

Fir Grove Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the Fir Grove Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization was called to order at 7:04 p.m. via Zoom video chat on June 4, 2020 by Minta Johnson.

Present

(via Zoom)

Minta Johnson, Kristina Hiersche, Lyndsay Roller, Elizabeth Ranweiler, Erin Miles, Catherine Rund, Hadeel Aljubouri, Colleen Summers, Stephanie Morris

President Update: Minta Johnson

School supply list for next fall – PTO is going to try to provide everything so that families only need to bring snacks.

Gaga ball pit – BSD purchasing and the company we got the kit from are working together to get this done

Principal Update: Erin Miles

Thank you to volunteers! There is a volunteer thank you video out featuring Fir Grove teachers and staff. 6200+ volunteer hours this year - even missing 6 weeks of school!

Last week of school activities

- Field day – all week
- Zoom Rooms – Mon & Tues – pilot for recess next year
- Tuesday
 - 5th grade goodbye and socially distanced photo session
 - 7pm – Mrs Collett’s showcase
- Wednesday
 - FG reverse parade, 1:30-3pm, rain or shine, north parking lot
 - 7pm – last storytime with Mrs Donnelly
- Thursday – live assembly – bring your otter pops!

Report cards will be in ParentVue on June 18.

Teachers are working on class lists – those will be finalized in late August.

September 8 will be kids’ first day back at school. Not sure quite what that will look like.

Staffing for 2020-2021

- Mrs Szuch (4th grade) is leaving
- Ms Nickel (school psychologist) is leaving
- Mrs Tedrick (para) is retiring

This year Fir Grove had 16 classrooms. Based on enrollment projections and budget, next year Fir Grove will have 15 classrooms. That’s if the Student Investment Account money (from Student Success Act) comes through.

Fir Grove has received 2 refrigerators and a microwave for the staff room. These items were donated by IBM.

PTO is paying for a dishwasher for the staff room – hoping to have it installed before school starts in the fall.

Grab and go meals will be served at Fir Grove Monday-Thursday all summer long.

Camp Achieve, the online summer school, has over 40 Fir Grove students so far. \$10 for the whole summer!

Still working on what the contract with Shadow Project will look like since things were interrupted this year.

Budget Update: Kristina Hiersche

May budget

- Income of almost \$500. That's from box tops, volunteer hour matches, and Amazon Smile.
- Expenses of about \$2400
 - 5th grade sendoff - \$550 for tshirts. In June expenses for 5th grade gift cards and candy will hit.
 - Art Lit
 - Field day
 - Tech – cleaning wipes for keyboards
 - Teacher supplies
 - Wellness center (now SELC)
- Almost \$14,000 cash remaining. A lot of that will roll forward.

2020-2021 PTO budget – built assuming business as usual in the fall. In August/early September when we know staff numbers and whether school will be in person or remote, we can revise. See notes on budget document in far right column. Total income just over \$40,000, total expenses just under \$55,000. Our plan is to have a virtual fun run if we can't do it in person.

- Vote on 2020-2021 proposed budget – all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

Fundraising Update

Amazon Smile and box tops are still going!

BottleDrop – we are out of blue bags. More are on their way to Jenn. Right now please bring your returnable bottles/cans to Fir Grove in trash bags. We will transfer them to blue bags and turn them in to BottleDrop when we have blue bags!

Committee Updates

Art Literacy – Minta Johnson

Minta used the remaining funds to purchase materials to use for next year.

Geography Club

Students received end of year prizes (Dilly Bars)!

New business

We have not held PTO officer elections for 2020-2021 due to Covid-19 restrictions. Right now the plan is to hold 2020-2021 officer elections when we can meet in person again.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. by Minta Johnson.