

# OGMS FFO General Meeting

## Minutes

April 25, 2024

**Present (in person):** Kate Spaulding, Karin Fiore, Mary McAllister, April Gering, Cline Cohn, Julie Bowden, Jeni Knight, Donna Saavedra, Laura Logue, Susan Wright, Asia Haubner, Ann Lee, Suzie Stadheim, Jeannette Hartshorne, Michelle Rooney, Dayna Anderson, Barbie Chang, Teresa Sommers, Tresa White, Angela Appel, James Strickler, Anita Strickler, Amy Krauss, Anjala Matalone, Jennifer Yau, Amy Corrales, Michelle Ijams, Mark Rubin-Toles

**Present (Online):** Andrea Evenson

**Meeting called to order at 8:35am** (Kate Spaulding)

- Kate welcomed everyone to the last general FFO meeting of the year.
- A special thanks to all the Orange Grove staff for spoiling us with treats at our meeting today.
- Kate also welcomed Governing Board member Amy Krauss.

**Principal's Update** (Mark Rubin-Toles)

- We have finished with state wide testing. Students did a great job putting their time and effort into testing.
- Tanner Clark spoke with parents and students about social media. The response was positive and seemed to be well received by our students.
- Falcon Fly-Out was this week! CFHS Seniors from Orange Grove had the opportunity to come visit during the school day dressed in their cap and gown. This was the 8th grade class of 2020 so we were able to finally “promote” them in person!
- With the end of the year approaching library books will need to be returned.
- Year Books will be handed out the last days of school.
- Rehearsal for Promotion will take place the last week of school on Monday and Tuesday afternoon.
- We are looking forward to Promotion (including a fun cookie reception, 8th grade dance and ice-cream social).
- Principal Rubin-Toles ended by thanking the FFO for a great year!

**Executive Reports**

- **President** (Kate Spaulding)
  - Kate presented a slate of Executive Board Officers for the 2024-25 school year:
    - President - Anjala Matalone
    - President Elect - Amy Corrales
    - Treasurer - Julie Bowden
    - VP Fundraising - Laura Logue
    - Grants - Barbie Chang
    - DFFO Rep - Michelle Ijams
    - Secretary - Angela Appel
    - 6th Grade Rep - (vacant)
    - 7th Grade Rep - Jeni Knight
    - 8th Grade Rep - Georgia Thu
    - Member-at-Large - Dayna Anderson

- **Motion:** to elect the proposed slate of officers. Second. **Approved.**
- The current chair openings for 24-25 include: Dine Outs, Family Support and Staff appreciation.
  - Celine Cohn volunteered to chair dine outs!
- **Treasurer** (Jeannette Hartshorne)
  - Jeannette reported income at \$41,700.95. She highlighted the amazing dine outs we have had along with exceeding most of our budgeted income.
  - Expenses are at \$37,359.99. Jeannette shared that we still have plans to spend down our reserve. A grant will be presented today and teachers can still spend their allocated funds.
  - Items can be purchased for next year to sell at Pick-Up and Unpack. This will be discussed further during the summer budget meeting.
- **VP Fundraising** (Laura Logue)
  - Laura thanked everyone for supporting Panther Pride and the Special Project.
  - She shared an update that the PE teachers have started ordering equipment for the weight room. The money they received through Grants and the FFO will allow them to purchase everything on their wish list (and more!).
- **Grants** (Barbie Chang)
  - Barbie reported that a \$1,700 grant has been submitted by Angela Appel for flexible seating options. The concept of 'flexible seating' has emerged as a possibility to meet the goals of an active learning classroom. An active learning classroom using flexible seats supplements traditional chairs at desks and tables with seats and/or desks that have 'movement characteristics' [i.e., by design, they rock, swivel, wobble, bounce, or provide a standing option.] This provides students with a choice for seating with lots of benefits.
  - 15 staff responded to a survey with requests for flexible seating. This is about 40% of our teachers. Many items can be shared or moved between classrooms.
  - **Motion:** to approve the \$1,700 grant for flexible seating. Second. **Approved.**
  - Barbie reported that we have now spent the entire grant budget for this year..
- **DFFO** (Michelle Ijams)
  - Michelle remind everyone that registration is still ongoing. Please register if you haven't!
- **Secretary** (Karin Fiore)
  - Karin is planning to send out a FFO newsletter in May.

## General Business

- **Approve Minutes**
  - **Motion:** to approve the minutes for the March 21, 2024 meeting. Second. **Approved.**
- **Committee Reports**
  - **8th Grade Promotion** (Michelle Rooney)
    - Michelle shared that there is a Volunteer and Snack sign-up. The sign-up links have been included in the FFO Newsletter and Picks of the Week.
    - A 6th-7th grade parent is needed to take the lead for the Cookie Reception.
    - Any donations can be dropped off in the front office.
    - This is a pay-it-forward event! We are needing 6th and 7th grade families to volunteer.
  - **Student Action Committee** ( Julie Bowden and Asia Haubner)
    - Julie and Asia shared that they are in the second week of the Night Light drive. So far students have written around 200 notes and donated 30 night lights. Night lights will still be collected through next week and then donated to local hospitals along with the hand written notes from students.
    - Sophie is the student who has been organizing the night light drive.
  - **Community Schools** (Mary Grodman)

- 8th-grade Health and PE still have openings.
- Summer camp registration is open.
- There are lots of programming for middle schools students.
  - Computers, Art, CPR/First-aid, STEM, Escape Room, Outdoor Adventure, and more!
  - Outdoor Adventure programs this summer include trips to Mt. Lemmon, Utah, Grand Canyon, New Mexico, White Sands and Payson.
  - Community schools has a new Suburban to help transport student.
- Community Schools will be featured in the June edition of Foothills Lifestyle magazine!
- May 17th will be the end of Q4.
- Q1 instructors for next school year are needed.
- **Other News**
  - Laura shared that UofA has a supply of mini fridges at the end of the school year. If interested Laura can connect you with the program.

**Meeting adjourned.**