

# OG FFO General Meeting Minutes

February 16th, 2023

**Present (in person):** Kate Spaulding, Mark Rubin-Toles, Ann Lee, Jill Tronziger, Suzie Stadheim, Lisa Robinson, Susan Wright, Michelle Rooney, Anjala Matalone, Mary Grodman, Barbie Chang, Dayna Anderson, Karin Fiore

**Present (on zoom):** Jeannette Hartshorne, Jen Peters, Lili Schwartz, Jeni Knight, Jennifer Yau

**Meeting called to order at 8:40am**

**Kate welcomed everyone on zoom and in-person.** We are continuing to provide a zoom option for all our FFO meeting. We realize not all are able to make it to the meetings in-person and we want to make sure everyone is included.

## 1. Principal Report (Mark Rubin-Toles)

- Rodeo Break and then Spring Break are approaching.
- Registration is open and we need families to register EARLY. This allows us to keep lower class sizes by requesting appropriate levels of staffing. Please spread the word!
- Students are currently working on their Student Led Conferences. They have been tracking their grades and are preparing for conversations with their parents/guardians. Conferences are planned during our upcoming half days on March 16-17. Invitations will be sent to families with the option of scheduling either an in person or online conference.
- Deadline for art submissions for our building sign special project has passed. Renumbering of the buildings on campus is much needed and it will be great to have an organized numbering scheme. The student artwork being added to the signs will add life, beauty and a spark to the campus. We are so impressed with all the submissions! Even though only 13 can be selected, all submissions have been scanned with plans to feature them in future school communications. We are still raising the funds for this project, Dayna reported that \$2,500 is needed and the school will be matching donations.
- Our big panther artwork that was the legacy project from last year has been hung up on the wall of the library!

## 2. Executive Reports

- **President (Kate Spaulding)**
  - We appreciate our meeting attendees and even with all the great communication we think it is beneficial to come to our meetings. Those attending get to hear the Principal's Update, meet with other OG families and receive the latest news. What other reasons do you have for attend the meetings? Kate would love to know!
- **Treasurer (Jeannette Hartshorne)**
  - **Current income is \$23,999.01.** Amazon smile is ending this month on 2/20. Panther Pride has been coming in but we still need more donations to meet our budget. 8th grade parents are asked to donate \$20 to help with cost of promotion. A separate donation link for 8th grade promotion is available through the website.

- **Current expenses are at \$17,479.90.** Payments going out include supplies for staff and staff appreciation.
- With the loss of Benefit Mobile and now Amazon Smile we no longer have that steady bit of income coming in. If anyone has passive fundraising ideas please let us know!
- **VP Fundraising (Dayna Anderson)**
  - There is a lot happening that is funded by the school and our FFO! The FFO relies heavily on in-kind donations. Ideally we would like our Panther Pride donations to come in early during Pick-up and Unpack. At this point we are still needing direct donations to come in to reach our goal.
  - Any family that would like to make a big lasting impact at the school, we would love them to get involved with our special project.
  - Family of the Month program is running well. Families selected have liked seeing their names announced.
  - We need to fill our VP of Fundraising position for next year. We would love to bring in some new fundraising ideas.
- **Grants (Barbie Chang)**
  - No new grants.
- **DFFO (Michelle Ijams)**
  - District wide request to please register!
  - School uniforms from Q2 sports (basketball and soccer) need to be returned.
- **Secretary (Karin Fiore)**
  - Motion: to approve minutes from our January 19 FFO meeting. Second and Approved.

### 3. General Business

- **8th Grade Promotion (Chairs: Jen Morgan and Michelle Rooney)**
  - Michelle reported that 8th Grade Promotion will be May 24th (6:30-7:30pm), followed by a cookie reception (7:30-8:00pm) and then a dance for the 8th graders (8:00 - 9:15pm.) Suzie Stadheim is organizing the cookie reception. There are plans to have a 2023 sign and balloon arch. Jen Morgan is organizing the dance with a Glow Party theme.
  - Ice cream social will be on the last day of school. Students will have the choice of either an ice cream cup (vanilla or chocolate) or fruit bar. Plan is to also hand out OGMS pens to the students for yearbook signing.
  - Will have another meeting in the next month and will be sending out a sign-up genius. This will be a pay-it-forward event so 6th and 7th grade parent volunteers are wanted.
- **Book Fair (Chairs: Sarah McNamara and Tracy Rea)**
  - Book fair will be the week of April 17th. We will need volunteers to help Sarah and Tracy!
- **Dine Outs (Chair: Marta Bustamante)**
  - Kate reported that Marta has done a fabulous job scheduling all our dine outs. A list of all our upcoming dine outs is in the newsletter and Facebook events page.
  - Dine out Today is at Rubios! We hope your family can enjoy a relaxing night eating out together.
- **Staff Appreciation (Chair: Teresa Sommers)**
  - Our staff appreciation committee put together a wonderful Valentines Day spread for the staff. Kate thanked everyone who continues to help with staff appreciation and love on our OG staff.
- **Community Schools (Mary Grodman)**
  - Q4 registration opens March 6th and athletics opens March 7th.

- OG still needs coaches for volleyball, track and baseball. Contact Myranda Christensen if you can help.
- Still a few spots open for our Spring Break trip to Roosevelt Lake.
- Hiring camp counselors for our summer camp. Anyone over 18 can apply for this paid position. Junior counselors are also needed, high school students can volunteer for this position.
- Summer Camp registration opens March 15th.
- High School Health and PE is now full. You can still add your student to the wait list. We are looking for teachers to be able to open another class.
- Yearbooks are on sale now for \$35. Price will increase to \$45 on March 1st. You can always log into community schools account to check if you have purchased one.
- **Clothing Drive (Chair: Karin Fiore)**
  - Clothing drive to support Amphi Clothing bank will start next week. Donations can be dropped off at the school May 20 - March 3.

Thanks for being here!

**Meeting adjourned 9:15am.**

Next General FFO meeting will be Thursday, March 23rd.