

Fir Grove Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization
General Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2025

Approved at the November 6, 2025 PTO General Meeting

Opening

The general meeting of the Fir Grove Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization was called to order at 6:46 p.m. at Fir Grove Elementary in Beaverton, Oregon on September 15, 2025 by Emily Wolverton.

Present

Shannon Baggerman, Valerie Roberts, Melissa Marquardt, Melinda Wheeler, Allie Led, Amy Shuster, Anna Peterson, Eric Thompson, Kaysi Thompson, Alysha Ledford, Clare Nicholson, Brandon Chookley, Jorge Aquirae, Jen Hunt, Nisma Tariq, Natalie Tunison, Allie Farm, Cat Sawyer, Viviana Callegos Rendon, Emily Wolverton, Erin Miles, Lindsay Seitz, Meg Strong

Minutes Approval

Emily Wolverton moved to approve the June 2025 General Meeting Minutes and the motion was unanimously approved.

President Update - Emily Wolverton

- We have a great community here and a lot of things coming up!
- We are an official 501c3 nonprofit so we can do fundraising to support programs like music program including instruments and concerts, art literacy, class parties, field trips (all expenses are paid), and school supplies.
- Fun Run Fundraiser kicks off next Friday, Sept 26 which accounts for more than 75% of our annual budget. Only time we ask you to fundraise the whole year. Information will be coming soon.

Principal Update - Erin Miles

- Great start to the school year, we have 346 students in grades K-5 plus 2 PreK classrooms, 15 classrooms total.
- Every Friday at 1:30pm we have Urban Gleaners and food is free and fresh.
- We are getting a new 6 foot fence all around the back of the playground and the pick up side of the building. Construction should start this week. Paid for by the BSD Bond. Thank you for voting for it!
- Suicide Awareness workshop next Thursday, Sept 25th starts at 5:30pm. It's the focus for all Beaverton schools during the month of September
- Attendance Goal- 85% of students are coming to school as regular attenders. Call the school or use the parentvue app to let us know why they are excused for the day.

Volunteer Update- Emily Wolverton

- Update- great community here at Fir Grove, we have a place for everyone to volunteer so please let us know if you haven't found an opportunity or place to get involved
- Weekly volunteer updates go out Tuesdays at noon so look for that
- Fun Run is a big one to volunteer for and then the Book Fair Oct. 13-16. The kids also love to have their families come support them on the Fun Run day and have you volunteer with us. There are many shifts- set up, morning, afternoon, and clean up. We're working to finalize the schedule so you can find the time to volunteer when your child is running. It will be added soon.

Fundraising Update - Lindsay Seitz & Shannon Baggerman

- Fun Run - Fundraising Kickoff starts Sept. 26, and the Fun Run is Oct 9. Goal is to raise over \$30,000 to support all we provide. Next Friday, Sept. 26 we'll kick off fundraising with a morning assembly so expect your kids to come home excited to fundraise. Information will be sent through pledgestar. There are always prizes and fundraising lasts for 2 weeks.
- Dine for Dollars- a percentage of the proceeds goes to the PTO so if you want to get food and support school instead of cooking, it's a great way to support school. First one is Panda Express on Thursday, Oct 2nd.

Budget Update - Emily Davis

- We've fundraised \$1500 so far this year with \$850 coming from Bottle Drop. Grab a Bottle Drop bag if you want to support Fir Grove. Bottle Drop is our 3rd biggest fundraiser. So far we have spent \$7200 most of which was on school supplies.

Eco School Network/Green Team Update - Kate Prakash

- Eco school network focuses on sustainability and green action items and involves students so they can become change makers.
- Built the garden, added reusables in the cafeteria to get rid of plastic waste, created a Green Team with the 5th grade leaders. The Green Team puts on the plant sale, teaches other students, does tree planting, hands on activities- 16 native trees, Ridwell plastic drive are some of the past projects.
- Looking for more people that want to join- volunteers are needed, for leaders there is a free training through the Eco School Network, Kate has information for the training and [can be found here](#).

Art Literacy- Beckie Tempel

- Art Literacy- District program in which we talk about 6 artists each year. Volunteers are needed. Materials and training are provided. You teach a small lesson and then the kids do a project. You help them with the project.

- Biggest needs are in Kindergarten classes, one 3rd grade class, one 4th grade, one 5th grade class. Information is in the volunteer updates.

Next PTO General Meeting - November 6, 2025

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm by Emily Wolverton.