

Fir Grove Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization
Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the Fir Grove Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization was called to order at 7:03 p.m. in Beaverton, Oregon on February 6, 2020 by Minta Johnson.

Present

Minta Johnson, Kristina Hiersche, Lyndsay Roller, Elizabeth Ranweiler, Kari McGatha, Erin Miles, Catherine Rund, Hadeel Aljubouri, Valerie Schwisow, Trisha Gross, Paul Jewell

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed. The minutes of the last meeting (January 9, 2020) were unanimously approved as distributed.

Shadow Project expenditure vote

As we discussed at the January 9 general meeting, the PTO would like to spend \$2600 to help fund Shadow Project's SuperSensory Space at Fir Grove. That money covers the rest of the 2019-20 school year and all of 2020-21. Those in attendance voted and the expenditure was unanimously approved.

Principal Update: Erin Miles

Fir Grove passed fire inspection in January! Only issue is that the address on the outside of the school has been painted over. John is getting address numbers installed.

FG had its second lockdown of the year. There are 2 lockout drills coming up – shut blinds, shut doors, no entry/exit.

2nd & 5th grade concert next week – kids are excited!

At the March Family Literacy & Cultural night all families will be receiving the book "Family Pictures."

The library mural theme winner was Destination Imagination. In March will ask for artist input.

Report cards came out on Monday – they're in ParentVue.

Recently the academic assessment committee met for the 2nd time this year – teachers come together and talk 1 on 1 for 30 minutes with student success coach etc.

BSD's equity TOSA took the staff through focus questions.

Feb 18 – no school – staff PD day – reflecting on how well we know our students. Erin will not be there because she will be attending a conference on trauma informed schools.

Jada Pearson (kindergarten teacher at FG) just got a scholarship to present at the National Conference of Teachers in Mathematics!

Shadow Project is under review with BSD risk management.

Budget Update: Kristina Hiersche

In January we brought in more than we spent – that’s unusual for January!

- Bottle Drop cash out \$2275 in preparation for Shadow Project expenditure
- 5th Grade Sendoff brought in \$508 from Frosty Grams, Sweet Tomatoes, and Noodles & Company (waiting on checks from 5 Guys and Baja Fresh)
- \$400+ from company matches!
- \$200 donation earmarked for Shadow Project

Expenses – Art Lit, class parties, field trips, final Fun run expense, state licensing for PTO, \$ for a scout to do improvements at FG

Volunteer Update: Lyndsay Roller

Lots going on!

- Valentine’s Day parties are next Friday
- Geo Club still needs a few more volunteers for testing – Feb 19
- Concert chair setup Wed Feb 12
- Book fair – need folks willing to be on the committee to run book fair!
- Science expo committee is forming – contact Rhonda?

New Business – PTO taking over book fair

Stacey Howland has been running the book fair for ages and will be leaving Fir Grove. Also BSD business office restrictions make it hard for the front office to handle the book fair so the PTO will be taking it over to take that off the front office’s plate. All money will still go directly to the FG library, PTO will just be a pass through. PTO will have a cash outlay – the check we will write to Scholastic.

The hope is to form a committee that will shadow Stacey this spring and then take over in fall.

Fundraising Update

- Upcoming – Crumbl Cookies Feb 13 – they give the PTO 50%! No flyer needed
- Turn in Box Tops, Minta will be sending them in by the end of the month
- Gaga ball pit – costs \$1600 total. BEF is very generously doing a choice (crowdfunding) grant including a 96 hour match for every dollar we raise up to \$500. That begins Feb 24.

Snack pantry! Moving toward all school stockpile that’s accessible to all teachers. Please donate snacks!

Update on Boy Scouts Units 685: Kari McGatha

- Pack – no changes in number of kids or number of volunteers
 - Went tubing
 - This Sat is Blue & Gold – 110th year of Scouts
 - Feb 18 some troops are going bowling
 - End of Feb – kids cross over to troops. 15 kids moving on/out, 3 decided not to move up to troop
 - Signup for summer camp is coming
 - Pinewood Derby is coming at Cedar Hills mall
- Troop – no changes in numbers
 - Jan – all nighter at church, xc skiing, swim night
 - Coming up – overnight in sub at OMSI

Committee Updates

Art Literacy – Minta Johnson

Training yesterday – India – goes until spring break

Geography Club

Always can use more volunteers for testing! Next test is Feb 19.

5th Grade Sendoff – Catherine Rund

- Valograms may end up having candy
- Baja Fresh fundraiser last night?
- Will sell concessions at chess tournament at FG on Feb 15!

Guest Speaker – Paul Jewell – BSD Emergency Coordinator

Earthquakes – the Cascadia Fault is due for a big quake. All new BSD buildings are rated to withstand a 9.5 or greater earthquake. BSD recently did seismic assessments on all buildings and most older buildings won't do well in an earthquake. Therefore the recommendation for all BSD schools is evacuate, then drop, cover, and hold. Schools already practice fire evacuations once a month across the country and earthquake evacuation procedures are identical to fire evacuation procedures.

USGS Shake Alert

- Pilot program – BSD is the only district
- Early warning system – tells how strong the quake is and how long you have before the shaking gets to where you are
- Working on setup for relaying to schools with InFlow Communications. There will be an automatic announcement in schools if a quake is 4.5 or above. When that announcement is heard, a staff member will pull a fire alarm and the school will be evacuated. This is for ALL schools, even the new ones.
- Feb 18 –test of the system at 3 schools and district headquarters
- Will be released to the general public as an app on Oct 15

Fir Grove has a 500 gallon bucket of water, a binder with all students' contact info, and supplies in classrooms. Additional supply ideas – lifestraw filters, Smarties (apparently Smarties will donate lots to schools).

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: Rayna Flye Fairman, state testing
- New Business
- Questions
- Meeting Adjourned

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. by Minta Johnson.