

APPROVED PTO MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2013

Attendees: Angie Turnbill, Amy Mestas, Ann Nangle, Leah Lundy, Maureen Jaimes, Gretchen Wright, Steve Bonds, Sarah McAdoo, Rachael Wilde, Sarah Scott, Erica Marson, Sandi Bone, Lisa Taylor, Rhonda McCall, Marne Oyen.

Introductions were made and the minutes from the March 6, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved with no changes.

The principal, Mrs. Marson, began with her update. She is currently working with the students, 3rd thru 5th grade, to get them prepped for testing which begins this week. The kids are nervous but ready to go. Next she mentioned that May 25th will be the volunteer social; update on the event will follow shortly. It will be a pop in event that will last all day. Finally there was some discussion regarding the upcoming school levy. On April 22nd there will be volunteers canvassing for the school levy. Please help if you can, 65-70% of households in the Beaverton area do not have children in school right now. There was further discussion regarding concerns about the availability of information on the levy and the need to get the word out that the levy is written to help only with class size and nothing else. There are two good websites for reference, Yes for Beaverton Schools and Stand for Children. PTO will be putting links up on the Fir Grove PTO website and Facebook page.

The budget update was next and given by Lisa Taylor. This month there were several outgoing expenses, the PTO covered 3 assemblies and we covered the t-shirts for the Science Expo in which there are over 257 students participating. Big yeah to Kim Bonds for getting kids involved including some of the younger classes in group projects. PTO also covered the cost of the Science Expo boards; Lisa mentioned we may need to change how we handle the boards next year, maybe simplify the process a bit. We also received the Intel matching funds of \$638 from the Fun Run. Another expense the PTO paid for was the Bug Chicks assembly which was a big hit. Finally 2 teachers used their \$100 fund.

Rhonda McCall was up next with an update on volunteering. Volunteers have logged on 9,190 hours at Fir Grove this year! Wow!! Thank you for all that you do! There are a few important dates to be aware of:

April 12th - No School

April 17th – Science Expo check-in

April 18th – Science Expo

April 24th – Passport

April 29th - No School, budget reduction day

April 30th – Penny Drive kick-off

Volunteer Opportunities:

Library book repair help needed – if you like to work alone at your own pace, are very neat and organized, crafty and have one to two hours a week to come in please contact Rhonda McCall at volunteer@firgrovepto.com

Science Expo- we are looking for volunteers to help set up tables after school on the 17th, set up projects and clean up after the Expo on the 18th. Contact Rhonda McCall at volunteer@firgrovepto.com

Fir Grove Clean-Up Day – Saturday, April 27th from 9am to 2pm we are looking for anyone, children included, who would like to help clean up Fir Grove; there will be community helpers as well as Fir Grove staff, students and volunteers. We will spend the day making Fir Grove shine inside and out. We are also looking for anyone with contacts for bark dust, flowers, tools, gloves, cleaning supplies, etc. Contact Rhonda McCall at volunteer@firgrovepto.com

Music Recital – May 1st & May 17th from 6:30 – 7:30pm we are asking for parent volunteers to help with set up and make copies after school from 2:30-3:30pm on the day of the recital. We also need ushers at 5:45pm to help with staging the students and getting parents seated and helping after the recital to take down the equipment; the show ends at 7:30 and cleanup will end at 8pm. Contact Ms. Mohr at Jennifer_mohr@beaverton.k12.or.us

Finally thank you for all that you do!! Also, regarding volunteer hours, it is never too late to log them! Just let us know how many and for what. Contact Rhonda McCall at volunteers@firgrovepto.com

The fundraising report was next up and delivered by Maureen Jaimes. The Penny Drive runs through Friday, May 10th, and coincides with our May 9th Open House. The money earned will go to the Music class for much needed equipment.

The president's update was next on the agenda. Our Treasure has resigned and we will be voting in new officers at the next meeting on May 7th at 7pm.

Under new business the PTO board met and reviewed/updated the By-laws. Copies of the updated version were made available at the meeting. Most of the updates were grammar errors along with updated job descriptions and a non-discrimination clause. Any changes will be made prior to the next meeting where the by-laws will be voted on.

Last item was the Boy Scouts. They will be at the clean-up on the 27th of April and want to help with the Fall 2013 clean-up as well. Also they were hoping to help with collecting school supplies in the Fall. They will also be doing Spring recruiting for members.

The next PTO meeting will be May 7th at 7pm. Babysitters will be available.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59am