

OG FFO General Meeting

Minutes

March 23, 2023

Present (in-person): Kate Spaulding, Mark Rubin-Toles, Roxan Olivas, Ann Lee, Jeni Knight, Jen Peters, Ali Michel, Gina Mehmert, Dayna Anderson, Stephanie Allen, Susan Wright, Julie Bowden, Jessica Lyon, Michelle Rooney, Zita Brakey, Erica Sarnoff, Deb Anderson, Sarah McNamara, Teresa Sommers, Mary Grodman, Michelle Ijams, Jeannette Hartshorne, Fatima Bravo, Tracy Rea, Anjala Matalone, Karin Fiore

Present (Zoom): Lilli Schwartz, Lisa Robinson

Meeting called to order at 8:38am

- **Kate welcomed everyone online and in-person.** A special welcome to Governing Board member Gina Mehmert for attending. Thank you to everyone who brought snacks to the meeting!
- **Principal's Update (Mark Rubin-Toles)**
 - Spring Break is next week! After that there are no breaks for the rest of the year.
 - We have started testing season. This week 8th grade testing began. Testing will also continue after Spring Break for all students. During testing we will be making an effort to reduce our computer usage for regular class time to help keep our bandwidth down. This may result in less online assignments. Please help your students during this time get enough sleep, choose healthy foods and exercise. If the testing is causing students to have a bit of anxiety we encourage them to reach out to our school counselors.
 - We are now in Quarter 4.
 - Promotion is being worked on.
 - Library alerts will be sent out for overdue material.
 - Yearbooks can be ordered through the April 2nd deadline. Students will be given the opportunity to sign year books at school. They are a great memory of their time at Orange Grove.
- **President's Update (Kate Spaulding)**
 - Kate reported that there are a few open FFO positions we would love to have filled.
 - VP Fundraising: help with Panther Pride fundraising. Dayna will be here to help you!
 - Spirit Wear: organize two spirit wear campaigns during the year.
 - Student Action Committee: organize some hands on community outreach events for students (example: sandwich making)
 - Volunteer Appreciation is planned for our next meeting. Hosted by our OG Staff!
 - Bus Driver Appreciation event is May 4th. You are welcome to attend and thank our wonderful bus drivers.
- **Treasurer's Report (Jeannette Hartshorne)**
 - **Current income is at \$25,411.47.** This included our recent dine out at Rubios. Panther Pride needs \$2,812 to meet our goal. This is our main income so please consider donating if you haven't done so this year. Promotion donations are starting to come in.

- **Expenses are at \$19,188.86.** This includes the 7th grade science grant for the mousetrap cars and staff reimbursements. Department reimbursements are expected before the end of the year.
- **VP Fundraising Report (Dayna Anderson)**
 - Fresh ideas are welcome and needed in this position! Chair position allows you to learn more about the school. A big part of the job involves communication.
 - With only 9 weeks left we still have time to bring in the \$2,812 needed in Panther Pride.
 - Special project requires us to raise \$2500. The signs will be installed during this next school year once funds are available.
- **Grant Report (Barbie Chang)**
 - No new grants
- **District FFO (Michelle Ijams)**
 - Register! We still have 100 Orange Grove families that need to register. The school needs an accurate count to be able to hire the right number of teachers for next year.
- **Secretary (Karin Fiore)**
 - Motion: to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2023 FFO Meeting. Second. **Approved.**
- **8th Grade Promotion** (Chairs: Michelle Rooney and Jen Morgan)
 - Michelle reported that they are working on four main events: Promotion, Cookie Reception, Dance and Ice-Cream Social. Look for the sign-up genius to volunteer or donate cookies and snacks. This is a “pay it forward” event so 6th and 7th grade families are asked to volunteer. 8th grade families may still like to volunteer at the ice-cream social. \$1500 in donations have come in and \$2500 is needed. The funds are used to cover cost of DJ, Photo Booth, Sherif, decorations, and Glow Party accessories. Anyone interested in helping is invited to our next Meeting at AJ’s at 8:15am on Thursday, April 6th.
- **Book Fair** (Chairs: Sarah McNamara and Tracy Rea)
 - Sarah reported that the Book Fair will be the week of April 17th. Volunteers are needed and there are lots of lunch time slots available. They could also use a “lead” for shifts in case either Sarah or Tracy can’t be there.
- **Dine-Outs** (Chair: Marta Bustamante)
 - Kate reported that the dine out at El Charro raised \$160. Our next dine-out is April 26th at Chipotle. Also, Frost is scheduled for May 24th.
- **Staff Appreciation** (Chairs: Teresa Sommers and Jen Reynolds)
 - Teresa shared that our last staff appreciation was a baked potato bar! There are plans to provide treats for the staff in April. May will be another staff lunch with a sign-up to help.
 - We are going to continue our Raffle a Day in May tradition. We would love to be able to give every staff member a gift card! Look for the sign-up.
- **CFSD Foundation** (Roxanne Olivas)
 - Roxanne shared that the Teacher of the Year event will be April 16th at Skyline Country Club. Sponsors are still needed for the event.

- **Community Schools** (Mary Grodman)
 - 4th Quarter sports schedules are available on the Community School's website.
 - Please contact the Community Schools office if you need help ordering a year book.
 - There are only two spots left for our Spring Break trip.
 - We are offering seven weeks of summer camp programs. Some of the offerings include outdoor adventure, outreach opportunities for students, music and sports.
 - If your 8th grader would like to take PE or Health you can be added to the waitlist. The classes are full but we are hoping to open up more.

- **Grad Night** (Eileen Pastorius, CFHS FFO President and Michelle Ijams)
 - The high school FFO has a few positions needing to be filled for next year. (FFO President, Grants, Secretary, Brick Sales, Falcon Funds, Parent Volunteer and Speaker Coordinator)
 - The high school FFO meets in person and arranges to have a guest speaker at every meeting.
 - Grad Night is May 25th. This is a BIG pay-it forward event and tradition! It is an all night lock-in following graduation that helps keep kids safe and off the roads with so many amazing activities planned. The event will include Dinner, Dancing, Games, DJ, Snacks, Prizes and great decorations! Dancing Dad's will also perform a choreographed routine. This year's theme is Men In Black, which the students voted for. Sponsorships are needed, so please help us reach out to any businesses. There are work days planned for every Saturday and volunteers are also needed the night of the event. Please scan the QR code and sign up to help! Tickets for students cost \$250 but the FFO also is able to offset the cost for students when needed. Students are so excited and we definitely need more parents to help!!

Meeting adjourned at 9:25am

Next General FFO meeting will be Thursday, April 27 at 8:30am.