

Fir Grove Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization General Meeting Minutes

April 1, 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 April 1, 2021 by Minta Johnson.

Present

(via Zoom)

Janell Hosch, Minta Johnson, Jenn Hundt, Lyndsay Roller, Valerie Roberts, Elizabeth Ranweiler, Erin Miles, Kate Prakash, Tamara Ward, Trisha Gross, Sarah Hinton, Ariana Alejandres, Kari McGatha

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the last meeting (March 4, 2021) were approved as distributed.

Guest: Janell Hosch with Beaverton Friends of Music

- Wednesday, April 21 at 6:30pm is BFoM's School Board Candidate Forum. 4 school board seats will be in the May 18 election! This forum is for all kinds of questions from the candidates (not just about music education).
- May BFoM event – TBA
- BSD has a good, consistent elementary music program. Middle school is much more hit or miss. The Common Middle School Experience will make it more equitable with PE and 2 electives every day for everyone. BUT CMSE is missing commitment to program quality. BFoM is seeking a commitment to staff at least one FT instructor at each school
- BFoM is looking for at least one program rep per school – visit bit.ly/bfom to sign up
- www.musiceducationmatters.org
- BFOM slides shown during the meeting can be found at

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vTKz-K8jCgdGUDcdjvJpHucGOFuseFLTSh44Q1Hq-usmhZzpcxAGsYGXLbzPtWRK8T_GxPCfFmlXiWU/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000&slide=id.gc3d56d4cf0_0_116

Principal Update: Erin Miles

- Mon, Tues, Wed this week was PD, working on preparing for hybrid
- Hybrid in-person classes at FG range from 6 to 16 students
- Family night on Zoom last night – pick up prizes at Fir Grove starting tomorrow
- Next week there will be 180 kids in the building at FG for hybrid in-person learning. K-2 start on April 5, 3-5 start on April 8.
- New arrival and dismissal plans – parents of students doing hybrid in-person learning, check your email!
- All specials will be live at FG – this is not happening at all schools. Big thanks to Mrs. Villegas and Mrs. Colett for making it happen at FG! Specials will be in the morning for CDL students and in the afternoon for in-person hybrid students, with all the students in

each learning modality in a grade together for specials (for example, all kindergarteners in CDL have music together, regardless of who their classroom teacher is).

- Live SEL every Wednesday – also not happening at all schools. Big thank you to Ms. Caryl and Mrs. Starr!
- Tomorrow at 1pm- River of Stories from Africa assembly
- 4 new staff members started at Fir Grove this week
 - Office health assistant
 - 2 paraeducators – 1 speaks Arabic & French, 1 is a former teacher
 - 1 special ed paraeducator
- No school April 16 & 28
- Thank you for the welcome back snacks and the work on the garden boxes and the planter!

Budget Update: Tamara Ward

- Not much happened in March. No income, which is normal for March.
- Expenses include books for book room, science kits, teacher supplies, annual Secretary of State filing fee for nonprofit org.
- We chose to reallocate field trip funds to our 15 classroom teachers, which means each teacher has \$700 in addition to the other funding the PTO provides.

Volunteer Update: Lyndsay Roller and Valerie Roberts

- Thank you to everyone who donated snacks, helped with garden boxes and planter box, and helped with picture day!
- Possible book exchange in late spring – looking to start a committee. Some schools have a book exchange room. Right now the school is holding everything for 24 hours before touching it.
- Survey – have received 8 responses so far, mostly teachers/staff. Will pass out hard copies at lunch pickup and continue sending out the link in hopes of getting more people to complete it.
- Will definitely do the staff treats again, that was a big hit!
- THPRD is donating 30-50 water bottles, will drop off at FG tomorrow between 1 & 2pm

Fundraising Update: Jenn Hundt

- Keep it up with Bottle Drop! 5th grade is doing a great job. Moe hands bags out at lunch pickup.

Scouts Update: Kari McGatha

- Now scouts can meet in person within state guidelines so they're starting to do that, still have an online option
- 10 more scouts have crossed over into troops, 2 more will in the next month. They're going to a total of 5 troops.
- PTO is no longer the charter org for the troop. PTO will remain the charter org for the pack. The troop has their own EIN but the pack will remain under the PTO's EIN.

Committee Updates

Art Lit: Minta Johnson

- Art packets have been handed out
- Mrs. Pearson has been teaching the Artists Teaching Students lessons, which are available on the BSD website <https://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/departments/student-programs/art-literacy>
- Not sure what art lit will look like next year

Eco School Network

- Volunteers worked on sit pads for outdoor classroom kits
- ESN is working on a community cookbook for BSD families

New Business

- Next Grove gathering is April 15
- Let's try putting the zoom link for the PTO meetings in the body of the email that Erin sends out with the newsletter link and send a reminder text to families the day of the meeting. Erin says she can do that!

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m. by Minta Johnson.

Agenda for next general meeting (May 6, 2021)

- Welcome
- Approve today's agenda and minutes from previous meeting
- Vote on 2021-2022 PTO Board
- 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
- New Business
- Questions
- Meeting Adjourned