

Fir Grove Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization
Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2019

Opening

The regular meeting of the Fir Grove Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization was called to order at 7:08 p.m. in Beaverton, Oregon on December 5, 2019 by Minta Johnson.

Present

Minta Johnson, Lyndsay Roller, Jenn Hundt, Sarah Hinton, Elizabeth Ranweiler, Kari McGatha, Erin Miles, Catherine Rund, Hadeel Aljubouri, Erica Knight, Jennifer Wolf

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed. The minutes of the last meeting (November 7, 2019) were unanimously approved as distributed.

Principal Update: Erin Miles

27 SMART volunteers read to students every Thursday – SMART is looking for 3 more volunteers.

Monday was staff development day. Discussion topics included recess, behavior, and climate/morale. Some teachers mentioned that they hope to attend PTO meetings in the future.

Erin is working on gathering information about programs that might be able to help with recess, behavior, and climate/morale. Currently she is looking into Playworks and the Shadow Project.

We will have a new principal's secretary in January as Patty is leaving Fir Grove. Start interviews tomorrow.

Our night custodian got a new job. We have a temporary night custodian right now, by January the position will be filled permanently.

Leslie Potts will not be at our cafeteria any more – she will be at Highland Park instead. So we will have just 2 people working in our cafeteria. Leslie will continue her crossing guard duties.

1st & 4th grade concert next week.

Washington County Bike Coalition has given FG some bikes to give to K-2 students. 10 students will get free bikes and helmets on Dec 18!

We will have a new library mural next year. In January community/staff/students will choose a theme for the mural. Judy Tidrick will paint it.

We want to showcase what's going well. Speak up when you see something going well! Every bit helps.

Holiday support – FG's counselor Moe Caryl is coordinating with four agencies to get support to FG families during the holidays. If you need support or know someone who does, contact Moe.

Budget Update: Minta Johnson

Our main income for November was Fun Run money.

Expenses – January assembly, donuts event, Fun Run expenses, math and science grant that covers funds lost from the district budget (\$\$ paid to FG to distribute).

Volunteer Update: Lyndsay Roller

- First Friday staff treats are covered for tomorrow!
- Next Wednesday – set up chairs for concert
- Dance club starting in January – meeting at 8am on Monday, Dec 9, with Mrs Villegas
- Need videographer for skits
- Think about coordinating Valentine’s Day class parties!

Fundraising Update: Jenn Hundt & Sarah Hinton

- Made \$133 from Noodles & Company fundraiser on Tuesday! This will go to 5th grade sendoff.
- Bottle Drop is giving 20% additional for whatever we make during the month of December – so please turn in your bags or bring them to school so we can turn them in in December! Bottle drop is also doing a \$10,000 giveaway if you post a picture and tag Oregon Bottle Drop.
- Box Tops – we are not currently doing a contest but please still bring in your box tops, we will send them in. You can also download the Box Tops app and scan your receipt, which works surprisingly well.
- Fun Run prizes are in the works!

Update on Boy Scouts Units 685: Kari McGatha

This Saturday, Dec 7, 9am-noon – scouting for food – collecting for food drive. They CANNOT go to homes with No Soliciting signs – if you have a No Soliciting sign please put out bags of food clearly labeled with Pack 685.

The pack is getting ready for the Pinewood Derby in February, blue & gold, and snow day.

Committee Updates

Art Literacy – Minta Johnson

The current project is Faberge. Will have a new project in January.

Geography Club

Need volunteers for testing! December 18 at 8am.

5th Grade Sendoff – Catherine Rund

Frosty Grams will be sold next week (Dec 9-12), proceeds go to 5th grade sendoff. They will be delivered on Wednesday and Friday.

Guest Speaker – Jennifer Wolf – Beaverton City Library

Youth Access Cards will be delivered to every student in Beaverton who doesn’t already have a library card.

- Give access to all online resources at the library, including live online homework help
- Can download ebooks and audio books and stream video with Kanopy
- Can check out 5 library books or audio books – no late fees, even for adult books

Sora – like Libby, which public libraries use, but for school libraries. Using the Sora app you can access BSD’s online resources and WCCLS online resources.

Brainfuse – online homework help K-college. Live tutors are available daily from 1-10pm. Also available in Spanish.

Kanopy – streaming service for video – lots of PBS, Sesame Street, etc. Each library card gets 10 play credits per month. Kids’ videos typically don’t cost credits.

No fines/fees at WCCLS libraries on children's materials. For teen, YA, and adult materials, if you check them out on a regular card there are late fees. Materials checked out on a youth access card do not accrue late fees.

With a general library card you can

- Check out up to 100 items at a time
- Have up to 50 items on hold
- If you are over 18 years old you can use Cultural Pass to Adventure passes
- 25 cent overdue fee daily

New Business

CIA science program was awesome! 44 kids wanted to participate but they could only take 15. Juniors from Beaverton High School ran the program, hopefully they will do it again next year.

Agenda for Next Meeting:

- Welcome
- Approve today's agenda and minutes from previous meeting
- Principal Update: Erin Miles
- Budget Update: Kristina Hiersche
- Volunteer Update: Lyndsay Roller
- Fundraising update: Jenn Hundt and Sarah Hinton
- Scouts update: Kari McGatha
- Committee Updates: Art Lit, Geography Club, 5th grade sendoff
- Guest Speaker: Deb Starr, Fir Grove's Student Success Coach
- New Business
- Questions
- Meeting Adjourned

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m. by Minta Johnson.