

**Orange Grove General FFO
Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
September 26, 2024**

Present: Anjala Matalone, Mark Rubin-Toles, Julie Bowden, Barbie Chang, Laura Logue, Amy Corrales, Angela Appel, Jill Tronziger, Celine Cohn, Tom Logue, Alexis Moore, James Strickler, Anita Strickler, Elizabeth McDonnell, Thea Migel Gilbert, Marci Petti, Catalina Buffum, Martha Calle, Bianca Rowley, Cecilia Calle, Aditi Gupta, Sunjay Tuli, Ali Michel, Christina Sanchez, Sasha Flores, Amy Morales Baum, Susan Wright, Michelle Lesprou, Carole Siegler, Jennifer Morgan, JoAn Stafford, Katie Milo, Lisa Robinson; Zoom: Chris Wolf, Danielle Lowrie, Dayna Anderson, Denise Freeland, Heather Drake, Hilary Hoopes, Jeni Knight, Katherine Pestonjee, Katie Richardson, Mahendra Patel, Megan Belen, Rachel Ruder, Yashmin Karten.

Anjala opened the meeting at 9:35am

President's Update (Anjala Matalone)

- Thank you all for attending the safety briefing. The FFO will continue to bring in relevant speakers.

Principal's Update (Mark Rubin-Toles)

- Choir and band have performances this week.
- Friday 9/27 is the late work deadline for Q1.
- The current lunchtime challenge is Species Identification.
- Parent/Teacher conferences will happen after fall break. There are a limited number of 15 min slots. The conferences are meant to target students that are struggling or have specific concerns. Students with <2.5 will have scheduling priority. Children need to be present during conferences.
- Math at Orange Grove is in alignment with the high school. These courses offer grade replacement opportunities.
- Overall, it has been a really good first quarter!

Executive Team Updates

- **Treasurer** (Julie Bowden)
 - Panther Pride is at \$12,800 with a goal of \$20,000
 - Other income: Dine-outs (Mod Pizza \$255), EduKits (\$1400), Spirit Wear (\$300)
 - Spending: Teacher Support (\$200 each teacher); we have paid \$1500 in reimbursements so far.
- **Secretary** (Angela Appel)

- The September newsletter went out via ParentSquare on Monday 9/23.
- **Motion:** to approve the minutes from the FFO meeting on August 22 ,2024. Second and **Approved.**
- **VP Fundraising** (Laura Logue)
 - Congratulations to the September Family of the Month: The McKaig Family!
 - Donate any amount by 9/30 to enter the drawing to be the October FOTM
 - Special Project update: Turn Orange Grove Green
 - Need a committee and volunteers to help with garden cleanup, planting, donations, etc.
 - The school used Brightview Landscaping for plans/ideas
 - Facilities will cover the cost of some items but not all.
- **Grants** (Barbie Chang)
 - The sensory room wishlist is 80% covered so far.
 - Coffee Cart: approved and fully funded by individual donors.
 - Panther Pride now has a comment box on the FFO website to specify where donations should be used.
 - Grant request: 8 lane Track Timer for \$734 (split cost with Community Schools). **Motion:** to approve. Second and **Approved.**
- **DFFO** (Michelle Ijams)
 - Listen and Learn sessions with Dr. Bartlett are ongoing. Even if you were not selected, submit the Google Form survey.
 - Spirit Wear: \$296 profit so far

General Business

- **Education** (Jill Tronziger)
 - Some education topic suggestions for this year are: Online Safety, Coffee with Counselors and Healthy Eating. Please send ideas/suggestions to Jill.
 - The first educational event will be in October.
- **CFSD Foundation** (Amy Morales Baum)
 - Tickets are on sale for the Tapas for Teachers held on November 7, 2024 at Contigo. There will be childcare offered through community schools and a silent auction at the event. Visit CFSDFoundation.org to purchase tickets.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - Dine Out on 10/22 at Panda Express.
 - Next FFO meeting will be on October 17 at 8:30am

Meeting adjourned at 10:00am.