

OGMS FFO General Meeting

Minutes

October 19, 2023

Present (in person): Kate Spaulding, Mark Rubin-Toles, Angela Appel, JoAn Stafford, Asia Haubner, Marci Petti, Ann Lee, Cataline Buffum, Zita Brakey, Lizbeth Santos, April Gering, Mary McAllister, Jennifer Yau, Lilian Schwartz, Barbie Chang, Jill Tronziger, Anjala Matalone, Jeannette Hartshorne, Abby Michieli, Donna Saavedra, Laura Logue, Mary Grodman, Karin Fiore

Present (online): Jeni Knight, Lisa Robinson

Kate called the meeting to order at 8:36am.

Principal's Update - Mark Rubin-Toles

- 8th Graders have had their first of four career chats. Students found out what a career as an Engineer and 911 Dispatcher would be like. If you or someone that would be willing to talk with students about a career please let us know. The hope is to have different industries and areas of services represented.
- The 50th day of school will be on October 23. The school is planning to celebrate on this day to help mark their 50th year. Students are encouraged to dress from the 50's. There will also be a 50 acts of kindness challenge.
- Students artwork is being displayed at Tohono Chul during their Chilies, Chocolate and Day of the Dead Festival.
- Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up during our two half-days. Parents can sign-up and choose a slot that works for them. Both online and in-person options are available. These conferences are designed to be problem based conferences so all students are not expected to need one and parents should not feel obligated to sign-up. This year conferences are 15 minutes to allow for more time. Parents were reminded that they are always able to meet with their child's teacher anytime throughout the year. The sign-up for conferences is in the Picks of the Week.

Executive Reports

- **President - Kate Spaulding**
 - Kate shared that she has been working to setup the online meeting using school equipment but feels the Owl has been the best and easiest solution. For today's meeting we are using the Owl provided by Kate.
- **Treasurer - Jeannette Hartshorne**
 - Jeannette reported that we are at \$22,075.15 in revenue. Since last month we have received revenue from Bashas cards, our first color run sponsorship and the Chipotle fundraiser which raised \$750. Panther Pride is currently at 75%. Expenses are at \$11,244.60, which has covered teacher reimbursements, department support and grants.
 - Jeannette also shared that she filed our appropriations report this month and that our financials are good.
- **VP Fundraising - Laura Logue**
 - Laura also acknowledged having Panther Pride now at 75% is great. There are plans for a \$50 on the 50th day of school campaign.
- **Grants - Barbie Chang**
 - Barbie presented two grants at the meeting.

- The OG Health Office is requesting \$180 to purchase a wheelchair. The school would like a wheelchair that is able to safely transport students from the field. The current wheelchair is meant for in home use and is not stable when being used outside. The wheelchair being purchased would have larger wheels and provide increased stability for use outside on gravel and grass surfaces.
 - **Motion:** To approve a grant for \$180 to purchase a wheelchair for the health office. Second received. **Approved.**
- The grant for virtual meeting technology presented at our last FFO meeting is being revisited. At the last meeting there were initially some concerns about cost and the FFO wanted to look at other possible options.
 - Kate reported that using the equipment at the school has not worked well and comes with many challenges. Also, there have not been any additional recommendations for other technology options.
 - The Meeting Owl has worked well and our hybrid FFO meetings have benefited from it's tracking capability, 360 viewing and microphone/speaker capabilities.
 - This technology can easily be used and would allow us to continue to provide a remote option for families who can not attend FFO meetings in person. It would be compatible with the school's chromebooks, an ipad and google meet.
 - **Motion:** to approve the \$1,400 technology grant to purchase a Meeting Owl, expansion mic, carry case, and extension cord. Second received. **Approved.**
- **Grade Level Reps**
 - 6th Grade - Jeni Knight
 - No update
 - 7th Grade - Georgia Thu
 - No update
 - 8th Grade - Angela Appel
 - No update
- Secretary - Karin Fiore
 - **Motion:** To approve the minutes from the September 21, 2023 FFO Meeting. Second Received. **Approved.**

General Business

- Committee Reports
 - Book Fair
 - Kate shared that the Bookfair needs volunteers. There is a sign-up genius with both morning and lunchtime shifts that need to be filled.
 - The FFO receives funds in scholastic dollars. Recently we have used our scholastic dollars to purchase books for our library.
 - Color Run - Anjala Matalone
 - Anjala shared that the Color Run is a fun event for kids to run through the trail and have powder thrown on them.
 - Color Run is planned for Friday, January 26th.
 - Corporate sponsors and family sponsorships are needed.
 - We will need volunteers the day of the event so look for a sign-up genius to be sent out.
 - This is a community event, open to siblings and families in the community.
 - Dine Out
 - The next dine-out is at El Charro on Wednesday, Oct 25th.

- Education - Jill Tronziger
 - Jill reminded everyone that our MADD Power of Parents presentation will be at 7:30am before our next FFO Meeting, Nov 30th. A zoom link can be made available for this presentation.
 - A grant is being put together to bring in a speaker to talk with students and parents about screen addiction. So far we are not aware of other CFSD schools that want to be involved.
- Foundation
 - Tapas for Teachers is Thursday, November 2nd at La Encantada. Parents and teachers are invited to attend and support the Foundation. Please consider donating a ticket for a teacher.
 - Manzanita is organizing childcare for the event. Childcare is open to kids K-5th grade.
 - There will be a silent auction fundraiser at the event.
 - Please purchase your tickets ahead of time to help with planning, although tickets may be purchased at the event.
- Hospitality
 - Kate reminded everyone that if they love having treats at our FFO meeting to please sign-up so we can keep them coming.
- Lunch Volunteers - Ann Lee
 - Ann reported that the Game Room has been closed with a plan in place for the kids to earn it back. The parent lunch volunteers are still appreciated during this time. Great opportunity to “see your panther in their natural habitat.”
- Staff Appreciation - Teresa Sommers
 - Kate shared a written report from Teresa that thanked the many families who brought in food for last month’s staff appreciation. Staff appreciation lunches are planned for December, March and May.
 - Donna Saavedra is now helping Teresa with staff appreciation.
- Spirit Wear
 - The link to our Spirit Wear shop is live. Please consider purchasing some OGMS spirit wear for your student, as a teacher gift or for yourself!
- Community Schools - Mary Grodman
 - Mary explained that because of the half days this month sports started before the break and enrichment started after. There will be no programs on half days.
 - Athletic schedules should be out next week and can be found on the community school’s website.
 - Yearbooks can be pre-ordered now. Expect the price to increase after the end of the year. The yearbook class will be starting soon!
 - Coaches are needed for Q3 sports (girls basketball, boys soccer and co-ed wrestling). Enrichment teachers are also needed.
 - A parent notification system is being worked on to help with communication to parents after hours.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25am

Next FFO meeting is on Thursday, November 30th.