

Fir Grove Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization
General Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2024

Approved at the January 9, 2025 PTO General Meeting

Opening

The general meeting of the Fir Grove Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization was called to order at 6:35 p.m. at Fir Grove Elementary in Beaverton, Oregon on November 5, 2024 by Kristina Hiersche.

Present

Kristina Hiersche, Emily Wolverton, Tiffany Schiff, Emily Davis, Kayla Petersen, Anna Petersen, Sara Calvert-Kubrom, Aman Kubrom, Shannon Baggerman, Blair Hamilton, Lee Anthony, Sarah Hinton, Charity Heikes, Erin Miles

Minutes Approval

Kayla Petersen moved to approve the September 16, 2024 General Meeting Minutes, Blair Hamilton seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

Principal Update - Erin Miles

- PreK playground opening on Thursday! Really big and nice structure!
- Beaverton Rotary sponsored books for 180 kids at the Book Fair this week
- 3rd, 4th & 5th grades will have an assembly with a magician sponsored by PTO funds on 11/12. K-2 will have a separate assembly later this year.
- Current attendance data: a quarter of the school population is only attending 90% of the time. The new earlier start time has not changed the school's tardiness numbers. In fact, there have been more kids here early waiting for breakfast.
- Another goal the school has is in Math, and students are nearing 43% proficiency. This is above average state numbers.
- The week of Thanksgiving will now be referred to as "Fall Break," district implemented a wording change for more inclusivity
- Dec 12 is the 2nd and 3rd grade Music concert
- The teachers will have professional development in Nov/Dec around equity and the district's new language arts curriculum

President Update - Kristina Hiersche

- BEF is partnering with BSD and a collective effort across the district's PTO's for gift cards/funding for holiday break meals for families in need in our school communities. We will help amplify this effort across our channels.

Volunteer Update - Kayla Petersen

- Book Fair in progress
- Art Literacy still needs volunteers

- Picture retakes coming up, checking with Cindy on volunteer needs
- Almost set with 2 copy room volunteers, Kayla will be alerting teachers to begin leaving copy projects
- We have realized that volunteers outside of parents aren't receiving guidance on how to get in to ParentSquare to sign up for volunteer opportunities. We will be adding this guidance across our channels and Kayla will follow up with Johanna and Kara on how best to communicate this to community volunteers.
- Erin to connect with Kayla on our school's SMART readers contact

Fundraising Update - Tiffany Schiff

- Fun Run Wrap Up
 - Prize Assembly Nov 22 - working on prize drawings and winners
 - Just shy of \$33K raised!
- Members of our community should check their company's donation and volunteer matching policies to see if there are opportunities to earn more for our school with donations/volunteering they are already doing here at Fir Grove, often through systems like Benevity.
- Dine for Dollars
 - Nov 6 - Chipotle
 - Dec 3 - Society Pie
- Regal Cinemas
 - Purchase ticket bundles on [group fundraise site](#) from Nov 1-29

Budget Update - Emily Davis

- [2024-2025 Current Budget & Spending available on the PTO website here](#)
- Fun Run earned just shy of \$33k!
- So far we have around \$1000 in BottleDrop
- Panda Express and Joe's Burgers fundraising have brought in around \$350
- \$106 has been deposited from Kroger (Fred Meyer) Rewards
- The community has donated \$145 for this week's Teacher Conference Meals and Treats Staff Appreciation \$145
- 5th Grade has requested an additional \$250 to be able to do all 3 of the Field Trips they would like to go on this year. Blair Hamilton moved this Budget Increase/Overage to a vote. The overage was approved with 13 Yeas and 2 Nays from Tiffany Schiff and Emily Wolverton.

Conference Meals and Treats

- Wednesday November 6
 - Staff Room Treats
 - Favorite Coffee Drink Pick-Me-Up
 - Dinner - Taco Bar from Qdoba
- Thursday November 7
 - Breakfast - Bagels from Einstein Bros.
 - Soup Potluck Lunch

- There was some confusion on the sign ups for these meals/treats this week, work on improving and being more specific on instructions and how to sign up as well as give a contact email for any follow up questions.

Bicycle Upcycle Donation Drive - Tiffany Schiff

- Asking families to donate outgrown bikes to our community. Holidays are a good time to clean out outgrown bikes and scooters. Stay tuned for more info on how to donate.
- They will be refurbished at the Bike Rodeo this spring and given to kids in our community

Costume Dance - Kristina Hiersche

- Friday Nov 15 6-7:30pm in the Gym
- 5th graders doing concessions and helping set up/clean up

Next PTO General Meeting - Thursday January 9, 2025 at 6:30pm in the Community Room, enter via the Main Office

Adjournment

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