

Fir Grove Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization
General Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2025

Approved at the May 1, 2025 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 March 6, 2025 by Kristina Hiersche.

Present

Kristina Hiersche, Emily Wolverton, Tiffany Schiff, Emily Davis, Blair Hamilton, Anna Petersen, Kayla Petersen, Lee Anthony, Beckie Tempel, Kate Prakash, Valerie Roberts, Abbey McIntosh, Matt Allis, Anna Rower, Aydee Marrero, Erin Miles

Minutes Approval

Blair Hamilton moved to approve the January 9, 2025 General Meeting Minutes, Kayla Petersen seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

Principal Update - Erin Miles

- Thank you for the staff treats this week!
- We are continuing to welcome new students at Fir Grove
- A number of clubs are wrapping up as we approach Spring Break: Chess Club, Jumprope Club and our 4th Grade OBOB (Oregon Battle of the Books) is representing Fir Grove at the Beaverton regionals this month.
- Will be hosting a Cirque de Soleil-type assembly on March 18
- New student furniture will be rolling out this summer, including new chairs and collaborative tables, buildable structures, woobly stools and different height tables in older grades
- There are a few No School days in April, including an equity training professional development day, and a day learning how to integrate the new furniture we will receive this summer into learning
- Teacher conferences are April 23 & 24 & Book Fair is April 21-24
- Thank you Beaverton Rotary for sponsoring 100 books at Book Fair for our students!
- New water bottle filling stations have been installed
- Fir Grove will be hosting extended school year summer school this summer for BSD special education services, with 100 kids in July
- We will also get new carpet this summer in the K-1 hallway, and a new 6ft fence around the recess perimeter
- TBD what summer school for children not at grade-level and Kindergarten preview will look like, which is based on Title 1 funding

Volunteer Update - Kayla Petersen

- Upcoming Volunteer opportunities
 - Multicultural Night set & clean up, floating during the event
 - The Spring Book Fair is coming up April 21-24
 - Teacher Conference Meals April 23-24
- A Fir Grove Bike Bus will be starting in April, starting at Danielle & Wilson. It will be every week, likely on Wednesdays and students can hop on whenever on the route and ride alone if they can ride their bike independently.
- We will be starting a Lunch Buddy Program where a volunteer will be paired with a classroom to sit with a class and eat lunch to demonstrate healthy eating habits. Volunteers will receive a PTO-sponsored school meal. The goal is to model nutritious food consumption and positive adult interaction. We will focus on 3rd & 4th Grade classes to start.
- Fir Grove PTO has a Slack channel where last minute volunteer opportunities are posted, as well as an opportunity to be more “in the know” of what is going on with the PTO. Please reach out to volunteer@firgrovepto.com to be added to the Slack channel.

Multicultural Night - Valerie Roberts

- Next Friday March 14 6-7:30pm
- 11 families will be sharing their culture, doing presentations, doing crafts, etc.
- We will have a mariachi band, and no food trucks this year but the 5th Grade will be selling snacks, refreshments and cultural candies
- Mrs DeBusk will be doing her paper puppet theater show again
- We could use volunteers for set up right after school on Friday 3/14, to float during the event and clean up afterward

Budget Update - Emily Davis

- [2024-2025 Current Budget & Spending available on the PTO website here](#)
- We have almost hit our BottleDrop goal for the year, just under \$2000
- Music concert donations were \$763
- We received over \$500 from the Pastini fundraiser
- Received \$85 for March Staff Treats
- PTO approved the fee for Multicultural Night’s Mariachi band from the Unbudgeted Expenses budget line

Fundraising Update - Tiffany Schiff & Lee Anthony

- Dine for Dollars
 - Next Tues March 11 - Chick-fil-A - Place order on mobile app at Chick-fil-A Raleigh Hills between 5-8pm, 15% will be donated to Fir Grove PTO
 - Approved for McMenamins, aiming for April or May
- Green Team Plant Sale benefitting the 5th Grade Sendoff Party is tomorrow Friday March 7 from 2:15-4pm in the North parking lot

Ridwell Plastic Film Drive - Abbey McIntosh

- Ridwell is a company that recycles items that can't be left at curbside, including some plastics, batteries, lightbulbs, glasses, styrofoam, etc. One category they recycle is plastic film, most commonly used in plastic bags, etc. Ridwell partners with Trex to recycle the plastic film into decking material.
- We will be hosting a plastic film recycling drive with Ridwell for the next 2 months starting March 10, with 2 boxes here at school for dropping off.
- If we encourage enough Ridwell membership through our Fir Grove Ridwell site, we will get free Ridwell pick up for a year
- Look for more info on how to participate coming soon on ParentSquare in newsletters, etc.

ESN/Green Team Update - Kate Prakash

- Green Team Plant Sale benefitting the 5th Grade Sendoff Party is tomorrow Friday March 7 from 2:15-4pm in the North parking lot
- Metro did a garbology assessment with the Green Team and will be doing a food waste audit soon
- Submitted a grant with two other schools to build a micro forest here at Fir Grove - small native ecosystem on school grounds. We are working on getting a commitment from district on the project.
- Looking at building a butterfly habitat this spring
- The annual beach clean up at Fort Stevens Park got moved from the President's weekend due to the snow and has been rescheduled for March 15. Sign ups are still available.

President Update - Kristina Hiersche

- PTO Bylaws Draft
 - Proposed changes are minimal. [You may review the updated draft PTO Bylaws here](#)
 - Volunteer Coordinator: Removed specifics around holding an orientation, instead high-level wording on ensuring volunteers are made aware of policies.
 - Secretary: Added more language around managing PTO communications
 - Treasurer: Added funds could be held with a board member in a locked area
 - General Business Meetings: Added that PTO meetings could be held monthly depending on the need
 - We will put the draft bylaws to a vote at our next PTO Meeting on May 1
 - Feedback can be sent to president@firgrovepto.com
- For the upcoming 2025-26 school year, Fir Grove PTO will have the following open Board positions to fill. Board members serve a 2-year term. If you or someone you know is interested, or would like more information/specs about these roles, please reach out to officers@firgrovepto.com
 - President – must have previously served in a Board position
 - Secretary

- Co-Fundraising
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Members-At-Large
- We are working on setting up an online Fir Grove spiritwear store

Next PTO General Meeting - Thursday May 1, 2025 at 6:30pm in the Community Room, enter via the Main Office

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m. by Kristina Hiersche.