

Fir Grove Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization
General Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2026

Approved at the May 7, 2026 PTO General Meeting

Opening

The general meeting of the Fir Grove Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization was called to order at 6:36 p.m. at Fir Grove Elementary in Beaverton, Oregon on March 5, 2026 by Emily Wolverton.

Present

Erin Miles, Blair Hamilton, Tiffany Schiff, Jen Manello, Matt Allis, Valerie Roberts, Anna Petersen, Emily Davis, Kristina Hiersche, Emily Wolverton, Aman Kubrom, Sara Calvert-Kubrom, Melinda Wheeler, Melissa Marquardt, Abbey McIntosh, Athena Banke, Heather Beam, Shawntina Weigand, Meg Strong

Welcome, Introductions, & Minutes Approval- Emily Wolverton

Matt Allis moved to approve the January 8, 2026 General Meeting Minutes, Athena Banke seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Principal Update - Erin Miles

- 337 students K-5, 2 classes of PK, enrollment for PK & K open for next year
- New superintendent, Dr Tony Smith- Starts July 1st
- Student chats happening now- progress monitoring, classroom teachers get to share celebrations and concerns about students to create interventions- it's done 3 times/year
- BEF grant for Jump Rope Club- fully funded!
- Explorers Club- extra support this summer- hosted here at Fir Grove, BEF is funding \$1200 which is for 100 Fir Grove students
 - The PTO is being asked for \$500 to help support this club
- Fir Grove will be a summer school site partnering with Chehalem
- Thank you for the staff treats!
- Safety around FG-
 - Under cover area is really dark- new lights and replace existing lights to improve safety
 - Gym and MPR rooms don't have windows on doors so those will be upgraded to include windows
 - After Spring Break we'll have more keypad entries around FG, classrooms use outside doors and keys so they'll to use the keypad entries to improve safety- district is taking key entries away so that there's less error for unlocked doors
- Title I school funding is tied to poverty rate- 38% of students at FG qualify for free lunches, we're close to the level so there's a chance we'll lose our Title I status which is supposed to be 40%, possibly happening in 2 years

- Title I funds are used for Intervention reading & math teachers, funds for family engagement activities (family game night)
- Thank you for funding PlayFitFun!
 - Wednesdays recess has fewer behavior reports according to data
- March 17th Ballet assembly
- Food Drive- 642 lbs of food collected. New school record!
- Kids Heart Challenge was a success!
- Spring Break coming up Mar. 23-27
- April has grading day, professional development day & conferences
- District funding survey follow up- funding decisions will probably be announced toward the end of the school year

Multicultural Night- Val Roberts & Athena Banke

- 26 countries represented, double last year, crafts ready too, come join the fun family event!
- 5th graders working on powerpoint presentation going on in the Library
- Help set up if you can- Friday, March 13th right after school, event starts at 6pm
- Concessions snack donations needed to support 5th grade send off, cash preferred for purchases
- Raffle donations are ready, \$1/raffle ticket which also supports 5th grade send off

Fundraising Update - Emily Wolverton

- Dine for Dollars Update from Shannon Baggerman-
 - Burgerville Wed, Apr. 8, McMenamins Mon, May 4

Budget Update - Emily Davis

- Dine for Dollars- Lazy Days & Piccolo Mondo money is in- \$1500 year to date
- Bottle Drop- over annual budget already
- Not much spending lately, field trips coming in the Spring and Spring parties
- Die Cutter- \$1000
 - Current 20 year old one broke
 - Staff uses it everyday and it's a long term purchase
- Explorer's Club- \$500
- Aman Kubrom proposed to fund both of the purchase of the die cutter and funding \$500 for Explorer's Club, Shawntina Weigand seconded it, and it was unanimously approved.

Volunteer Update- Sara Calvert-Kubrom

- Need Multicultural Night volunteers
- Let Sara know updates Sunday nights if you want something in the Volunteer Update
- Class parties
 - Create template to help organize class parties- possible summer project for Anna & Sara
 - Open up volunteers to help with one or the other party, not both, and just keep the coordinators to both parties, options to consider for the future class parties

- Book Fair April 13-16- Blair Hamilton
 - Set up- Friday Apr. 10 after school 2:30-3:30pm but close off space during Bingo Night
 - Clean up- Apr. 16 3-4pm
 - Rotary comes Tuesday morning and buys books for half the school, grades 3-5 got books in Fall, K-2 will get them this Spring
- Teacher Conference Meals April 22-23 - Emily Wolverton
 - Qdoba, baked potato bar, coffee delivery sign up for potlucks, look for that coming up
- Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-8 - Emily Wolverton
 - Themed week of things we set up in the staff room- look for info coming soon

Bicycle Upcycle Update - Tiffany Schiff

- Bicycles are coming in, we still need larger bikes, Mo reaching out the Washington Co Bikes
- Bikes have been repaired and not everyone will get a bike but we're doing what we can with what we have
- Bike Rodeo- May 21st, will see if there will be someone on site to help repair bikes

Eco School Network/Green Team Update - Abbey McIntosh

- Plant Sale- tomorrow March 6th, money will fund 5th grade send off
 - Idea- next year we could paint terracotta pots and sell them at the Plant Sale
- Garden Club- started today, had 20 kids, check out hydrangeas that were planted
- Ridwell plastic film drive now- May 1st,
 - collection bins by front office and back of school doors, plastic film #2, #4 plastic, ziplocs, cereal, quiet plastic you can punch your finger through, amazon bubble shippers, make sure it's clean and dry
 - 12 bags collected last year so hoping to beat that this year, if 10 people sign up with Ridwell using Fir Grove name we get a free year of pick ups, new mail in program for out of state people as well
- Composting at lunch for 3-5 grade lunch was a success, scraps collected weighed 125 lbs the first week

2026-2027 Open Board Positions- Emily Wolverton

- Co-Fundraising
 - 2 year term, join Lindsay next year to learn the ropes, starts in summer to plan Fun Run which would be Oct. 8
 - Plan/execute our annual Fun Run and coordinate other fundraisers and sponsors throughout the year
 - Event planning and making community connections
- Treasurer
 - 2 year term, flexible from home, provide oversight of PTO budget and financials
 - Act as the main money holder
 - Manage cutting checks and reimbursements

- Members-at-Large & Roles
 - Gain experience and see how it works
 - Help with different project and events
 - Ownership of at least one role/responsibility- examples- 5th grade send off, Boo Hoo Woo Hoo, Book Fair, Summer Meet Ups, Fun Run, Dances, Field Day, Supplies, etc.
 - Ease into future executive PTO role
 - Emily will check in with current members-at-large about next year's roles
- Members will be nominated and voted on at the May 7 PTO Meeting
 - Once you're voted in there's a May meeting to go over next year's budget

5th Grade Sendoff- Kristina Hiersche

- Field trip to King Pins, kickball game with staff, yearbooks- couple days of fun celebration
- PTO provides funds and committee raises more funds- Plant Sale, Multicultural Night concessions, Bingo Night Apr. 10 hosted by 5th grade leaders, May Spring Neon Dance concessions, cash preferred for all events

Next PTO General Meeting - May 7, 2026 at 6:30pm in the Community Room, enter via the Main Office

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm by Emily Wolverton.