

Fir Grove Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the Fir Grove Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization was called to order at 7:05 p.m. via Zoom video chat on May 7, 2020 by Minta Johnson.

Present

(via Zoom)

Minta Johnson, Kristina Hiersche, Lyndsay Roller, Jenn Hundt, Sarah Hinton, Elizabeth Ranweiler, Erin Miles, Karla Portillo, Valarie Schwisow, Hadeel Aljubouri, Catherine Rund

President Update: Minta Johnson

The PTO board has been meeting to try to figure out how to best help Fir Grove families in this challenging time.

Gaga ball pit – the BSD project manager has put in an order for it.

Dishwasher for staff room – moving forward

We are collecting messages for staff appreciation!

We would still like to make classroom party kits for each grade level. We need someone to put the kits together – this could be a volunteer opportunity while school is closed!

Principal Update: Erin Miles

Recently ~200 kids have received free lunches from Fir Grove each day!

35 food boxes are passed out every other Thursday. Those come from a BSD giving program.

Due to budget cuts there will not be a pre-K program at Fir Grove next year. Kids who would be coming to Fir Grove's pre-K can enroll in pre-K at other schools.

Our librarian Mrs. Donnelly did her first storytime last night – it was wonderful!

Tomorrow is the last day to submit input on what your child needs next year, classwise. Link in the Fir Grove Flyer.

The plan is to have all student items out of classrooms by June 1. The school will send an email to parents with the plan for picking up those items.

Please return school library books at the student item pickup time.

IBM is donating two stainless steel refrigerators and a stainless steel microwave to Fir Grove's staff room!

Summer school at Fir Grove will be all online and is by invitation only.

Budget Update: Kristina Hiersche

We ended April with about \$47,000 in cash and assets.

\$5200 expenses – mostly Safeway gift cards to provide to families in need. \$1575 was donated by Pilgrim Lutheran to help pay for Safeway gift cards.

May 15 is the deadline for teachers to submit reimbursement requests.

We prepaid for next year's Mystery Science.

\$190 unbudgeted expense for Fir Grove Hero signs.

We haven't received checks from the Crumbl and Joe's Burgers restaurant fundraisers yet.

Fundraising Update

We are out of bottle drop bags – more will be mailed to Jenn. For now we will just collect in regular trash bags and transfer when we receive the bottle drop bags. We already have \$830 in the bottle drop account even after taking out \$\$ for Shadow Project!

Update on Boy Scouts Units 685: Valarie Schwisow

Scouts are meeting virtually every week, super fun! If you are interested, you can join the virtual meetings.

Committee Updates**Art Literacy – Minta Johnson**

We didn't get to do the last few projects that were planned for the year, but we still have all the supplies. Minta is getting ready to buy supplies for next year.

Geography Club

Geography club is still going with a test at home option!

5th Grade Sendoff – Catherine Rund

Unfortunately the 5th grade sendoff party had to be cancelled. The committee is still planning to do a yearbook and shirts.

Adjournment

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