



**Virtual Meeting Minutes**  
**January 5, 2021 | 7 p.m.**  
**Via Zoom**

**Attendees:** Poppy Elshaug, Mary Ann Triska, Stephenie West, Virginia Fenstermaker, Megan Greisen, Erica Smith, Kayla LaBranche

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**I. Call to Order:**

- Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Virginia Fenstermaker.

**II. Guest Speaker:**

- Principal Stearns discussed:
  - One School, One Book and the STEAM evening – which typically take place in January – will be paused until more information is determined about next steps on in-person learning.
  - She will be working with district to find a new principal for the 2021-2022 school year. The search and interview process will begin this month and anticipate a swift process to be complete in February.
  - She is looking forward to Family Movie Night as well as supporting the Valentine's virtual baking event.
  - She would like GWPO to support movement for the outdoor classroom and garden spaces in preparation for in-person learning.
  - She would like GWPO to consider supporting the 'Book Walks' that other communities have done and create a version at Grant Watts. We can explore books that connect to the profile of a graduate and update the book each month.
  - Grant Watts and the Scappoose School District as a whole have several unfilled classified positions that support our reading interventions and special education interventions. Please help spread the word about these openings and apply if you are interested.
  - Anticipate updates soon regarding the Governor's Dec. 23 announcement. Grant Watts, alongside Otto Petersen and Warren Elementary, will be hosting another virtual parent night for k-6 parents to discuss upcoming changes. Also, parents will be re-surveyed for their preference on CDL or hybrid learning.

**III. President's Report: Virginia Fenstermaker**

- Christmas light scavenger hunt had great feedback and we are pleased with how it went.
- Thank you for GWPO support from the December meeting, as the staff gifts were appreciated and received positive feedback.
- We are planning a January Virtual Family Movie Night for Jan. 21. Typically, more than 100 families would come to the school and support this event. Event lead, Jason Moos, will be supporting the movie selection and logistics.
  - Popcorn pickup Jan. 14-21 at front doors in a decorated bin

- Zoom movie night Jan. 21, 6:30 p.m.
- We will be doing a random drawing to giveaway a movie basket. Families can enter by submitting photos to the yearbook at Grantwattsphotos@gmail.com
- February activities include:
  - Students can deliver their Valentine's card to their teacher and staff in a collection basket that will be set-up at the front doors Feb. 8-13.
  - Families will enjoy a Valentine's cookie baking session via Zoom with Principal Stearns, Feb. 11, 7 p.m., with a Hugs Cookie recipe.
    - GWPO discussed providing pre-assembled baking kits to families that may need the supplies to enjoy the event.
    - Erica Smith motioned to allocate the Hearts and Arrows Dance budget of \$400 to support pre-assembled baking kits for this event as well as any Wine Auction expenses upcoming. Poppy Elshaug seconded. Motion passed.

#### **IV. Vice President's Report: Megan Greisen**

- January Teacher Appreciation Spotlight:
  - Kindergarten Team with leftovers from December.
  - Post coming about Jen Stearns who has already received her treat.
  - Still waiting to treat Amanda Smalls based on receipt of survey.

#### **V. Treasurer's Report: Stephenie West**

- Account balances [as of 1/3/21]
  - Checking: \$11,743.79
  - Boost Savings: \$32,578.26
  - Savings: \$293.08
  - Money Market: \$7,809.56
  - Certificate: \$19,523.51
- Reminder to Link your Fred Meyers Shoppers card and to sign up for Amazon Smiles. Amazon Smiles requires a specific dashboard to make purchases that qualify.

#### **VI. Spending Requests:**

- n/a

#### **VII. Other School Business: Erica Smith**

- Yearbook:
  - Announce winner of the Razor Scooter!
    - The winner of the Christmas Light Scavenger Hunt submission for a Razor Scooter is Ariel O'Neill. Erica will connect with her to coordinate delivery.
    - Thank you to all who participated and sent in pictures of their student enjoying the lights and hot cocoa!
  - Erica will follow up on Seesaw link with Rachel Rodrigue
- Box Tops check is on its way to GWPO.
- No school on Jan.18 and 29.

**VIII. Additional Discussion:**

- The winner of the random drawing for meeting attendee is Kayla LaBranche, redirected to Poppy Elshaug.

**IX. Adjournment:**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m. by Virginia Fenstermaker.