

Fir Grove Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization

General Meeting Minutes

December 3, 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 December 3, 2020 by Minta Johnson.

Present

(via Zoom)

Minta Johnson, Jenn Hundt, Lyndsay Roller, Elizabeth Ranweiler, Erin Miles, Kate Prakash, Ariana Alejandres, Valerie Roberts, Tamara Ward, Trisha Gross, Tiffany Schiff, Sarah Lowry, Kari McGatha, Leslie Villegas

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting (November 5, 2020) were approved as distributed.

Principal Update: Erin Miles

- December theme is compassion
 - Sock drive ended today, thanks to all who donated!
 - 5th Grade Leadership team is doing a toy drive until December 18. New toys only, please drop them off at Fir Grove, do not wrap them.
- Thanks to everyone who supported Mrs Collett's fundraiser for musical instruments! Fully funded with BEF match, instruments will start going home in January.
- Spirit week December 14-18! Hat day, sports day, crazy hair day, winter day, pajama day
- December 18 – live sing along assembly
- Lori Cody has officially retired. Miss Anna has been her long term sub. Hoping to fill the position before winter break.
- New books going home to all Fir Grove families – Family Pictures – something for all families to read together and create their own family picture.
- Erin met with Southridge and all its feeder schools about helping families with holiday food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- Another church is giving breakfast items, Ms. Caryl is delivering them to 20 families
- Southridge food boxes were gone in 3 minutes this week
- Sunshine Pantry is a food resource – across the parking lot from Fir Grove

Budget Update: Tamara Ward

- Income \$5,634 – mostly Fun Run (will be around \$12,000 raised total)
- Expenses \$1,772 – Fun Run Pledgestar fee, class party money for fun bags and pumpkins, teacher supplies

Volunteer Update

- Looking for lunch volunteers!
- Science take-home bag before spring break – hoping to have a committee to work on those by grade level
- Valentine's Day committee needed
- Book Fair coordinator or committee needed for upcoming virtual book fair

Fundraising Update

- Received a big donation of bottles and cans today! Yay!
- Working on Fun Run shirts – issue with getting a Vector image of Furry Grover. Erin has one that she will send to Jenn.
- We didn't meet the Fun Run goal but we are still getting shirts for all Fir Grove students. Size surveys will be coming out soon.

Scouts Update – Kari McGatha

- Recharter is done
- 33 participants (down 21 due to Covid restrictions)
- Service projects – food drive, holiday cards for long term care facility
- No longer doing small in person meetings due to Covid restrictions. All virtual.

Committee Updates

Art Lit – Minta Johnson

Valerie Wallace is working on art lit for Mrs. Pearson's class and all of 4th grade. If we can get volunteers for the other grades, that would be great!

BSD is doing an artists teaching students program with all local artists.

5th Grade Sendoff

5th grade parents are working together, still all very preliminary.

Option Schools – Minta Johnson

Visit <https://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/departments/learning-options> for information from the district including virtual tours

- Aloha-Huber Park K-8 – priority to students in elementary boundary. Focus on humanities, cultural studies. Spanish immersion available.
- ACMA – arts – will have a brand new building next year! 6th-12th grade.
- BASE – science & engineering – new 6th-12th grade, includes dual credit AP classes and internships
- ISB – part of IB program – includes Chinese and Japanese
- Rachel Carson School of Environmental Science – moving to Cedar Park Middle School. 6th-8th grade only. Focus on environmental science and community service. Includes field work.
- FLEX Online will continue being an option for K-12

Applications for option schools are due by December 11. Initial acceptance is based on a lottery system.

PE Opportunities – Leslie Villegas

Fitness challenges, scavenger hunt, etc. on Mrs. V's website

<https://sites.google.com/beaverton.k12.or.us/villegas/home>

January 8 – kids heart challenge starts – goal setting, be active. Each week get a new link to new ways to be active.

Kari McGatha wins coffee card drawing!

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by Minta Johnson.

Agenda for next general meeting (January 7, 2020)

- Welcome
- Approve today's agenda and minutes from previous meeting
- Principal Update: Erin Miles
- Budget Update: Tamara Ward
- Volunteer Update: Lyndsay Roller and Valerie Roberts
- Fundraising update: Jenn Hundt and Sarah Hinton
- Scouts update: Kari McGatha
- Committee Updates: Art Lit, 5th grade sendoff
- Guest Speaker: Linda Feldhan, Beaverton Safe Routes to School
- New Business
- Questions
- Meeting Adjourned