

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

Present via Zoom: Leslie Beckett, Mark Rubin-Toles, Alex Mastrangelo, Jeannette Hartshorne, Teresa Sommers, Dayna Anderson, Jill Tronziger, Barbie Chang, Michelle Ijams, Karin Fiore, Tracy Rea, Kate Spaulding, Carole Siegler, Amy Courson, Abbe Goncharsky, Susan Wright, Sarah McNamara, Eileen Pastorious, Karin Fiore

Meeting called to order by President Alex Mastrangelo at 8:36am.

Welcome Governing Board Members: Carole Siegler

Principal's Update: Mr. Rubin-Toles

- Spring dance went well. It was a wonderful time for all the kids especially after not having this type of event for a couple years. Pictures will be included in Picks.
- Thanks to all for contributions for staff potato bar lunch yesterday which was fantastic. Staff being together was great for morale.
- Registration for next year: OG is at 80% which is good. Thanks to all who have already registered since it allows for adequate staffing to start. Please encourage others to register.
- After Spring Break next week, testing season starts. First week back, the 8th graders will have AZ Sci test (T/Th). It's critical for students to arrive on time and get good sleep/exercise/food during the testing weeks.
- OG looked at which grade level had most work completed this last quarter. All grades had between 95 and 96% of work completion which is a sign of how responsible kids have been especially this year coming back after the pandemic when it can be hard for some to feel engaged and many are out of the habits of school. This shows that the kids are doing fantastic, thanks to families and the support they are getting at home.
- Thanks to Amy Courson for donating a full palette of water bottles!
- Shade sail update: Poles and footings will be put in over spring break. The shade sail takes about two weeks after that so hopefully completion will be by mid April.

Executive Team Updates:

- Treasurer: Jeannette Hartshorne - Budget report was shared in the chat.
 - Income: \$56,555.98. This month AmazonSmile revenue came in so thanks to those who use it. Last check from Benefit came as well as Panther Pride and 8th grade promotion.
 - Expenses: \$39,702.60. Payments include staff reimbursements, staff appreciation, Amazon prime membership, equipment, and grants. Ms. Skinner emailed a nice thanks to the FFO for the grant for Oculus apps that are being used daily including in science classrooms and reaching many children. Staff got to try them out at lunch yesterday and it was a great experience. Tyler Durman expense is coming up this month.
- Panther Pride Direct Donations: Dayna Anderson - We still need donations for the last of the year for reimbursements and Tyler Durman. This year the special project was an incredible amount that has affected reaching Panther Pride budget goals but real goal of community rallying together to support the school (through this project) was definitely achieved. Thanks to all for supporting!

- Grants: Barbie Chang - Request was received from the Art Department for a 3D clay experience before the end of the year for every art student (about 300 students). Budget for grants has \$310 left so seeking this full amount towards this request.
 - Moved and seconded to open for discussion. No further questions or discussion.
 - Moved and approved to fund the art department's grant request.
- Secretary: Leslie Beckett - Minutes from February's meeting and latest newsletter links shared in the chat. New Secretary is still needed for next year. Please contact Leslie or FFO if interested.
- District FFO: Community Schools needs coaches for after school sports. Please spread the word or apply if interested so these sports can happen. Summer programs at the high school will be taking place so be on the look out for registration soon.

General Business

- Approve minutes – February
 - Moved and approved to accept the February meeting minutes.
- Committee Chair Updates:
 - Spirit Wear and PE Uniforms - New chair for next year is needed. Contact FFO or Leslie for more info. Other open positions include SAC, Communications, Community Cards, Lunch so please consider and actively recruit to fill them.
 - Staff Appreciation: Tracy Rea and Teresa Sommers - All enjoyed the baked potatoes and desserts lunch yesterday. They are planning something special in April and another lunch in May so stay tuned for a Sign Up Genius for that.
 - Education: Jill Tronziger - Speaker/author Tyler Durman is booked for April 6th. We are so lucky to have funding to bring him back; he was awesome a few years ago. He'll talk to kids during day and parents at 6pm in MPR. He brings humor and helpful info for guiding us in this age. Thanks to Kim Bourn for helping to get free hotel stays for him. Parent talk is in-person, but we could see about possible virtual option as well.
 - Book Fair: Liz Doak via Alex - Book fair will be from April 4th - 8th and in-person!
 - Social Media: Kate put her info in chat for chairs to send her any postings for Facebook.
 - TOY: 2 OG teachers are being honored at the celebration on May 1st. Ms. Robles as TOY and Mr. Tompkins as distinguished teacher. OG teachers had highest number of nominations. EFFO agreed to fund 11 staff who want to attend. Link included in chat to purchase a ticket for only \$24. It's a positive celebration that all are invited to attend.

Upcoming Events:

- March 21 - 25 - Spring Break
- April 21 - FFO Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:05am.