

APPROVED PTO MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2013

Attendees: Erica Marson, Indi Petranek-McHugh, Deann Baird, David Massingill, Amy Nnoli, Gretchen Wright, Leah Lundy, Kelley Stine, Rachael Wilde, Carrie Monnie, Lisa Taylor, Sandi Bone, Marne Oyen.

Introductions were made and the minutes from the January 8, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved with no changes.

The budget update was provided by Indi Petranek-McHugh. The first box-top check received was in the amount of \$547.20. Money for the Valentine's day parties is in the office ready for pick-up by the party coordinators. There also has been some money received for the 5th grade send-off. Finally, the Fun expenses were a bit higher and are totaling out at \$1,491.08.

Next up was the volunteer update. We are currently showing over 6,118 hours of logged volunteer hours!! A huge thank you to all the volunteers!

Important Upcoming Dates

- February 1st – No school
- February 5th – PTO meeting
- February 14th – Valentine Parties
- February 18th – No school
- February 21st – Passport
- February 28th – Spring pictures

Volunteering:

Tons of opportunities:

Feel free to contact Rhonda McCall with any questions and/or desires to volunteer.

Volunteer hours:

It is never too late to enter volunteer hours, just let us know how many and for what. Contact Rhonda McCall, volunteers@firgrovepto.com

Volunteer opportunities:

Events-

Science Expo – If you would like to be a part of this great event please contact Kim Bonds @ ksbonds@yahoo.com

Valentine Parties- If you would like to help or just join in the fun please let your child's teacher know.

Passport- If you like geography and want to help students learn about it please contact Sandi Bone @ sandi@jimandsandi.net

Spring Pictures – If you would like to help shuttle children from class to pictures and make sure they look great contact Rhonda McCall @ volunteers@firgrovepto.com

Coat Closet – Will be March 20th from 9:30-4pm. Volunteers are needed.

Leah Lundy will be assisting the Volunteer Coordinators and sending out reminder emails to people who have volunteered to bring snacks for the teachers.

Carrie Monnie gave the fundraising update. The movie program will be starting up again for Spring. Look for the flyer to be going home the week of February 25th. Money will be used for the 5th grade send-off. Also February 16th there will be a fundraiser at Qdoba. This will be an all-day event and help raise funds for the 5th grade send-off. No flyer is necessary, just mention you are with Fir Grove.

Also there was a discussion about Escript. If you register your Safeway card under Fir Grove at Escript, Fir Grove will earn some money just for the shopping you do. There is also an online mall at Escript and if you enter different sites, Amazon.com for example, Fir Grove will earn an additional 2.4% from qualified purchases. There are several other companies that parents might frequent so it's worth checking out since there is no cost to parents to use the site and is a simple way to earn a bit of money for Fir Grove students. Finally, Target also has a program that offers Fir Grove 1% of your entire purchase made at Target with your Target RedCard, credit or debit. Registration is free and it's yet another easy way to earn Fir Grove students a little extra. The PTO will be putting a blurb about these programs in the next newsletter.

Principal's update was next up. Mrs. Marson first reviewed Fir Grove's state report card. Our overall level is a 4 out of 5. This is a strong rating. Statewide testing will be starting up again shortly. English language proficiency will be starting up February 15th and the technology teacher will be relocated to the Art Lit room for the duration of testing. Students in grades 3rd thru 5th will be tested (ESL will test K-5th) however they can only be tested 1-2 times. A third testing may be done once a letter is sent home and parents approve the testing. Testing for reading will be prior to Spring Break with the second testing running 4/22 to 5/21. Math will follow and be run 4/8-4/22. Currently the 3rd graders are having a bit of prep for the testing procedures so they know how it works and what to expect and most of all to take their time.

Mrs. Marson also touched on safety issues. Parents are only allowed through the front doors. Students aren't even supposed to open outside doors for teachers or the principal and the students are getting better at it. Teachers and staff have their own keys and anyone else needs to check in at the front office. There is also a Beaverton Police officer, Officer Shaw, who is always stationed at Highland Park Middle School. He has been working with the 5th graders and can be seen frequently around Fir Grove. Currently Fir Grove runs fire drills, lock in drills and lock out drills. The Beaverton School District will soon be doing a district wide lockdown practice.

President updates were next. The teachers loved the Drop in a Bucket notes. Thank you to all who sent in notes. It meant a lot to them. This might be something to continue in the future.

Currently we have 99 "Likes" on Facebook. We would like to break 100!

The PTO also bought headphones for the technology room. The ones being used were from the dollar tree and died. We will be taking \$200 from the Penny Drive to cover the cost of the headphones. Students sent wonderful thank you notes and apparently the PTO is kind of awesome ;) Music will receive the rest of the money from the Penny Drive.

Val-o-grams are currently being sold for the 5th grade send off.

Under unfinished business we had a discussion on the PTO bylaws and determined a review needs to be done. The board will be completing this task and bringing it to a vote for approval soon.

Finally a big thank you to Leah Lundy for helping out the volunteer coordinators!!

Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm

Next PTO meeting will be March 5, 2013 at 8:15