumstances.
 - Book Fair: Liz Doak via Alex - Thanks to everyone for the success of the Fall book fair. We are looking for a new chair for next year. Email Liz if you are interested (lizdoak@gmail.com), and she can train you.
 - Color Run: Dayna Anderson - We will need volunteers for this fun event that will happen Friday afternoon after school on the campus (Jan. 28th). There will be a Sign Up Genius soon for that. Co-chairs are Deb and Jen who will be taking over duties and can continue for next one in two years. Color Run is open to families/siblings and other district school students. Sponsorships are open to family and businesses and are tax-deductible.
- CFSD Foundation: Teacher of the Year nominations are open. Students and families can nominate a teacher. It's nice for the teachers to get the forms regardless of who wins the awards.
- CFHS FFO updates: Eileen Pastorious

- 8th grade band students: The high school marching band has been invited to march in the 2023 Rose Bowl parade. Only 6 high school bands are picked to do it, so current 8th graders are encouraged to march in the band next year to have this incredible opportunity.
- High school FFO annual clothing donation is happening now. Bag up and drop off donations at the drive through bins in front of school. FFO earns 22 cents a pound.
- Grad Night is a “pay it forward” event right after graduation when kids are locked into the school all night. The event needs parents to help. Donations of volunteer time or event sponsorships are welcome. Casino helpers are needed this year, and a training will be held for that. SUG for the event is on the website.
- Question: What about 8th graders for high school prep? Answer: They do a Falcon Fly-In next semester where they spend the day there: arriving by bus, greeted by steel drum and poms, have lunch, and walk through a mini-schedule. The counselors talk to them and give appropriate paperwork as well as follow up with emails with important information.

Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 23 - 26: Thanksgiving Break

Meeting adjourned at 9:13am.