

Manzanita Family Faculty Organization
Monthly Meeting
March 4th, 2022

Call to Order: 8:31am

Members in Attendance: Asia Haubner, Kim Boling, Julie Bowden, Catalina Buffum, Crystal Marrs, Kelly Prevenas, Heather Zapata, Cheryl Abrahams, Jody Walsh, Brenna Rheinheimer, Andrea Wachs, Melinda Willett, Ivelisse Bonilla Alfaro, Kristin Michels, Eric Thu, Tina Balistreri, Brad Wachs, Carole Slegler, Patricia Reardon, Lisa Gundy, Aditi Gupta, Marci Petti, Georg Haubner, Danielle Fidel, Susan Wright, Maggie Schmidt, Celine Cohn, Paul, Mark Rubin-Toles, Katy

Approve Minutes: Michelle Ijams

February 2022 Minutes Approval:

1st- Catalina Buffum

2nd- Iveliesse Bonilla Alfaro

Principal's Update: Kim Boling

- Intro to Orange Grove: Mr. Rubin-Toles
 - Question- Two words that describe your middle school experience, two words that describe how you are feeling about your child going to middle school
 - Our Mission-
 - We recognize these positive values- Respect, Responsibility, and Compassion
 - Teach and reinforce these values daily
 - Variety of Structures to Support your Child
 - School Counselors: individual and group assistance
 - ZAP: Zeroes are Preventable
 - Academic Assistance: Wednesdays 8:55-9:25am
 - Advisor Base: Mondays
 - Peer Tutoring
 - Student Success Program: targeted support with organization (backpack, planner)
 - Panther Pals: every student is assigned a student mentor
 - What the week looks like:
 - Begins at 7:30am, ends at 2:30pm
 - Late Start on Wednesday: 9:30am
 - Library and maker space is open in the morning for all students
 - Community Schools, Study Hall, Athletics after school (no CARE)
 - PE/Health, Arts (choir, band, art, orchestra) and languages are every day
 - Different teacher for every class
 - Request your student's art and language course by Feb. 28th
 - bit.ly/ogcourserequest
 - Make plans for the start of the year:

- End of July
 - Sign up sports/activities
- First Week of August
 - Pick up and Unpack
 - Schedules, lockers, school id, yearbook pictures, pick up EduKit
 - 7:30-12:30
- The Day Before School Starts
 - New Student and Parent Orientation
 - 10:30-12:30
- Several opportunities to come on campus and explore the school
 - Self guided tour in April
- Snack Bar/PE Uniforms/Gate Access:
 - Snack bar: cookies, graham crackers, Cheez its, poptarts, drinks (Izzies, fruit juice)
 - Buy if there is money on their id
 - Pe Uniforms
 - Buy at least one uniform
 - Lockers are not being used right now but that may change
 - Grey shirt and black shirts or school bought uniform is acceptable
 - Gate Access:
 - All the gates are open in the morning for access
- Sign up now to receive our FFO newsletter
 - Orangetroveffo.org
 - Volunteer at the middle school!
- Questions:
 - How long is a period? 55 minutes/Wednesday is shorter 34 minutes
 - Does OG use Bloomz? Emails, Pics of the Week
 - Bus Service using Community Schools? If you are a resident then you are able to use the bus. Open enrollment can apply. 4:15 there is a community schools bus
 - 3:30 for MZ families for a tour at OG
 - 6th Grade Boot Camp in the summer
 - 52 minute periods, 7 periods, 4 minute passing period everyday
 - Rotating lunches- 6th, 7th and 8th
 - Eating outdoors during lunch
 - Flexible seating during lunch that the students can move around
 - Lunch is 30 minutes long
 - Snack break or recess? No, students can eat during passing periods
 - Students can go on fields during lunch, 10 minutes after lunch has started
 - Field Trips:
 - Not very many in the last couple of years

- Mandarin is planning a trip to Desert Museum
- 8th grade optional for economics class
- Band and orchestra trips
- Kids are in excellent hands at Orange Grove, so many benefits to having a district with K-12 programs
- Naturally in place at Orange Grove that makes the students feel comfortable and prepared to move on.

