Fir Grove Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization
General Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2026

Approved at the November 5, 2026 PTO General Meeting

Opening
The general meeting of the Fir Grove Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization was called to order at 6:45 p.m. at Fir Grove Elementary in Beaverton, Oregon on September 14, 2026 by Emily Wolverton.

Present
Emily Wolverton, Tiffany Schiff, Anna Petersen, Heather Beam, Blair Hamilton, Matt Allis, Kayla Petersen, Lindsay Seitz, Sarah Bry, Melissa Marquadt, Athena Banke, Sara Calvert-Kubrom, Kaysi Thompson, Meg Strong, Melinda Wheeler, Kaitlyn LeClaire, Ryan LeClaire, Erin Miles, Jessica, Kevin, Lisa Galloway, Ha Sai, Christopher Kwan, Jared Short, Brianna Short, Shannon Baggerman, Khorta Ismail, Eric Heikes, Maria Santana, Erin Hauck, Carey Connell, Luciana Carmen

Minutes Approval
Tiffany Schiff moved to approve the June 4, 2026 General Meeting Minutes and the motion was unanimously approved.

Welcome & Introductions - Emily Wolverton

Principal Update - Erin Miles

- Started off the school year with 14 classrooms, 330 students K-5, 2 PreK classes- came in 7 students over projections
- New bike rack was paid for by the bond dollars- $25,000
- $175,000 to spend around FG for modernization- bathrooms are being looked at next
- School improvement plan- attendance goal last year was 80% regular attenders (which means they would be at school 90% of the time) which we didn't make
- Attendance goal this year is 78% regular attenders (75% last year were regular attenders)
- Reading and math goals being developed
- Last Friday kids had their first assembly to meet teachers- 4th grade teachers were Jedi and Darth Vader
- New staff- resource room teachers, ELA, new school psychologist, new PE teacher Mr. Arnold, instructional coach working with teachers on reading and math instruction
- Collaboration- grade level teams working on math and reading instruction

Volunteer Update- Sara Calvert-Kubrom

- Fill out a school district volunteer application- clearance expires after 2 years so reapply if you haven't yet!
- Volunteer updates go out Tuesdays at noon- look for the volunteer link on that email, you'll need your ID ready
- Tomorrow's update will have the classes that need more volunteers, Book Fair save the date, Fun Run sign ups, Staff treats will start in Oct.
- If you want to volunteer and need help finding the right spot, please ask Sara who also speaks Spanish
- Bike Bus- every Wed. would love to have more volunteers

Fundraising Update - Lindsay Seitz & Melinda Wheeler

- Fun Run - Fundraising Kickoff starts Sept. 25, and the Fun Run is Oct 8.
    - Great time for the community and kids to participate in
    - T-shirt sizes are still needed- please fill out the Google form
    - Class running schedule is posted online- look at the volunteer posts
- Dine for Dollars- Shannon Baggerman
    - Once a month opportunity to go out to eat and a percentage will go to the Fir Grove PTO
    - Joe's Burgers tomorrow 9/15! 10% of all proceeds will go to the PTO

Budget- Heather Beam

- Budget is posted online at firgrovepto.com if you'd like to look
- Thank you BCC!- They fundraised and donated $11,000 for our school supplies budget so we can purchase and replenish supplies throughout the year for every student and classroom, allows for access and equity in every room
- Classroom Teacher Budget Discussion
    - Each teacher has as $250 classroom budget
    - Discussion to add $100 to each main classroom teacher's budget just for this year
    - Heather Beam moved to approve adding $1,400 to the classroom teacher budget, Athena Banke seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Art Literacy- Athena Banke & Melissa Marquardt

- New system this year
- 2 classes still need volunteers- Beltran and Peterson, Kindergarten could use more volunteers too
- First training will be Friday, Sept. 25
- If you're volunteering please include your email to receive updates
- Art Lit is really fun and the kids love to have you come teach their class!
- artlit@firgrovepto.com is the email if there are questions

5th Grade Sendoff- Blair Hamilton

- Kids get to go to KingPins at the end of the year, busses are paid for by PTO
- Kids sell concessions at dances, Bingo night, etc.- you can donate things for them to sell like snacks and drinks
- Blair will reach out to raise money to do yearbooks, and other end of the year celebrations as the year continues

Book Fair- Blair Hamilton

- There are 2 three hour shifts, even if you can only come part of the time please join! Just contact Blair with questions or sign up on the volunteer post

Other Updates- Emily Wolverton

- Green Team- 5th grade team is led by Abbey and she'd love help with their weekly meetings, those will be in the volunteer update
- Spiritwear- get your order in by Thursday, Sept. 17. It only happens once/year.
- Meet Superintendent Opportunities- Ava Roasteria Tuesday 9/22 4pm, go meet Dr. Tony Smith to meet him and represent Fir Grove

Next PTO General Meeting - November 5, 2026

Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm by Emily Wolverton.