

Manzanita FFO Mtg: Mar 6th

Attendees: Rob Henikman, Bri Volpe, Kristin Michels, Brenna Rheinheimer, Jessica Papariella, Julia Elitzer, Liz Farrugia, Molly Bates Johnson, Ana Marie Brode, Ashley Glaser, Tina Ienna-Balistreri, Kelly Prevenas, Nicole Lise, Betsy Baker, Marci Petti, Rachel Martin, Julie Parnani, Aditi Guptya, Aryan Caire, Melissa Renteria, Talina Skirko, Mark Rubin-Toles (OG), Amy Corrales (OG), Laura Logue (OG)

Welcome & Call to Order – Bri Volpe @8:17am

Orange Grove Principal's Reports

- Typical Schedule
 - Library/campus opens at 7am
 - School starts at **7:30am!**
 - School ends at **2:30pm**
 - Wednesday is late start at 9:30am
- Lunch: three separate lunch periods (broken down by grade), there is a snack bar, game room, play on field (after 10 minutes of lunch), library/book club, “maker space” (3D printer, crafts, 3D pens)
- Daily meetings for a full period
 - World Language: three levels of language that varies depending on background/immersion programs
 - PE class: moving is beneficial, one day a week in the weight room
 - Arts: one of the arts (orchestra, band, choir, art) meets every day
 - Full year commitment
 - Can switch to a different program a different year (but they have to go into level per skill set for orchestra & band), arts and choir is per grade
 - Impetus is because at the higher level the arts is a full time job
 - Community schools classes have drama, art, music
- Community Schools (no longer CARE)
 - Athletics (runs every day at 2:45pm); need a physical done before the school (pediatrician should provide a generic physical packet, also on community schools website), “Arux” is new website for community schools, everyone is allowed on a team as long as there is capacity but there might be try-outs for different levels, all sports on community and “Activity Bus” buses kids home after sport activities

- Wednesday morning is study hall and/or enrichment classes
- End of July is when fall sports and activities (very fast sign up)
- Support Services
 - Teacher office hours (always on late start days)
 - ZAP (“Zeros are preventable”): when fall below 90% completion rate they are pulled in quickly to help complete missing late work
 - Three core values taught and recognized: 1) **Respect**, 2) **Responsibility**, and 3) **Compassion**
 - Counselors to support student struggles, bullying (“rare”), friendship dynamics, assertive responses to friendship issues (2.5-time committed counselors, assigned to each student that stays with them the whole time at OG, can make appointments at any time with counselor)
 - “Panther Pals” design and led by 7th and 8th graders to lead new student orientation
 - Advisory class: digital citizenship, students prepare for student-led conferences, community building (after 1st period on Wednesday)
 - Academic support: teacher office hours, Wed at 7:30am peer tutoring (National Junior Honors Society), different levels for academics (e.g., math has 8 different levels of math amongst all the grade levels like regular & accelerated math), communicating with teacher about after school assistance, 5th grade teachers will place their current students (but will re-assess in middle schools)
- Preparing for the new year
 - July 28th and “Pick Up and Unpack” that is scheduled per grade (located in MPR), permission forms to be signed, stations, pick up schedule, ID picture gets taken, pick out a locker, buy “banging” spirit wear, meet some of the clubs, student council reps, community schools, FFO staff, EduKits, **PRACTICE** combination locks at home over the summer
 - TBD Friday July 31st: likely new parent orientation & back to school night
 - TBD Boot Camp July 27th-30th (pick one day for 1-2 hour for students to come)
 - Figure out after school plans: bus/parent pick up/church parking lot (crossing guards), walking when school is over
 - Phones & smart watches: almost all 8th graders have phones, about 75% of 6th/7th graders have phones, they MUST be “off and away”, 1st offense

- student confiscated & can pick up, 2nd offense parent pick up after school, 3rd offense 4-week confiscation, 4th offense 9-week confiscation
 - Summer letter email will be sent out during the summer prior to year
- How to get involved at OG
 - Lunch help (supervise game room, help with lunches)
 - Opportunities may be available for parents to help in the classroom (esp. science projects), parents directly communicate with the teacher
 - Come on a tour, half of the tour is unfiltered & led by students (not mediated by adult)
 - Parents are added to ParentSquare around 4th of July holiday
 - Closed Facebook group “OGMSFamilies” that posts schedules, etc
 - Get involved with the FFO (orangegroveffo.org), sign up for newsletter

