

OG FFO General Meeting Minutes September 22, 2022

Called to order 8:40am

Participants in attendance In person: Carol Siegler, Amy Krauss, Mary Kamerzell, Kate Spaulding, Mark Rubin Toles, Jeannette Hartshorne, Dayna Anderson, Melinda McNeilius, Sasha Flores, Marta Bustamante, Jessica Lyon, Ann Lee, Roxan Olivas, Susan Wright, Erica Sarnoff, Michelle Panouspoulos, Jennifer Peters, Michelle Rooney, Michelle Ijams, Lillian Schwartz, Teresa Sommers, Barbie Chang, Tresa White, Keeley Weege, Caitlin Vaccariello, Mary Grodman, Lynsey Brewer, Marci Petti, Jennifer Yau

Participants in attendance Zoom: Donna Saavedra , Jeni Knight, Jill Tronziger, Lisa Robinson, Stephanie Allen, Tracy Rea

Mr Rubin Toles welcomed new visitors and explained that Oct 2 is the last day of the quarter. There is a Sept 30 late work deadline. The school is trying to encourage 95% attendance and excited that fall break is a full week and coming up soon! There are exciting programs available.

Parent conferences are also upcoming soon. The new game room in the Commons provides another opportunity for structured playtime but is only available when there are parent volunteers. There have been more parents than many years previous! Thank you! The students are campus wide excited about the door contest! We've had a great first quarter.

Kate Spaulding welcomes all both zoom and in person! Board member Carol Siegler in attendance and celebrating 26 years and retiring this year! Governing board member Amy Krauss is also in attendance. This is a special election year and Mary Kamerzell will discuss important information descriptions on the docket but cannot go into detail beyond facts. School district election information without any voting influences is described in great detail on the district website. Presented today was general information regarding Proposition 488 38.5M school improvement bond, Proposition 489 2M district additional assistance override, and Proposition 490 13.3% MNO override. All funds received by bonds must be spent within 3 years. There are over 5.6M in funding requested by Orange Grove to cover classroom maintenance, field maintenance, and upgrading staff and classrooms with new technology plan. It describes all the above in detail for 67 pages. There are 347 teachers and staff that need both security updates that are obvious as well as behind the scenes.

There are no further executive board updates.

Treasurer Jeannette Hartshorne reports on the income still in quarter 1 almost halfway to panther pride goal. Current income is \$14,655.04 coming in as revenue from Bashas/AJs kickbacks, in kind donations, 8th grade promotion, Amazon smile, and Custom ink orders. The current expenses total \$6500.15 spent on playground equipment such as new and replacement balls, continued staff reimbursements, staff appreciation, and student council planners.

Dayna Anderson updated about Panther Pride being almost halfway to goal and still in the first quarter. Rolled right into Special Projects docket for proposal of building signage. Mr. Rubin-Toles will present on findings for cost soon. There are lots of fun ways to fundraise throughout the year. An online auction is coming soon.

Barbie Chang discussed grants. There is one requested by Mrs Ballard. It would be for additional seating in the maker space. This is open to every student at lunch and before/after school. The request is for more flexible seating for students. Inflatable ottomans and floor pillows are immediately chosen. She would like foam back floor chairs and yoga chairs. There is a 3D printing machine, cards, and activities for students and seating needs to be moved around to accommodate the different types of activities. The amount requested is \$260. Sarah McNamara motions to approve. Ann Lee Seconds the motion. \$260 grant carries and is approved.

Michelle Ijams reported that DFFO is busy helping get the word out about voting.

Karin Fiore not in attendance and everyone grateful for all the behind the scenes work she does, especially Dayna Anderson. Chairs are doing a great job getting info in along with images.

Minutes from previous August meeting reviewed. Motion to approve by Debbie Claggett. Second to motion Teresa Sommer. Minutes approved.

Marta Bustamante reported on Dine Outs. Check from Fini's recent event is coming soon but turnout looked great. Next Dine out is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28 for all day. Sasha Flores in attendance to also represent the dine out for El Charro. Giving

back 22% to the school which is highest percentage amount and very exciting. Please bring flyer either in hand or on phone to show to waiter to ensure that percentage goes to school. Take out orders also included.

Hospitality chair Jessica Lyon is new to school and so excited to be helping and getting involved.

Lunch Volunteers are excited to be helping. The new game room is exciting with 2 ping pong and foosball tables. Asking any volunteers put up and fold away please at the end of the shift. Remind students that only badges and not phones are able to be turned in for paddles.

Passive donations still needs a sign up person.

Francine Brown not in attendance; however, reported that the spiritwear shirts came in looking faded and the CustomInk representative decided to donate the incorrect colored t shirts in addition to reordering new shirts asap!

Teresa Sommers reported for staff appreciation. They've had a lot of fun and gave staff a water bottle with emergency beginning of the year essentials. Just set up a "We can Nutell-ya how much we appreciate you" staff appreciation brunch complete with bananas and Nutella that was a hit. There will be a sign up to bring desserts for early release conference day for the 65 staff members.

Mary Grodman reported for Community Schools that Q2 has just opened this week. Orange Grove's very own Mr. Joe will help do enrichment activities afterschool. More coaches are needed for basketball. There are great fall break programs. The Sweetwater and Madera Canyon trip along with the birding trip are expected to be amazing. The Geocaching session is already full and the Mt Lemmon fishing trip is filling up fast. There is a Babysitting safety training and Yearbook editing session that are also starting to fill up quickly.

Sarah McNamara reported on the bookfair scheduled for Oct 24-28. This is the same week as parent conferences. There will be a sign up for volunteers as they will be greatly needed. Scholastic website dollars need to be spent down. There is almost \$5000 of roll over funds that are just sitting there. Asked for ideas to utilize the funds. Subscriptions for news was suggested. Feedback from families is that students cherish books given from school if they are purchased as part of the funds and then gifted to students. Ewallet and cash will both be available as purchase options available to students and families. The Book fair will be open before and during lunch but really need volunteers for after school.

Closed meeting at 9:34am