

APPROVED PTO MEETING MINUTES

MAY 7, 2013

Attendees: Sandi Bone, Marne Oyen, Rhonda McCall, Rachael Wilde, Erica Marson, Carrie Monnie, Margie Lusk, Lisa Taylor, Leah Lundy, Ivonne Renderos Rivas, David Massingill, Nicole Burnham, Sarah Scott, Gretchen Wright, Maureen Jaimes.

Introductions were made and the minutes from the April 4, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved with no changes.

Mrs. Marson began the meeting discussing the OAKS testing. Fir Grove is in the home stretch for 2012-2013 testing. This year children can exceed on their test but still not meet their state growth goal. There are also grade level standards to meet. Currently Fir Grove is in round 2 of math testing and 5th grade's science testing is ½ completed. Here are the results so far that Mrs. Marson shared:

2012-2013							
Percentage of Students Meets or Exceeds				Percentage of Students Tested			
Grade	Reading	Math	Sciences	Grade	Reading	Math	Sciences
3 rd	60%	55%	N/A	3 rd	91%	93%	N/A
4 th	76%	53%	N/A	4 th	96%	99%	N/A
5 th	73%	53%	63%	5 th	96%	93%	37%
2011-2012							
3 rd	77%	66%	N/A	3 rd	94%	95%	N/A
4 th	79%	59%	N/A	4 th	97%	99%	N/A
5 th	79%	59%	64%	5 th	98%	98%	100%

One of the parents of a 2nd grader asked what we could do to help prep children for the testing that begins in 3rd grade. Mrs. Marson said prep for math word problems would be a huge help. Vocabulary is a huge milestone. One of the keys to successful math testing is vocabulary.

Mrs. Marson also mentioned that last year they were able to allow children to test 3 times. This year they are only allowed 2 times and next year there will only be 1 testing.

She also shared the Open House was this Thursday from 5:30-6:30 with the talent show following. The talent show only allows 5th graders this year but they may evaluate and add younger grades next year.

Next up Mrs. Marson shared a thank-you teachers video she made. It was adorable, teachers loved it and said it meant a lot. This week has also been teacher appreciation week which was headed by Margie Lusk. Mrs. Marson said the teachers were loving it.

The Levy was briefly discussed. If the Levy does not pass Fir Grove will only have 17 teachers. If it does pass we will be able to have 19. Please pass the word around to vote! Fir Grove is expecting even more students next year and teachers are needed.

Mrs. Marson completed her update with two big thank yous. The first was for all those who attended the choir concert. The second was to all those who helped with clean-up day, all your efforts were greatly appreciated!

Next Lisa Taylor gave the budget update. The PTO bought the bark dust for clean-up day (this used to be provided by the school district but is no longer in their budget). There were a few expenses which are highlighted on the budget update which is available upon request. The PTO had a bit of incoming money last month, \$755 from box tops, \$638 of Intel matching and \$700 of matching money for time Intel employees spend volunteering at Fir Grove. The Science Fair t-shirt budget went a bit over due to increased participation, but the good news is Fir Grove had over 230 projects and 466 students participating!

Rhonda McCall, our volunteer coordinator was next up.

Volunteer hours logged over 10,340 hrs year to dateWOW!!!

IMPORTANT DATES MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

April 30th May 10th Penny Drive kick –off
May 6th-May10th Book fair
May 9th Open house 5:30-6:30 Talent Show 6:30pm
May 17th Music Recital for 3-5th 6:30-7:30
May 21st Passport check
May 24th & 27th NO SCHOOL

Awesome job last month:
Science Fair
Fir Grove Clean up

For next year, we are looking for coordinators for events! Please let her know if you are interested in heading one of our many awesome PTO sponsored events.

Thank you for all you do!

Fundraising Update was brief. The Penny Drive had raised \$500. They are hoping to hit \$1,000. Usually the last few days of the event are crazy. There will be an ice cream party for the winning grade.

The president update was given next. The Science Fair was a success! We had a great turn out and it was exciting to see the lower grades participating too.

Next big PTO event will be Field Day on May 31st. The first session will be from 8:30 to 10:45 and the second will run from 12:00 to the end of the day. An email will be going out soon and we will be looking for volunteers! The kids love this event so if you can help, please do!

Voting for the Levy is due May 21st. Please, please pass the word around and vote!

Dilly Bars will be served at Open House this Thursday from 5:45 until 6:30. Starbucks employees are helping us out!

May 23rd will be the Battle of the Books party from 6-7:30

Unfinished business started off with the voting in of updated By-laws. A copy of the updated By-laws is available upon request.

New Business started off with voting in the following PTO board positions for the 2013-2014 school year:

President – Rhonda McCall
Vice-Presidents Fundraising – Lisa Taylor and Ivonne Renderos Rivas
Volunteer Coordinator – Leah Lundy
Treasurer – Sarah Scott
Secretary – Marne Oyen

There was a brief discussion of walknbike.org and fireupyourfeet.org where you can earn money for your school. We will be taking a look at this program.

The Girl Scouts had a very successful book drive and brought in 800 books. The Girl Scouts will be giving these books away at Cedar Hills Crossing on May 11th & 18th. Powell's has donated some items for a give-a-way too. This troop is all Fir Grove girls as well.

5th graders will be having a car wash on May 18th from 9am to 4pm at Fir Grove. They are raising money for their send-off party.

Next PTO meeting will be June 4th at 8:15am

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm