

OGMS FFO General Meeting

Minutes

January 25, 2024

Present (in person): Kate Spaulding, Sasha Flores, Jeni Knight, Angela Appel, Julie Bowden, Michelle Ijams, Laura Logue, Angela Jackson, Nadya Novak, Ann Lee, Susan Wright, Suzie Stadheim, Anjala Matalone, Lilian Schwartz, Teresa Sommers, Anita Strickler, James Strickler, Jill Tronziger, Karin Fiore, Mark Rubin-Toles, Jeannette Hartshorne

Present (Online): Dayna Anderson, Jennifer Yau, Lisa Robinson, Georgia Thu

Call to Order and Welcome: 8:45am by Kate Spaulding

Kate welcomed Governing Board Member Eileen Jackson and thanked her as she is finishing up her time serving on the board.

Principal's Update: Mark Rubin-Toles

- Mr. Rubin-Toles thanked the FFO for the spirit wear options this year and noted great feedback from both students and teachers!
- An all-school assembly took place this week for Youth on Their Own. Students are collecting donations for them through their advisory class. Donations may include school supplies, non perishable food and toiletries. More details will be provided in picks of the week.
- Color Run is this Friday! All students can participate.
- February 8th will be our Falcon-Fly In for 8th graders and Prideland visit for 5th graders.
 - 8th graders will be visiting the high school. They will get to see the campus, have lunch, visit some classes, and learn about the course selection process. Parent volunteers are still needed.
 - 5th graders from Manzanita and Sunrise will be visiting Orange Grove. This is a great event to help get students excited and comfortable with coming to Orange Grove next year.
- Student-led conferences will be in March. This year the default will be in-person conferences but an online option is still available. In preparation for conferences, students have been tracking their grades and selecting coursework to show parents.
- 8th-grade promotion agreements need to be signed to reinforce students' commitments through the end of the school year.

Executive Reports

- **President Report** (Kate Spaulding)
 - Everyone is invited to visit the Maker Space today after the FFO meeting. Great opportunity to see what our grant money was able to purchase for students.
 - We are still looking to fill a few open spots for next year. Anyone interested can shadow this year before taking over.
 - Treasurer
 - Foundation Liaison
 - Hospitality
 - 8th grade promotion
 - Staff Appreciation
 - Lunch Volunteer Coordinator

- **Treasurer Report** (Jeannette Hartshorne)
 - Current income is \$35,778.06. We have met many of our goals and are less than \$1000 away from reaching our Panther Pride goal. Promotion and the Special Project donations are still expected.
 - Expenses are at \$21,622.97. Staff reimbursements and grants are still available.
 - Treasurer position is manageable, with main tasks involving writing checks and using quickbooks. The district does provide support and guidance.

- **VP Fundraising** (Laura Logue)
 - Please consider purchasing spirit wear! Michelle shared that flannel pants are now available. Question was raised if a gift card option could be made available for the purpose of giving teachers a gift.
 - So close to reaching our Panther Pride goal. Every family donating just \$4 would get us there!
 - Special project is improvements to the weight room. All students go through the weight room during their PE classes and during fitness testing. Goal is \$4,800 with possibility of outside grant money to help.

- **Grants** (Barbie Chang)
 - Kate shared that we have \$2,000 left this year in our grant budget.
 - Anyone can request a grant using the form on the FFO website. The grant is then reviewed by the Principal, Executive FFO and then brought to the FFO meeting.

- **District FFO** (Michelle Ijams)
 - No District FFO meeting in January

- **Grade Level Reps**
 - 6th grade (Jeni Knight) -no update
 - 7th grade (Georgia Thu) -no update
 - 8th grade (Angela Appel) - watch for upcoming event dates and promotion information! Pre-meet at next FFO meeting will cover 8th grade promotion.

- **Secretary** (Karin Fiore)
 - Link to newsletter is now being included in Picks of the Week.
 - Minutes are posted on the OG FFO website.
 - Anyone interested in the secretary position next year can let us know.

General Business

- **Approve Minutes**
 - Motion: To approve the November, 30 2023 FFO Meeting Minutes. Second Received. Approved.

- **Committee Reports**
 - 8th Grade Promotion (Michelle Rooney)
 - Anyone interested in helping can join us 7:45 am on Tuesday, Jan 30th at AJ's for a planning meeting. 6th and 7th grade parents are welcome! Promotion planning will cover the ceremony, cookie reception, dance and ice cream social.

- Link in FFO shop for promotion. Suggested amount is \$20.
- Color Run (Anjala Matalone)
 - T-shirts have been ordered and will be handed out to students.
 - Still need volunteers for the event. Volunteers can help throw colored powder on kids as they run by.
 - Course is similar to the cross country loop but students will be running on the track and out the baseball field to loop around the front of the school.
- Dine Outs
 - Kate reminded everyone we have a Zinburger Dine-out on Monday from 5-9pm at the Campbell/River location. 30% of sales goes to support the OG FFO.
- Education (Jill Tronziger)
 - April 17th is the date Tanner Clark will be speaking to students and parents on the topic of social media, screen addition and self worth.. The time for the parent presentation has not yet been finalized.
 - Jill is hoping to plan one more speaker for our pre-meet this year. Please contact her with any suggestions.
- Foundation
 - Kate shared a written report highlighting the following:
 - CFSD Foundation raised 72K so far, which is 48% of their goal.
 - Teacher of the Year nominations have been received by those teachers with applications from teachers being due soon. April 28th is the Teacher of the Year banquet at Skyline Country Club.
 - In need of a CRM database manager.
- Staff Appreciation (Teresa Sommers)
 - In January the staff received encouraging messages along with seed packets of Marigolds, Thyme and Basil. They were appreciated for growing the hearts and minds of our students. This was a big hit with the staff!
 - Upcoming staff appreciation includes:
 - February: a sweet treat
 - March: baked potato bar
 - April: small gift
 - May: staff lunch
- Community Schools
 - Kate shared an update from Mary Grodman with the following highlights:
 - All the information for dates and offerings can be found on the community schools website.
 - 8th grade registration for PE and Heath summer classes is coming up in February
 - Summer camp registration will start in March and information is online.
 - Rodeo Break offerings include birdwatching, hiking, geocaching, and spelunking.
 - Spring Break trip will be to Joshua Tree National Park.
 - 4th quarter registration will be in March and information is online.
 - Yearbooks can still be ordered online.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28am

Next FFO meeting is Thursday, February 15th.