Mustang Bucks: Catalina Buffum

- \$24,165 out of \$26,000 for Grade Level Spending

Treasurer's Report: Julie Bowden

Financials can be found on the website

Expenses:

- Bloomz \$2,340.00
- CurbSmart \$601.78
- Miler's Club \$109.56
- SEP \$9,013.97
- Signage \$114.64
- Special Request \$160.00
- Teacher Spending \$5,544.58
- Expenses: \$43,085.28

Income:

- Amazon Smile \$793.99 (goal met)
- Dine Outs \$1,081.83 (goal met)
- EduKit \$1,827.56 (goal me)
- Fall Book Fair \$10,078.44
- Fifth Grade Trip \$4,100.00
- Mustang Bucks \$24,160.75
- Read A Thon \$23,699 (1st check)
- Third Grade Trip \$8,564.00
- Income: \$83,162.79

○ TOTAL

■ \$40,077.51

- Questions:
 - Budget column is a projection from the prior year.
 - Setting the budget in April, vote to approve in our May meeting.
- Special Requests:
 - \$1,500 in Special Requests every year
 - This year a portion will be going to Spanish Movie Night

Financials Approval:

1. Catalina Buffum
 2. Kelly Prevenas
- Approved Financials

SEP: Lisa Yurkanin

- Kindergarten Spending: \$3,953.26/\$2,730.22
- 1st Grade Spending: \$401.28/\$1,333.29
- 2nd Grade Spending: \$523.18/\$1,812.92
- Multi-Age Spending: \$3,292.16/\$2,421.69
- 3rd Grade Spending: \$2,121.42/\$2,421.69
- 4th Grade Spending: \$862.50/\$2,911.77
- 5th Grade Spending: \$1,923.03/\$2,775.64
- Specialists: \$972.07
 - Total: \$14,048.90
- Upcoming Field Trips:
 - 2nd- Tohono Chul
 - 3rd- Play money for economics unit, Tucson Botanical Gardens in May
 - 4th- April field trip to zoo
 - 5th- no additional spending
 - K- Field trip to Tucson Village Farm, Desert Museum, Zoo
 - M- Live Theater Workshop
 - Specialists- PE: speaker, Spanish- new decor, Music- storage rack for ukulele

Committee Reports:

- Special Request:
 - New Laminator for the school
 - The laminator was bought 20 years ago
 - Read A Thon money will be used
 - \$2,500 quote for laminator
 - Approval for \$3,000
 - VOTE TO APPROVE to use up to \$3,00 of Read A Thon money for a new school laminator.
 - 1st- Kelly Prevenas
 - 2nd- Catalina Buffum
 - APPROVED
- Spanish Movie Night:
 - April 1st, save the date, bring the family!

- Inflatable projector in the field, bring blankets, food trucks will be there
- Movie will be Encanto in spanish
- Foundation Report:
 - Mission is to raise supplemental funds to attract and retain teachers
 - Please donate if you are able!
 - TOY 2022:
 - Miriam Frieden, English CFHS and Amber Robles, Spanish OG
 - Shireen Behzadi, English CFHS, Bernadette Moreno, Chemistry CFHS, Lee Tompkins, Spanish OG
 - Celebrating TOY on May 1st
 - Looking for volunteers for 22-23!
 - Great for everyone!
- Yearbook:
 - Flyers going home today
 - On sale now!
 - Soft cover- \$28, Hard cover \$46
 - Picaboo is no longer offering free personalized pages in the back and no longer offering the embossing names on the cover
 - It is \$5 for personalized pages
 - Delivered to school by the last week of school
 - Julie will check to see if we can still offer sales of yearbooks after the deadline.
- Volunteers for Executive Board 2022-2023:
 - President: Melinda Stryk
 - Vice President: Aditi Gupta
 - Secretary: Marci Petti
 - Treasurer: Julie Bowden
 - Treasurer in Training: If you are interested, please let us know. Need to know Quickbooks and DonorSnap. You will be trained!
 - SEP: Maggie Schmidt
 - Mustang Bucks: Catalina Buffum
 - Website: Sarah Pifer

Important Dates:

March 11- Half Day, 11:30am

March 21-25th- Spring Break

April 1st- Spanish Movie Night, 6pm dinner, 7pm movie starts

Next FFO Meeting: Friday, April 1st

Motion to Adjourn: 9:24 am