Approve Minutes from February – 1st Kristin Michels, 2nd Julia Elitzer all approved

Horseshoes & Poos – Bri Volpe, Heather Northey, Liz Farrugia, Julia Elitzer

MZ Principal’s Report – Rob Henikman

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Mustang Bucks & Treasurer’s Report – Brenna Rheinheimer

- Camp has been paid for, starting to get income from 5th & 3rd grade Kartchner Caverns still needs to be paid
- Valentine’s Day dance (hasn’t been fully integration from DonorSnap to Quickbooks), costs were \$2,641.34 and income was \$5,485
- Accept financials: 1st Jessica Papariella, 2nd Rachel Martin, all approved

Student Enrichment Report – Jessica Papariella

- Maggie will remind faculty to use remaining SEP funding, due date is April 3rd (if funding is not used, it will go into a larger fund that will be distributed via google form and staff)
- Kinder has Pete the Cat in May 5th
- 1st Fox in May 5th
- 2nd Desert Museum March 11th and Shamrock Farms April 28th
- MA Shamrock Farms May 4th, MA 2nd field trip TBD
- 3rd Bisbee/Karchner May 4th and 5th
- 4th Pima Air and Space Museum April 23rd
- 5th Payson Science Camp May 4th-6th

Volunteer Coordinator – Kristin Michels

- Valentine's Hoe Down – changes for next year
- Miler's Club – two weeks left!
- Yearbook – getting it to Rob for final proof next week (week of March 9th)
- Gardening Club – sign ups are monthly @ Friday mornings or anytime!
- Book Fair – sign ups are live
- Community Culture Night – coming up March 13th
- Art Night – coming up April 24th (sign-ups TBD)
- Volunteer appreciation TBd May

Committee Reports

Community Schools:

- Q4 will be available on Friday March 13th (registration opens Wednesday March 18th at 8:30am); Q4 begin after spring break
- Spring Break: 4th-5th graders to Lake Roosevelt (opens March 11th); day trip 3rd-5th grade on Tuesday of spring break
- Summer registration opens March 11th at 8:30am in Arux (new system!!)

Foundation Report/District Report

- Teacher of the Year is May 3rd at Hacienda del Sol, taking sponsorships
- Teachers announced end of February, presented a check from \$45,000 for new teachers
- Openings for district board if interested

Miler's Club

- Will run up to spring break – only two weeks left!
- Sign-ups are filling up
- Round-up with top three runners per each class

Book Fair

- Sign up for e-wallet, volunteer sign-ups, set up, and tear down (Mar 16th)
- Extended shopping ours until 7:15pm on Friday March 13th

Gardening

- 3rd grade teachers will email volunteers for class plantings on March 11th (1-3pm), using some SEP funds and garden funds, sign-ups will be on PS
- Sign up for weeding party before March 11th
- Would like to do pavers for the garden before end of year
- Could we have rocks painted for the garden (Girl Scouts or Art Night?)

Staff Appreciation

- Johnson Family funded a BBQ before rodeo break
- March 17th is next staff appreciation
- Trail Dust Town event this weekend

Yearbook

- Last day to purchase is March 15th
- Will be posted on Instagram and ParentSquare (no flyers going home)

Old Business

- Valentine's hoedown
 - Food Drive was 432 pounds in food drive
 - Thank you to the volunteers for all the help and support!
 - Next year input/discussion/survey for parents? Will bring up at EFFO next week on March 13th.
 - Need alphabetized name for parking (ease of checking in)
 - Photos are now on PS (secured drive provided by Ted Tucker)
 - Music/DJ: engaging with the kids more (Dance Coordinator?)

New Business

- EFFO positions:
 - Riisa Mendel will fill treasurer, TBD (treasurer elect until Riisa's penultimate year)
 - Marci: website coordinator (not EFFO per ss)
 - Vice President elect/Marketing position (Honey will have 5th grader)
 - Secretary
 - TBD Grants position
 - SEP (classroom funding); remind teachers and order items
- March Madness MZ bracket! See Instagram for details

- Buddy Program starting next year: current 1st-5th grader would volunteer to be a buddy for incoming kinders (come together at
- Motion to adjourn @10:02am 1st Julia Elitzer