

**Orange Grove General FFO
Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2024**

Present: Anjala Matalone, Mark Rubin-Toles, Julie Bowden, Barbie Chang, Laura Logue, Amy Corrales, Angela Appel, Celine Cohn, Susan Wright, Jennifer Yau, Michelle Lespron, Joseph Cohn, Valerie Menke; **Zoom:** Jeni Knight, Rachel Ruder, Dana Goldstein, Georgia Thu, Rick Mclain.

Anjala opened the meeting at 8:38am

Principal's Update (Mark Rubin-Toles)

- We are in the beginning of Quarter 2.
- Parent/Teacher/Student conferences will take place next week during the ½ days of school on Wednesday and Thursday; either in-person or remote. Students must be present.
- To sign up for a conference visit the staff directory on the school website, find your child's teacher, and use their google calendar to find a slot.
- The next full day off is Veteran's Day.
- Orange Grove's Got Talent will take place the Friday before Thanksgiving break and includes "celebrity" judging by staff.
- Direct messaging through ParentSquare will be turned on soon and will be another way to contact teachers.

Executive Team Updates

- **Treasurer** (Julie Bowden)
 - Panther Pride is at \$14,908 with a goal of \$20,000
 - Other income: Dine-outs (Fini's Landing \$215), EduKits (\$1400), Fry's (\$90)
 - Library Beautification Grant has brought in \$80 so far.
 - \$25 Basha/AJ/Food City cards are available again in the front office. (6% kickback)
- **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 Karaduman Family!
 - Donate any amount by 10/31 to enter the drawing to be the November FOTM
 - Special Project update: Turn Orange Grove Green

- \$500 in donations received so far
 - The school uses Brightview Landscaping as their grounds contractor
 - Total cost of landscaping plan is \$8217 which includes:
 - Barrel and totem pole cactus
 - Crepe myrtle trees
 - Pomegranate trees
 - Texas Ebony
 - Various plants
 - irrigation
 - Facilities will cover the cost of some items (like trees) but not all.
 - Planning for a lime, orange, and kumquat tree
 - James Hesla, an Orange Grove parent, is a professional landscaper and may be able to offer some assistance.
- **Grants** (Barbie Chang)
 - Peer tutor tshirts grant: \$235 requested by Mr. Smith
 - **Motion:** to discuss. Second.
 - Student designed t-shirt logo; there are 12 tutors this year
 - **Approved**
 - Library Beautification: \$200 requested by Polly Tanner and Mr. Joe for indoor garden materials/terrariums.
 - **Motion:** to discuss. Second.
 - A SignUpGenius wishlist was sent out to obtain some items.
 - Received \$80 in donations so far
 - **Approved**
 - Sensory Room Grant
 - **Motion:** to discuss. Second. **Approved**
 - The SignUpGenius wishlist was very successful. This was a \$1500 grant initially and now there is \$800 remaining for a horseshoe table, sensory lights, and body compression sock.
 - **Approved**

General Business

- **Education** (Jill Tronziger)
 - The first educational event will be in November.
- **Staff Appreciation** (Rachel Ruder)
 - Staff was treated to a luncheon on the last grading day
- **Book Fair** (Tracy Rea)
 - Oct 28-Nov 1
- **Dine-outs** (Celine Cohn)
 - Panda Express on 10/22

- Fentonelli's in November
- **Community Schools** (Mary)
 - There is NO drop-in for study hall; students must be registered in advance
 - Order your yearbooks; the prices increases after the first of the year
 - 10/24 Middle school hike to Tanque Verde Falls (½ day)
 - 12/18 Geocaching workshop (½ day)
 - Winter break activities are being finalized
- **CFSD Foundation** (Amy Morales Baum)
 - Tickets are on sale for the Tapas for Teachers held on November 7, 2024 at Contigo.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - Dine Out on 10/22 at Panda Express.
 - Book fair 10/28-11/1
 - Next FFO meeting will be on November 21 at 8:30am

Meeting adjourned at 9:20am.