

**Fir Grove Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
June 6, 2024

**Approved at the September 16, 202 PTO General Meeting**

**Opening**

The general meeting of the Fir Grove Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization was called to order at 6:34 p.m. at Fir Grove Elementary in Beaverton, Oregon on June 6, 2024 by Kristina Hiersche.

**Present**

Kristina Hiersche, Blair Hamilton, Emily Wolverton, Lee Anthony, Tiffany Schiff, Emily Davis, Kate Prakash, Sarah Hinton, Tamara Ward, Emily Bazor, Krystal Melby, Erin Miles

**Minutes Approval**

Tiffany Schiff moved to approve the May 2024 General Meeting Minutes, Lee Anthony seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

**Principal Update - Erin Miles**

- **Staffing Update**
  - Mrs Melvin will be leaving Fir Grove and going to a new district next year. Mr Petersen will be moving down to second grade in the fall.
  - Ms. Davies has been on special assignment as one of our Kindergarten teachers, so she will also be leaving and Ms. Barto will be moving to teach Kindergarten in the fall.
  - Mr O is retiring, so his paraeducator position will be open and posted soon.
- **Summer**
  - 60 Fir Grove students will be going to summer school (Camp Achieve) at Chehalem this summer.
  - Fir Grove will host the Kindergarten preview days (Kindergarten Academy) in August.
  - This summer a new generator will be installed, as well as new carpets in the office. Expect that new carpet will be put in K-1 classrooms next summer. Currently working on the scheduling for the install of the new PreK playground this summer.
- **End of Year**
  - Annual growth parade will be on Monday, where each student will share what they are most proud of for the year.
  - Last day of the year assembly is next Wednesday 6/12 on the last day of school - focused on fun and celebrating
  - Staff will be in the building through the end of next week
    - The teachers will be learning the new English language arts curriculum for next year next Thursday

- Teachers have a grading day on Friday
- New school start time next year at 7:45am

#### **President Update - Kristina Hiersche**

- Kindergarten Meet Ups scheduled this summer on the Fir Grove playground. Incoming Kinder families are invited to come get to know other families and familiarize with Fir Grove!
  - June 26 10am
  - July 24 5:30
  - Aug 14 at noon

#### **Budget Update - Blair Hamilton**

- Our May Chick-fil-A Dine for Dollars earned \$230
- The PTO proposed budget for 2024-25 was presented.
- See Approved PTO Budget for 24-25 attached. Tiffany Schiff moved to approve the 2024-2025 Fir Grove PTO Budget, Lee Anthony seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

#### **Volunteer Update - Kristina Hiersche for Kayla Petersen**

- Field Day is tomorrow! Thank you Volunteers!
- The district will be switching to a new volunteer management system this fall, which means new applications and background checks will need to be submitted for ALL volunteers. We will keep you updated on this process and how to get your application started as soon as possible!

#### **Fundraising Update - Lee Anthony**

- Trisha is working setting up some Dine for Dollars fundraisers this summer in July and August potentially at Si Senor
- Fun Run 2024 is scheduled for Thursday Oct 10
- Emily Bazor presented a fundraising idea to provide students an opportunity to try Ice Dyeing and selling their pieces.
- Since the Plant Sale in March was so successful, earning close to \$900, we are planning to do it again next year and make it an annual event the 2nd Friday in March, and Kate Prakash mentioned we can work on tying in a community planting event moving forward.

#### **ESN/Green Team Update - Kate Prakash**

- Thank you Lee and Kayla for your support for the 5th Grade Green Team, the kids had a great experience!
- We had a great year building the school garden from scratch, culminating with awesome growth and adding the peace pole.
- We are working on getting access to the water source so the community can come and water whenever this summer.

#### **Raleigh Hills Rebuild/Community School vs Mega School Discussion - Sarah Hinton**

- Sarah, along with Kate Prakash and Emily Wolverton, encouraged the Fir Grove community to watch the Raleigh Hills Rebuild process closely, as the district seems to be moving away from smaller community schools and toward larger mega schools that accommodate closer to 750 students.
- While the district put the consolidation plan on hold for the summer, we should watch the process closely, as Fir Grove was in some of the district's proposed scenarios to close and consolidate with Hiteon Elementary school.
- It seems that while this is not in the immediate future, it seems we have seen behind the curtain of the district's facilities planning - the Raleigh Hills consolidation as phase 1, and the future of Fir Grove as phase 2.
- The reality is Fir Grove's enrollment is projected to continue to decline and the building is in one of the worst shape in the entire district.
- Continue to let our voice be heard on the district level - through School Board Meeting comments, etc. - that we hope that the Fir Grove community can be involved in the future of our school when the time comes.

#### **Highland Park Middle School PTO - Tamara Ward**

- HPMS PTO has little Fir Grove community representation, please consider getting involved in Highland's PTO when your student moves up into middle school.

**Next PTO General Meeting - September 2024 TBD when we return in the fall**

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. by Kristina Hiersche.