

**Orange Grove General FFO  
Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)  
January 23, 2025**

**Present:** Anjala Matalone, Mark Rubin-Toles, Julie Bowden, Barbie Chang, Laura Logue, Angela Appel, Celine Cohn, Joseph Cohn, Jill Tronziger, Fatima Bravo, Amy Morales Baum, Jeni Knight, Georgia Thu, Sasha Flores, Lisa Robinson, Terri Moreno, Michelle Lespron, Mary Grodman, Jennifer Yau; Zoom: Amy Corrales, C. Knox, Dayna Anderson, Elizabeth McDonnell, Susan Wright, Robin.

**Anjala opened the meeting at 8:45am**

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

- This is a fast-paced time of the year with many events taking place.
- The Falcon Fly-In for OGMS 8th graders is next Tuesday 1/28
  - After this event the 8th graders will complete their schedule for freshman year.
- In February there will be district and pre-festival concerts at CFHS in conjunction with Esperero and CFHS.
- In March there will be a spring dance and student-led conferences. 3/5/25 is a half day.
- State testing will begin in April, after spring break.

**Executive Team Updates**

- **Treasurer** (Julie Bowden)
  - Panther Pride is almost at \$16,000
  - The monthly financials are now on the FFO website
  - The dine-out at Doughbird in December brought in over \$600.
  - Expenses: We have reimbursed about half of the teacher/classroom spending funds (they receive \$200/classroom)
  - There is grant money still available.
  - Snake sticks for the school were purchased.
  - FFO financials were acknowledged.
- **VP Fundraising** (Laura Logue)
  - Congratulations to the January Family of the Month: The Sawatzki Family!
  - We are about \$4,000 away from reaching our Panther Pride goal of \$20,000.
  - Special Project: details were posted in the January newsletter and donors will be recognized.
- **Grants** (Barbie Chang)
  - No new grants
- **Secretary** (Angela Appel)

- The January newsletter went out via ParentSquare on Wednesday 1/22/25.
- **Motion:** to approve the minutes from the FFO meeting on November 21, 2024. Second and **Approved.**

## **General Business**

- **Staff Appreciation** (Rachel Ruder)
  - Anjala said that the staff will receive cocoa and mugs in February.
- **Dine-outs** (Celine Cohn)
  - On 2/4 there will be a dine-out at Beyond Bread on Ina from 4-7 pm and OGMS will receive 10% of ALL sales during that time.
- **CFSD Foundation** (Amy Morales Baum)
  - Teacher of the Year nominations are currently being processed.
  - The district received a \$50,000 check from the Foundation.
  - The district has 37 new educators.
  - OGMS has a new Foundation liaison.
- **Education** (Jill Tronziger)
  - 2/13 Robert Wagman is a licensed psychologist who will speak on mindfulness.
  - NAMI will present during the spring dance.
  - OGMS will need a new education chair for the 25-26 school year.
- **Promotion** (Sasha Flores)
  - Information and volunteer opportunities for 8th grade promotion will come out soon.
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- **Community Schools** (Mary Grodman)
  - Q3 sports/enrichment are underway and will end March 7th.
  - Q4 registration will open on Monday March 3rd at 8:30am.
  - Spring outdoor adventures include a trip to Dead Horse Ranch State Park during spring break.
  - Summer program enrollment opens Wed, March 12.
  - Summer health & PE enrollment opens Feb 12th.
- **Upcoming Events**
  - Dine Out on 2/4 at Beyond Bread.
  - Next FFO meeting will be on Feb 13, 2025 at 8:30am

**Meeting adjourned at 9:12am.**