

Fir Grove PTO Meeting Minutes for May 5th, 2015

In attendance: Stacey Wallace Benefiel, Angie Turnbull, Kristine Fernando, Tricia Edwards, Amy Mestas, Jake Scott, Erica Marson, Danielle Mintier, Marne Oyen, Lisa Taylor, Kelly Burns, Jason Burns, Ivonne Renderos Rivas, Sarah Scott, Rhonda McCall, Leah Lundy, Rachael Wilde

Introductions

Approve Minutes

Principal Update

- Great start to teacher appreciation week
- Budget update – Questions?
- Approved 7.5 million, funded for 7.25 – 10 million put aside so there would be no cuts
- How will this impact Fir Grove?
- Clinical Social Workers
- Teacher Mentoring
- New English Language Arts adoption
- We got everything that was proposed
- Reduced class size
- K – 4 teachers/ 19 kids/class, 1 – 4 teachers/ 20/class, 2 – 3 teachers/ 25/class, 3 – 4 teachers/ 24/class, 4 – 3 teachers/ 28/class, 5 – 3 teachers/ 29/class
- Extra teachers and smaller class size for lower grades gives the kids a good start
- Additional teacher for core subject areas
- Intervention teacher
- Every elementary is getting a full time counselor
- Bus drivers helping at school midday
- .5 music and P.E. – we will partner with Errol Haskell
- Finished Smarter Balance testing!
- Moving on to math
- Performance task is last – teacher has a scenario the walk through – language and math approach – then take computer test
- Kids on the news talking about their moms – 1st graders
- Volunteer luncheon May 20th

Tech Committee Update

- Innovation grant!!
- 100-120 devices for Fir Grove next year
- Could be Chromebooks, iPads, or computers
- Idea applied with kids that get help from other teachers – cross teach and use devices.

Budget Update

- 5th grade send off money
- Box tops check for \$900
- Science Fair boards
- \$77.77 Art Lit
- Books for book room \$217
- Clothes closet about \$250
- Field trips – 3rd grade got more Chromebooks instead of taking second field trip
- 5th grade \$100 charter buses for Biz Town
- Kindergarten Bug Chicks
- All grants paid
- Cindy Blanco funds for the garden

- So much Kleenex – please purchase extra
- Science Fair expenses under budget – no more t-shirts
- Teacher supplies - \$100 – many still need to use it

Volunteer Update

- 1,230 for April, 8,200 for the year
- Penny Drive, Book Fair, teacher appreciation week all going on
- Open House 7-7:30
- May 20th – Volunteer Luncheon
- May 22nd-25th NO SCHOOL
- Field Day June 5th
- Logging hours – let Leah know!
- PTO website – committee coordinators added

Fundraising Update

- Penny drive – 1st grade has 20's and 1 100. Up \$200.
- \$ goes to the library
- Anything over \$1000 goes to Technology – they get headphones, mousepads, etc.
- Thermometer graphic to keep track
- Check from Intel - \$1,350
- Facebook update about Penny Drive, Book Fair, and Open House

President Update

- Teacher appreciation week
- Garden Club courtyard clean up
- Open House – Dilly bars

Committee Update

- Last Art Lit project
- Mobile drying rack
- Google Docs sign up
- Sarah Dooley will co-chair next year
- Science Equipment donations

New Business

- Bike and Safety event – Greenway May 9th, William Walker May 16th
- Free helmets, free bike tune-ups
- If you're on food stamps you can get into the Portland Art Museum for free – this info has been posted in the Health Newsletters

Vote for Board Positions

- Vote to approve board positions
- Approve slate
 President(s) – Ivonne Renderos-Rivas, Sarah Scott
 VP(s)/Fundraising – Danielle Mintier, Angie Turnbull
 Volunteer Coordinator(s) – Amy Mestas, Tricia Edwards
 Treasurer – Kristine Fernando
 Secretary – Stacey Benefiel
- 2015-16 board approved

First Books mentioned

Meeting Adjourned