

**Orange Grove General FFO
Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
August 22, 2024**

Present: Anjala Matalone, Julie Bowden, Barbie Chang, Jeni Knight, Georgia Thu, Laura Logue, Amy Corrales, Michelle Ijams, Angela Appel, Mark Rubin-Toles, Jenn Rhodes, Celeste McBirnie, Bri Volpe, Aditi Gupta, Aidalee Montijo, Yavanna Julian, Emanuel Julian, Meghan Newell, Monica Ogletree, Sandra Gonzales, Elizabeth McDonnell, Virginia Mastick, Paul Oppenheim (Poppy), Michelle McGraw, Celine Cohn, Yi Zhang, Patty Fugit, Sasha Flores, Rachel Ruder, Dave Levin, Michelle Lespron, Rick McLain, Rahab Laczny, Brooke Streicher, Danielle Fidel, Evangelina (Aja) Squires, Alissa Bache, Johanne Ives, Betty Phillips, Dana Goldstein, Fatima Bravo, Rebecca Stempel-Seamans, Alezander Castro, Erica Sarnoff, Amy Morales Baum, Valerie Menke, Alexis Moore, Brandy McLain, Susan Wright, Hillary Ullrich, Lisa Robinson, Karina Bohon, Courtney Patel, Maggie Schmidt, Christy Robertson, Andrew Wolf, Jill Tronziger, Catalina Buffum, Asia Haubner, and Dayna Anderson (zoom).

Anjala opened the meeting at 8:32am

President's Update (Anjala Matalone)

- No OWL set up for the Zoom today; it requires a new login.
- FFO Openings:
 - Foundation Liaison
 - Hospitality
 - Student Action Committee
 - Website updates

Principal's Update (Mark Rubin-Toles)

- Mark introduced Kristin Meza as the new Orange Grove Assistant Principal.
- Boys and girls OGMS Cross Country both won their first meet on Tuesday 8/20/24. Congratulations!
- Community Schools programs are ongoing with new options each quarter.
- Student ID's are being printed and the goal is to have them distributed by next Wed 8/28. Once the students have their ID they will be required to use it to ride the bus.
- The bottle flipping lunchtime challenge was fun. 25 flips was the record! Next will be a balance challenge.
- Recommend having your student log in to StudentVUE and review their grades with them to help them get used to tracking their grades. Parents can also see the same information through ParentVUE.
- Zeros Are Preventable (ZAP) has begun and students that need that support meet during lunch and before late start on Wednesday mornings.

- Mark said it has been a great start to the year! Students are being safe and responsible!

Executive Team Updates

- **Treasurer** (Julie Bowden)
 - Some changes to this year's budget include:
 - Increase expected income for dineouts from \$1500 to \$2500
 - Increase expected income for EduKits to \$500
 - Added \$500 budget for the Science Department
 - Increase expenses for bank charges to \$1500
 - Decrease expenses for concert shirts to \$100
 - Increase website expense to \$1150 (added budget to update the website)
 - Changed Grants expenses to \$5000
 - Decreased teacher support to \$7500
 - Current spending has included expenses for Panther Pals (shirts, lunch)
 - Panther Pride donations are halfway to the goal of \$20,000. Current income is \$10,300.
 - The monthly raffle for a parking spot will continue to be a fundraising event throughout the year.
 - All money allotted for grants was used last year.
 - The campaign for new trees has received cash so far, but we are open to sponsorships from businesses.
 - **Motion:** to approve the 2024-2025 budget. Second and **Approved.**
- **VP Fundraising** (Laura Logue)
 - Family of the Month, Giving Tuesday, and Special Projects (such as the weight room upgrade and science equipment) will continue throughout the year.
 - The FFO received a grant request to update the sensory room and we are trying to fill the needed items through a SignUpGenius first before approving the grant. The signup is in the newsletter.
- **Grants** (Barbie Chang)
 - This is Barbie's last year at Orange Grove.
 - Last year our grants funded things such as: flexible seating items for classrooms and solar eclipse glasses.
 - The grants budget is \$5000 this year.
 - Grant request: \$450 for a coffee cart project, called Panther Perks. This project would teach vocational and life skill training while allowing inclusion and 7th grade students to collaborate.
 - **Motion:** to discuss. **Approved.**

- Discussion: Dayna A. procured supplies from a local Starbucks. In response to a parent question, Mark stated that the FFO has been able to fund all grant requests since he has been principal.
- **Motion:** to approve. Second and **Approved.**
- **DFFO** (Michelle Ijams)
 - The first meeting will take place in two weeks.
 - Spirit Wear: the ability to customize your spirit wear with your name is new this year. Order online and it will ship to your home.
- **Grade Level Reps**
 - Celeste McBirnie (6th grade) - no update
 - Jeni Knight (7th grade) - no update
 - Georgia Thu (8th grade) - no update
- **Secretary** (Angela Appel)
 - The first newsletter went out via email to all parents on Tuesday August 20th. In the future the newsletter will transition to publication via ParentSquare.
 - **Motion:** to approve the minutes from the last general FFO meeting on April 25, 2024. Second and **Approved.**

General Business

- **Old Business**
 - PUUP was very successful and received positive parent feedback.
- **Education** (Jill Tronziger)
 - This is Jill's last year at Orange Grove.
 - Some education topic suggestions for this year are: Coffee with Counselors and Healthy Eating. Please send ideas/suggestions to Jill.
 - The first educational event will be in October.
- **Staff Appreciation** (Rachel Ruder)
 - Anjala introduced Rachel and thanked her for taking over this role.
- **CFSD Foundation** (Amy Morales Baum)
 - The foundation has been around for 41 years.
 - The mission is to attract and retain the best teachers for the district.
 - Their fundraising goal is \$150,000 which provides a three year professional development program called 'Great Beginnings' to new teachers.
 - Tapas for Teachers will be on November 7, 2024.
 - The 'Teacher of the Year' event will be held in May.
 - The Foundation has an opening for an OGMS liaison
- **Upcoming Events**
 - Dine Out on August 29 at MOD Pizza
 - Next FFO meeting will be on September 26 at 8:30am, with a 7th grade parent breakfast beginning at 7:45.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19am.