

# Fir Grove Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization General Meeting Minutes

November 5, 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 November 5, 2020 by Minta Johnson.

## Present

(via Zoom)

Minta Johnson, Jenn Hundt, Sarah Hinton, Lyndsay Roller, Elizabeth Ranweiler, Erin Miles, Kate Prakash, Ariana Alejandres, Valerie Roberts, Tamara Ward, Melissa Anderson, Stephanie Morris, Kari McGatha, Spencer Rubin

## Approval of Minutes (via Zoom poll)

The minutes of the last meeting (October 1, 2020) were approved as distributed.

## Principal Update: Erin Miles

- Thank you to families for getting your students to Zoom meetings on time! Great job!
- 17 days of school in November. Next week there is no school on Wednesday (11/11) or Friday (11/13)
- No school Nov. 25-27 for Thanksgiving
- Next principal chat will be about productive struggle - Nov 19 at 6:30pm
- Remember lunch, library books, THPRD at Fir Grove on Tues/Thurs 11am-noon!
- Book bus on Mondays – looking to expand route
- Live assembly Nov 20
- Over 200 students attended the Oct 30 live assembly!
- Service projects with Eco-Schools Network – looking for people to head up
  - Beautifying garden boxes
  - Setting up/maintaining an outdoor classroom
  - Water filling station
  - Contact Kate Prakash [katemprakash@gmail.com](mailto:katemprakash@gmail.com) to join in or for more info!
- Last year Highland NAC did tree planting at Fir Grove. This year they're doing it around the Wilson Park subdivision. Contact [HighlandNACTrees@gmail.com](mailto:HighlandNACTrees@gmail.com) for more info. Preregistration is required.
- Virtual holiday sing along last Friday in December
- Fir Grove passed its safety inspection

## Budget Update: Tamara Ward

- \$6000 received in PayPal in October for Fun Run
- Total on hand ~\$51,000
- Expenses – scholastic, online speech therapy, Smore upgrade for translation
- ~\$4800 net received for the month of October

## Volunteer Update

Working on take home craft/science experiment bags and staff appreciation. Contact Lyndsay and Val at [volunteer@firgrovepto.com](mailto:volunteer@firgrovepto.com) for more info or to help out!

Volunteers are no longer allowed in BSD buildings due to rising Covid numbers.

## **Fundraising Update**

- Fun Run deadline is tomorrow, we will publish the total raised when all money has been counted.
- BottleDrop still going strong!
- Box Tops paper clippings sent in – about \$60 total. Will also have some revenue from the app.

## **Guest Speaker – Spencer from Play Fit Fun**

Spencer is a BSD dad. [spencer@playfitfun.com](mailto:spencer@playfitfun.com)

Play Fit Fun provides after school physical activity programs – think best of PE, field day, minute to win it. K-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Mobile action class during Covid. You can get kids together to do this for an hour in a backyard or a park, all different class sizes from 2 to 12 kids. If families are ok with it they will teach inside a garage or playroom. Sign up for a schedule block (quarter?), can't do classes a la carte. Some classes are taught by local college students. The weekly cost is based on the size of the class. 2-3 kids is \$45 per class, 4-7 kids is \$80 per class, 8+kids is \$100 per class.

## **Scouts Update – Kari McGatha**

Troop is moving on to having the church where they meet be their charter organization.

Pack 685 is meeting once a week in small groups or over Zoom. They're down to about 30 scouts. Have one new volunteer coming on. Wreath fundraiser is going on now, contact Kari or Minta to order wreaths! Annual University of Scouting is this Saturday – over Zoom this year.

## **Committee Updates**

### **Art Lit – Minta Johnson**

Still working on figuring out what to do for art lit. Lots of copyright issues with sharing what is already planned via Zoom etc so they are working on using local artists to try to get art into the hands of local kids. Other ideas – art contest?

### **Geography Club**

Can take this off the agenda since it's self-guided this year.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sendoff**

5<sup>th</sup> grade parents are discussing amongst themselves.

### **New business**

Mrs Collett has a BEF fundraiser to get an instrument in the hands of every Fir Grove student. It will launch mid-November. We only need to raise \$1500 because of all the matching partners!

Coffee card drawing for all non-board-member attendees – Melissa Anderson wins! Lyndsay will contact her to coordinate delivery.

Possible future guest speaker (Dec) – Jon Franco about option schools? Option schools applications are due December 11. Some discussion about due dates and open houses. Some information is on the BSD website (scroll all the way down) <https://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/departments/learning-options/full-day-option-programs>

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. by Minta Johnson.

Agenda for next general meeting (December 3, 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, 5<sup>th</sup> grade sendoff
- Option Schools information: Minta Johnson
- New Business
- Questions
- Meeting Adjourned