

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

May 2, 2024

Approved at the Thursday June 6, 2024 PTO General Meeting

Opening

The general meeting of the Fir Grove Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization was called to order at 6:33 p.m. at Fir Grove Elementary in Beaverton, Oregon on May 2, 2024 by Kristina Hiersche.

Present

Kristina Hiersche, Blair Hamilton, Emily Wolverton, Lee Anthony, Beckie Tempel, Emily Davis, Shannon Baggerman, Kate Prakash, Anna Petersen, Lindsay Seitz, Tamara Ward, Lyndsay Roller, Minta Johnson, Sara Calvert-Kubrom, Aman Kubrom, Erin Miles

Minutes Approval

Minta Johnson moved to approve the March 2024 General Meeting Minutes, Lee Anthony seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

Principal Update - Erin Miles

- Thank you PTO for the food & treats during teacher conferences, especially the Weds afternoon coffee order
- Our school is continuing to add new students even this late in the year, 2 new students start on Monday
- Summer school (Camp Achieve) info will be coming soon. Our students will attend during the month of July at Chehalem and is intended for students performing under grade level, students with special education plans and other specific backgrounds.
- Our school is in the middle of State Testing for 3rd, 4th and 5th grades, and will be done by the end of May.
- Currently, our school has an allocation for 15 classroom teachers, and based on enrollment projections, Fir Grove has been allocated 13 classroom teachers for next year, the 2024-25 school year. Fir Grove's enrollment is expected to go from 350 this year to ~320 next year. The classroom headcount average we aim for is 24 students in grades K-2 and 27 in grades 3-5. Fir Grove is not the only school in the district with over 30 students in the upper grades.
- Chess Club is officially funded and will return next year! Thank you PTO for your \$500 donation.

Budget Update - Blair Hamilton

- The proceeds from Bingo Night was \$160 and the 5th Grade Leaders decided to donate half to the library and half will go to their 5th Grade Sendoff party. Moe Caryl spent \$130

on purchasing the concessions that were sold at Bingo Night but has decided to donate them.

- Received an email that Jen Colett may need to increase music budget to \$4,000 from \$3,500 for next year.
- Our Staff Appreciation budget line is currently over budget by \$50, however we have received \$326 in donations for teacher conference meals and \$99 for teacher appreciation week, and likely will receive more donations next week for teacher appreciation week to cover the \$50 overage on this budget line.
- We received \$147 from our Joe's Burgers Dine for Dollars night.
- Following up on the PTO Surplus \$8,800 that we voted to give to teachers and staff at the March PTO General Meeting:
 - There were a few teacher/staff groups that came back with proposals on how to spend their portion of the surplus. Blair proposed a vote to approve their proposals, and it was a unanimous vote to approve.
 - Blair proposed a vote that for the group of K-5 teachers that did not submit a proposal on how to use the funds, we just give them each another \$250 to spend as they see fit, and it was a unanimous vote to approve.

Volunteer Update - Kristina Hiersche for Kayla Petersen

- Chair set up is needed next Weds for the 2nd/2rd grade concert, sign up on MyImpact. If you're attending, please help clean up chairs after the concert!
- Teacher Appreciation Week is next week - Totally 90s! You can use the Sign Up Genius to sign up to bring in items for the specific themed days or donate to the PTO PayPal to support the catered Greek lunch on Weds.
- May 17 STEAM night/Science Expo - volunteers needed, please sign up on MyImpact
- Bike Rodeo May 23 after school - volunteers needed, please email Leslie Villegas PE teacher.

Fundraising Update - Lee Anthony

- Tricia Gross (Dine for Dollars Coordinator) is looking at Chuck E Cheese for June and is also working on setting up some Dine for Dollars fundraisers this summer.

Art Literacy Update - Beckie Tempel

- Currently working on Matisse and Renoir.
- Last artist of the year is Georgia O'Keefe.
- District videographer was here today to film Ms. Harwood's class to promote the Art Literacy program.

5th Grade Sendoff Update - Lyndsay Roller

- Everything ready! Bus is set and working on Kona Ice.
- Lee Anthony made generous \$240 donation to 5th grade sendoff

Sci Expo STEAM Night May 17 - Kristina Hiersche

- Need volunteers! Sign up on MyImpact

- Food truck coming from Super Bowl PDX
- 18-20 areas/stations/demos planned:
 - BASE
 - ACMA
 - Beaverton High Robotics
 - Paint with robots
 - Dry Ice
 - Hoverchair

2024-25 PTO Board Voting

The following candidates were introduced to serve in the following Fir Grove PTO Board of Directors positions for the 2024-25 school year, and were voted in/approved unanimously:

President - Blair Hamilton nominated Kristina Hiersche for President and she accepted. Blair Hamilton proposed a motion to close the nominations, and there was a unanimous vote to approve.

Co-Vice Presidents of Fundraising - Blair Hamilton nominated Lee Anthony and Tiffany Schiff as Co-Vice Presidents of Fundraising, and they accepted (Tiffany verbally prior to the meeting). Kristina Hiersche proposed a motion to close the nominations, and there was a unanimous vote to approve.

Secretary - Blair Hamilton nominated Emily Wolverton as Secretary, and she accepted. Kristina Hiersche proposed a motion to close the nominations, and there was a unanimous vote to approve.

Treasurer - Blair Hamilton nominated Emily Davis as Treasurer, and she accepted. Kristina Hiersche proposed a motion to close the nominations, and there was a unanimous vote to approve.

Volunteer Coordinator - Blair Hamilton nominated Kayla Petersen as Volunteer Coordinator, and she accepted verbally prior to the meeting. Kristina Hiersche proposed a motion to close the nominations, and there was a unanimous vote to approve.

Members-At-Large - Blair Hamilton and Kristina Hiersche nominated the following people for Members-At-Large and they accepted (or had accepted verbally prior to the meeting). Kristina Hiersche proposed a motion to close the nominations, and there was a unanimous vote to approve.

- Beckie Tempel
- Sharon Duggan
- Blair Hamilton
- Sara Calvert-Kubrom & Aman Kubrom
- Anna Petersen
- Shannon Baggerman

2024-25 PTO Coordinators include:

School Supplies Co-Coordinators - Minta Johnson, Blair Hamilton

Book Fair Coordinator - Blair Hamilton

Art Literacy - Beckie Tempel

Dine-for-Dollars Coordinator - Trisha Gross

Next PTO General Meeting - Thursday June 6 at 6:30pm in the Community Room

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m. by Kristina Hiersche.