

## **Orange Grove General FFO Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 17th, at 8:30 a.m.**

Present via Zoom: Leslie Beckett, Mark Rubin-Toles, Alex Mastrangelo, Jeannette Hartshorne, Teresa Sommers, Dayna Anderson, Petrina Barr, Susan Wright, Heather Blakely, Liz Doak, Jill Tronziger, Eileen Pastorious, Barbie Chang, Roxan Olivas, Michelle Ijams, Jen Peters, Ann Lee, Karin Fiore, Lia Bueno, Abbe Goncharsky, Jamilyn Craig, Bianca Rowley, Tracy Rea, Carrie Altman, Carleen, Jessica Brandt, Tanya Martin, Shirley, Jen M, Anjala Matalone, Roone McKaig, Kate Spaulding, Diego Cuculiza, Kim Bourn, Meredith Savin, Candace, Erin

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

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

- Kids are currently preparing for Student Led Conferences (SLCs) which will take place on March 10th and 11th (half days). Within the week, OG will send out appointment slots for these virtual meetings. If assigned time slot does not work, parents can email the teacher to reschedule.
- The first parent/guardian focus group was held last week. This will be a semi-regular practice for OG. Student focus group was held in December. These groups are helping OG obtain valuable information.
- Testing season begins after Spring Break. The field test for the new writing portion happened already and OG learned good info from it. The April calendar for testing is on the school website and at the top of the Picks of the Week every week for students to know when to be present and well-rested for showing their best on those measures.
- Promotion planning is also underway, and there was an 8th grade families meeting prior to this one detailing pertinent information. Google forms will go out to those families for info like spelling of names, time preference and peers to be with for mini-ceremonies, which will be personalized events. The dance is back for the first time in 3 years. There is also the ice cream social during the last periods of the last day. Thanks to FFO for helping.
- Registration for next school year is happening now. The goal is to get 100% registered as fast as possible to help with staffing and stake a claim for teachers. Families are encouraged to register soon and spread word for other families to as well.
- Q: Is the annual sandwich-making event happening this year? A: It could happen (not canceled because of pandemic reasons), but there is no FFO chairperson for the SAC (Student Action Committee) to organize it. If anyone is interested in organizing it, please let the FFO know. It usually takes place in March.

### **Executive Team Updates:**

- President: Alex Mastrangelo
- Treasurer: Jeannette Hartshorne - Budget report was shared in the chat.
  - Income: \$55,895.99. This month's income was from a successful Color Run, some Panther Pride, and after the newsletter prompt more 8th grade promotion donations.
  - Expenses: \$38,310.55. This month's expenses included Color Run shirts and supplies, staff reimbursements, grant from the last meeting, and new playground equipment.
- Panther Pride Direct Donations: Dayna Anderson - PP has been a little slow because the focus has been on the Color Run which was successful and fun. Thanks to the community

for a great event. Shade structure is continuing to come to fruition with posts going in soon and the sail shortly after that.

- Grants: Barbie Chang - Request received by Ms. Skinner for \$190 to go towards the purchase of 2 sets of educational interactive apps (National Geographic, Gravity Lab, Gadeteer, Star Chart, Ocean Rift, Blueplanet, etc.) on the 2 Oculus headsets in the Maker Space. All students are welcome to use the Maker Space (which has many activities) before school and during lunch. They will have a sign up in place for the headsets once more apps are available. There are still funds available in the grant budget for this year.
  - Moved and seconded to open discussion. Oculus is a Virtual Reality headset. The kids enjoy them and have been respectful using them. They are very interactive and this seems like a worthwhile expenditure. Maker Space is near the tech office by the library.
  - Moved and approved to accept and fund the grant.
- Secretary: Leslie Beckett - Minutes from January's meeting and latest newsletter links shared in the chat. This position is open for next year and involves taking notes at monthly meetings and gathering info for monthly newsletter. If interested, please contact Leslie and shadowing/training can start this year.

### **General Business**

- Approve minutes – January
  - Moved and approved to accept the January meeting minutes.
- Special Project Update: Dayna Anderson and Mr. RT - Posts will go in during rodeo break and the sail after that during spring break. So far all is still on schedule and structure should be in place before the heat hits.
- Committee Chair Updates:
  - Spirit Wear and PE Uniforms - These committees were described and a new chair for next year is needed. Contact FFO or Leslie for more info.
  - Color Run: Dayna Anderson - Thanks for all for the support for fun event.
  - Staff Appreciation: Tracy Rea and Teresa Sommers - For February, Tracy went to Green Things plant nursery who gave a 10% discount on the purchase of succulents for the staff. They included a note that thanked teachers for helping our students be "suc"-cessful. March will be a meal for the staff; there will be a SUG for parents to donate to it.
  - Education: Jill Tronziger - Speaker/author Tyler Durman is booked for April 6th for just OG right now. He does have the day before and after still open if other schools have interest in joining. There will be 3 student presentations and staff development that day plus an evening event for parents. He is still giving a 10% discount and honoring former prices from few years ago. He will talk about relevant things for kids and parents of teens; specific topics are TBD. He was really good last time and OG is happy to have him back. Last time we were able to get his hotel stay donated, so Jill is trying to get that again. If anyone has any hotel leads that would help reduce cost, please let her know. His website was shared in the chat.

- Book Fair: Liz Doak - If anyone is interested in chairing this committee next school year, please let Liz know. She shared her email in the chat. The Spring book fair is scheduled for April 4th - 8th and it would be good time to show the ropes to a new chair. Hopefully this time the book fair will be in person.
- CFSD Foundation: Roxan Olivas - The Foundation raises supplemental funds to attract and retain teachers. The goal for 2022 is \$150,000 and right now they have about \$73,000, about half way there. They also put on the Teacher of the Year event and signs will be going up soon. OG's Ms. Robles was selected. Tentatively the event is scheduled for the 1st week in May. There will be sponsorship opportunities for that, so more info is coming. OG's Mr. Tompkins was also recognized as a distinguished educator. Thanks to all for nominating. OG had the highest number of nominations. Even teachers that don't win receive the nominations which are a powerful message of support and appreciation.
- Jen Peters and Liz Doak both signed up to help with the COVID test-to-stay program. Thank you so much for volunteering!
- Upcoming Events:
  - Grad Night - Heather Blakely - The high school is recruiting volunteers for Grad Night at CFHS, an event that parents throw for graduating seniors to keep the kids safe and provide a fun venue for them to all be together one last time. It's an all-night party that starts immediately after graduation and is a large undertaking powered by volunteers. There is a SUG for the various needs. There are many ways to volunteer; this is meant to be a pay-it-forward event since seniors don't want parents there and those parents can just enjoy graduation festivities. Info letter was shared in the chat.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- February 24th & 25th - Rodeo Break
- March 10th & 11th - SLC's - half days
- March 11th - Spring Dance
- March 17th - FFO Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:27am.