

Fir Grove Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization General Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2021

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 January 7, 2021 by Minta Johnson.

Present

(via Zoom)

Minta Johnson, Jenn Hundt, Lyndsay Roller, Elizabeth Ranweiler, Sarah Hinton, Erin Miles, Kate Prakash, Ariana Alejandres, Tamara Ward, Kari McGatha, Leslie Villegas, Linda Feldhan, Kristina Hiersche, Holly Carter, Stephanie Morris, Valarie Schwisow, Patrick Ehlen, Trish Ehlen

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the last meeting (December 3, 2020) were approved as distributed.

Principal Update: Erin Miles

- Fir Grove currently has 343 students and 95% attendance every day!
- January theme is courage
- Thank you for Fill Your Cup – everyone loved it!
- Yesterday teachers had 90 minutes with a special presenter about literacy
- Tomorrow is Kids Heart Challenge assembly at 8am
- No school January 18, full day of school January 20
- Family Pictures book is still available at school – please do your family picture, we're looking forward to seeing them all!
- Principal Chat January 22 at 9am

Budget Update: Tamara Ward

- December was a quiet month
- Income about \$1000 – matches and Fun Run
- Expenses about \$2000 – mostly the \$1000 for the BEF music fundraiser
- Our hope was to raise about \$8000 more from Fun Run this year. It seems to be working out ok as we're not spending as much due to remote learning
- We have not heard from Crumbl about receiving money for our spring fundraiser. Lyndsay has reached out to them multiple times and hasn't gotten a response.

Volunteer Update

- Thank you to all who contributed to Fill Their Cup – the staff loved it!
- Working on Valentine's Day party bags – Val is the lead, reach out to her or Lyndsay (email volunteer@firgrovepto.com) if you would like to help!
- Trying to make science kits that will go home around spring break – let Val/Lyndsay know if you'd like to help
- BSD Clothes Closet has a new name, Clothes for Kids, and needs volunteers

Fundraising Update

- Please fill out the google survey for Fun Run shirts! All students get shirts, we want to get the right sizes for your students!
- Bottle Drop is still going strong

Scouts Update – Kari McGatha

- Boys Life magazine is renamed to Scouts Life
- Pack is celebrating 111 years with Blue & Gold in February
- Working on how to do a socially distanced Pinewood Derby
- No new volunteers but Ian Johnson is now committee chair and Valarie Schwisow became assistant cubmaster. Valarie also earned her wood badge for leadership in scouting. Congratulations Valarie!

Committee Updates

Art Lit – Minta Johnson

Still working on it!

5th Grade Sendoff – Stephanie Morris

Some 5th grade parents are working together to try to figure out what things will look like in June and also how to fundraise since can't do frostygrams or valograms this year. They are wondering if there may be some extra PTO budget to use for this since fundraising is hard right now. One idea is photos with a cap and gown and a "what I want to be when I grow up" sign. Some restaurants are running restaurant nights with takeout.

Guest Speaker – Linda Feldhan, Beaverton Safe Routes to School

- SRTS has shifted to being active in the neighborhood instead of to/from school
- SRTS remote program plan has online resources including routes, videos, a bird guide that includes bird calls
- Also working on online remote pedestrian and bicycle safety
- Elementary art contest going on now, grand prize is a new bike!
- SRTS is happy to provide prizes for school activities/scavenger hunts

PE Opportunities – Leslie Villegas

- Kids Heart Challenge assembly tomorrow at 8am!
 - 3 goals for kids to choose
 - PTO donation box will be out at lunchtime for fundraising
 - Looking for feedback – do we want to do this next year
 - Everyone who clicks the link to sign in gets a wristband
 - If raise enough money, Mrs V gets slimed – raise even more and Principal Miles gets slimed!

Coffee card drawing- Valarie Schwisow wins!

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by Minta Johnson.

Agenda for next general meeting (February 4, 2021)

- 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: Robert McCracken, BSD Facilities Planning Coordinator, discussing development of a new Long Range Facilities Plan
- New Business
- Questions
- Meeting Adjourned