

**Orange Grove General FFO
Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
March 20, 2025**

Present: Anjala Matalone, Mark Rubin-Toles, Amy Corrales, Julie Bowden, Barbie Chang, Laura Logue, Angela Appel, Michelle Ijams, Aditi Gupta, Jeni Knight, Sasha Flores, Fatima Bravo, Danielle Fidel, Mary Grodman, Jennifer Yau, Elizabeth McDonnell, Christina Sanchez; Zoom: Aidalee, Brandy, Brian Volpe, David Tyrell, Erin, Claudio, Johanne Ives, Lindsey Rehm, Mary Presciunas, Rachel Ruder, Robin, Susan, Tom Logue.

Anjala opened the meeting at 8:36am

Principal's Update (Mark Rubin-Toles)

- Meeting is held in the Commons today after the 8th grade promotion parent meeting.
- 8th grade AzSci test is happening today and tomorrow (3 parts)
- AASA begins Thursday after spring break
- Parents: please ensure your children are well rested, eating good amount of protein, getting exercise, and please try to avoid appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays until testing is complete.
- Acute/short term stress is good (promotes intelligence, energy, focus); chronic stress is detrimental. Reach out to the counselors for support about stress if needed.
- 4/6/25 is the deadline to order yearbooks. OGMS also offers small folder books for signatures for students that do not order a yearbook.
 - There is a request to offer a link to order yearbooks that is not a QR code.
- SLC's were successful!
- The yearly volunteer appreciation breakfast will be held before the April FFO meeting.

Executive Team Updates

- **Treasurer** (Julie Bowden)
 - Panther Pride is over \$17,000
 - Income: Special project - \$3,795, Promotion reached goal with donations totaling over \$2,500.
 - Expenses: Reallocated teacher spending to give an additional \$50 to all teachers.
 - Financials acknowledged.
- **VP Fundraising** (Laura Logue)
 - Congratulations to the March Family of the Month: The Bills Family!
 - Please help us reach our Panther Pride Goal! We are at 87% of the \$20,000 goal.
 - There will be a tour of the sensory room before the April FFO meeting.

- Special project: happening over spring break
- Discussion about auctioning off a parking spot for promotion.
- **Grants** (Barbie Chang)
 - Mr. Rubin-Toles is requesting a grant for \$140 to purchase 6 copies of a professional learning book titled 'Our Tools They Deserve' by AJ Crabill
 - **Motion:** to discuss. Second and **Approved.**
 - Mrs. Willman is requesting \$1800 to start a Junior National Honor Society chapter at OGMS. This includes reusable items and a \$385 annual fee.
 - **Motion:** to discuss. Second and **Approved.**
- **DFFO** (Michelle Ijams)
 - Bus Driver appreciation breakfast on 5/1 at the District office. There will be posters signed by students and a gift.
 - Register for next school year!
 - Spirit Wear: Choir/Band shirts can be added to the WAMI online store. The polos come in youth and adult sizes and will be screen printed instead of embroidered.
- **Secretary** (Angela Appel)
 - **Motion:** to approve the minutes from the FFO meeting on February 13, 2025. Second and **Approved.**

General Business

- **Education** (Jill Tronziger)
 - There will be a presentation by NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) during the spring dance.
- **Staff Appreciation** (Rachel Ruder)
 - The staff received a donated lunch on March 5th catered by Cafe a la Carte.
 - In April they will receive votive candles.
 - There will be a teacher appreciation week with events in May.
- **Dine-outs** (Celine Cohn)
 - 4/15 Chipotle
 - 5/12 Blanco
- **CFSD Foundation** (Aditi Gupta: OGMS Rep)
 - TOY event on April 27th from 2-4pm at Hacienda del Sol.
 - Requests for table sponsors and individual tickets are \$25/person.
 - Foundation positions needed to fill: Secretary, E-blast Chair
- **Promotion** (Sasha Flores)
 - Met the \$2500 fundraising goal.
 - The committee is borrowing a balloon arch from another school.
 - Big ticket items are covered.
 - SignupGenius for volunteer opportunities sent out after spring break.
- **Community Schools** (Mary Grodman)

- Q4 sports/enrichment began last week.
- Summer program enrollment opened Wed, March 12.
 - Trips to Utah/Lake Powell/Flagstaff in June.
 - Mt. Lemmon
 - Backpacking in New Mexico.
 - Summer camp at CFHS (sports, STEM, cooking, etc.)
 - Summer Health/PE is full but they are close to adding another teacher in the morning so add your student to the waitlist.
- Yearbook deadline is 4/7.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - Next FFO meeting will be on April 24, 2025 at 8:30am with the volunteer appreciation breakfast at 8:00am. .
- Additional speaker: OGMS parent Christina Sanchez presented for a few minutes on a gun safety topic.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45am.