

# OG FFO General Meeting Minutes

## October 20, 2022

**Present in person:** Kate Spaulding, Jeannette Hartshorne, Barbie Chang, Dayna Anderson, Karin Fiore, Amy Courson, Jennifer Yau, Mary Grodman, Jessica Lyon, Ann Lee, Teresa Sommers, Suzie Stadheim, Mark Rubin-Toles

**Present via zoom:** Susan Wright, Tracy Rea

Meeting called to order at 8:40am

### 1. **Principal's Update** (Mark Rubin-Toles)

- We are now in Quarter 2 with Parent Teacher Conferences next week.
  - Directions for how to sign up for conferences are in Picks of the Week.
  - Conferences should be targeted to address a particular problem. The school does not have an expectation that parents sign up for conferences and this is not the only time teachers are available. Our goal is that all students would be at grade level or higher. Conferences can be held in-person or online. Students should be present during conferences.
  - The Book Fair is open during conferences.
  - Halloween is coming up and the Panther Pals will be meeting with the 6th graders during their lunch. Students may come to school dressed in a costume but need to adhere to the dress code, especially no masks that cover eyes and no high heels. Students may bring candy only for themselves, no sharing of candy will be allowed.
  - Open Enrollment starts November 1
  - Our Game Room is a big volunteer opportunity. Students get to play games that are not on their devices! Volunteers are needed to open the game room for students during their lunch periods. Great place to volunteer with a friend and chance to see your child.
  - Parking lot etiquette reminder: be patient, have student ready to exit, drive safely.

### 2. **Executive Reports**

- President (Kate Spaulding)
  - No update. Excited to be here with everyone.
- Treasurer (Jeannette Hartshorne)
  - Income is at \$17,125.86 which includes Fry's, Fini's Landing, Custom Inc.
  - Expenses are at \$9,656.82 which covers teacher grants, staff appreciation, student council planner sales.
  - Panther Pride is at \$10,144 so we are half way to our goal.
  - Taxes submitted and non-profit status renewed.
- VP Fundraising (Dayna Anderson)
  - Parking space fundraiser has prime spots available. There is still time to get your very own parking space!
  - Dine Outs are going well. Marta is doing a fabulous job.
  - Bashas cards still available.
  - All donations are direct funding to the school.

- Grants (Barbie Chang)
  - Grant request from Ms. Snow for tea kettles. The 6th-grade science team would benefit from 4 more tea kettles when teaching matter. The unit has students studying particle motion and how that motion changes when there is a temperature or phase change. Currently, the team is working with one tea kettle in total. (This tea kettle is owned by an 8th-grade science teacher with the intent of making herself tea in the mornings, not running labs.) If each teacher could have two, there would be less of wait time during labs. This would benefit ~250 students. We would like to purchase four of the following kettles: Hamilton Beach. The amount requested is \$161
  - Moved and approved to accept and fund \$161 grant request.
- DFFO (Kate Spaulding)
  - Kate reported that our district FFO meetings are attended by all of the CFSD schools and our Superintendent, Dr. Kamerzell. Dr. Kamerzell provided updates related to new legislation. The first is a new Arizona law that that requires the moment of silence to be 1-2 minutes. Teachers are not able to suggest what students use the moment of silence for so parents are urged to discuss the use of this time with their kids. Another involves surveys to students and the need for parent approval. The district has no plans to approve these types of surveys. There are also new laws regarding instruction on September 11th and teaching sensitive issues. All of these policies that affect our students can be found in this month's issue of The Boarder. Kate ended by encouraging us to all vote!
- Secretary (Karin Fiore)
  - Minutes can be found on the OG Website.
  - Moved and approved minutes from September FFO meeting.

### 3. General Business

- Book Fair
  - Sarah McNamara reminded everyone that the book fair is next week. There are lots of volunteer slots available and help would be appreciated. Sarah encouraged people to sign-up even if the timeslot needs to be adjusted. They can be flexible and allow volunteers time to attend conferences.
  - Parents can use ewallet so they don't need to send kids with money.
- Dine Out
  - This month's dine out is at Chipotle on Wed, October 26 from 4-8pm. Reminder to show the flyer or use the code when ordering online. Chipotle gives 33% back to the school.
- Foundation Update
  - Kate reminded everyone that Teacher of the Year is coming up in November. Parents, students and anyone can nominate a teacher. Teachers will need to be in the district for 2 years and decide they want to pursue the program. Regardless teachers will love to be nominated and hear about the impact they are making. Two teachers will be chosen from a group of five finalists selected using a blind rubric.
- Passive Fundraising
  - Chair is still needed for passive fundraising.
- Staff Appreciation
  - Teresa Sommers reported that our last Staff Appreciation was for the staff on their early release/grading day. The staff loved the meal from Salad and Go! Theresa thanked

Margret Barber for helping with the event. Jen Peters is now helping with Staff Appreciation.

- Spirit Wear
  - Spirit wear is in and will be distributed soon to students.
- Community Schools
  - Mary Grodman reported that 2nd Quarter programs are going well and parents helped to fill the need for coaches. Out of eight coaches for the quarter, six are OG parents.
    - 40 6th graders playing basketball
    - 72 7/8th graders playing basketball
    - 20 6th grade girls playing soccer
    - 25 7/8th grade girls playing soccer
  - Sports in the spring will be needing coaches as well. Not too soon to start the process to get approved to coach tennis, track, wrestling, basketball, soccer or baseball.
  - Fishing program is being offered during half days for parent/teacher conferences. All other community schools classes do not meet on Wed/Thurs during half days.
  - Explore the Outdoor class is being offered in December.
  - Babysitting and CPR First Aid classes over winter break are still available.
  - Order Year Books through Community Schools this year!
  - E-mails will be sent to parents when there is a change to the game schedule. Schedule will be available through the community schools website.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:08am

Next FFO meeting is November 17.