

**Grant Watts Parent Organization  
September Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 11, 2019  
7 p.m. | Grant Watts Library**

**Attendees:**

Poppy Elshaug, Bobbi-Ann Ogburn, Virginia Fenstermaker, Kayla LaBranche, Erica Smith, Megan Percy, Erin Frugia, Mary Ann Siska, Jennie Champion, Felicia Gurley, Jason Gurley, Jason Ogburn, Stephenie West, Summer Hoag, Megan Moon Meinecke

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**I. Call to Order:**

- Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by president Poppy Elshaug.

**II. Guest Speakers:**

- Mrs. Stearns opened the floor for questions from GWPO:
  - Question – Erin Frugia question about parking on Vine and safety concerns.
    - Mrs. Stearns is meeting with administrators about this concern and will be working the City of Scappoose on resolution.
  - Thank you – Kimberly Babb Shrader offered gratitude for Back to School Night.
    - Mrs. Stearns affirmed that it was about building relationships.
  - Question – Jennie Champion asked about status of community garden
    - Mrs. Stearns is seeking a project manager and/or rescaling the project to move forward with the funds raised at the Spring Auction in 2017.
- Mrs. Stearns presented on the following:
  - One School, One Book kickoff – GWPO sponsored one book for the entire school to read. In January, Grant Watts will have live skunks attending the school the school assembly aligned with the book. The author will also be visiting the school for Read Across America Day. The book is linked to the profile of a graduate characters determined by the district.
  - International Walk & Bike to School Day – the parade is growing and an annual tradition. We partner with Otto Petersen for the walk beginning at Bi-Mart. Parents who participate will be able to join a brief breakfast about healthy nutrition.
  - Super Hero Fun Run – Also upcoming in October and she will be working with Jason Moos and Kayla LaBranche to execute.

**III. President's Report:**

- Poppy Elshaug presented:
  - Please be sure to sign up for GWPO emails and follow on Facebook for live time information.
  - Class Liaison
    - We intend to create a deeper connection between the classroom and GWPO using liaisons to communicate key information
    - We currently have 7/12 liaisons and encourage others to sign-up
  - Reminder on background checks
    - Background checks are required every two years and they typically take two weeks to complete.
  - Website update
    - We have done a refresh to GWPO.org to offer more current information.
  - Logo vote
    - By a vote, GWPO will create two new iterations of the logos presented:
      - Creating a combination of the second and third logo option
      - Creating the first logo with an O and smaller paw
    - A final vote will be made via Facebook by September 27
  - Summer Activities
    - GWPO was active at popsicle play dates

- Back to School Night was a success
      - Feedback – Consider offering credit option for food payment
      - Feedback – GWPO board wear identifiable clothing / signage
  - September Recap:
    - Boohoo Yahoo Breakfast was a success
      - Feedback – Consider another space that we can linger in after the event
  - Volunteers Needed
    - Walks-A-Lot (Megan)
      - Each day for afternoon recess (1:15-2:20 p.m.)
    - Fall Harvest Festival (Jessica)
      - Sign up for timeslots to run the booths for 1-hour length
      - Please donate full size candy bars for the Candy Bar Hop
    - Wolves Den 11-12:30
      - Tuesday and Thursdays seeking volunteers as students redeem their tokens for prizes
      - Contact Mrs. Stearns to sign up
    - Sauerkraut Festival (Sept. 14)
      - Visit with GWPO at the Festival, with the booth located by the Watts House, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
    - Super Hero Fun Run (Oct. 4)
      - Kayla LaBranche and Jason Moos will be volunteering
      - We need more volunteers to stamp laps in the afternoon

#### IV. Treasurer's Report:

- Poppy Elshaug presented on behalf of the treasurer position, including:
  - Department of Justice non-profit status filing underway as led by previous treasurer, Deanna Erhardt
  - GWPO is also working with local CPA firm Hurliman, to complete our taxes
  - 2019-2020 Budget Updates
    - Overages
      - K/2 Scholastic (\$1500.40) actual \$1500.44
      - *Total overage of \$.04*
    - At budget / under budget items
      - Back to school night (\$150) actual \$59.70
      - Boohoo Yahoo (\$100) actual \$84.00
      - Character Champions signage (\$400) actual \$249.37
      - One Book, One School books (\$1,600) actual \$1316.00
      - *Total savings of \$540.93*
  - Contingency approved for 2019-2020
    - \$4999.96 / \$5,000 available
  - Account balances (as of 9 p.m. 9-9-19) via InRoads Credit Union:
    - Checking \$14,896.88
    - Savings \$247.97
    - Money Market \$52,217.53
    - Certificate \$19,252.87 (matures May 2020)

#### V. Open Board Position Vote:

- Kayla LaBranche was presented for GWPO Treasurer; no additional nominations were made.
- Kayla LaBranche was unanimously voted to the position of treasurer replacing previous treasurer Deanna Erhardt.

#### VI. 2020 Auction:

- Bobbi-Ann Ogburn presented:
  - Summer progress made
    - This process began last May with budget approval of \$12,000
    - This will be the first year offsite at the Columbia County Pavilion on April 4, 2020. We will open doors at 5 p.m.
    - Theme is *Roaring 20's in 2020* and GWPO encourages dress accordingly
  - Timing
    - Feedback - Consider booking the venue for the 2021 Auction to prevent any conflicts with sports, dance, etc.
  - Volunteers are encouraged and welcome in the following roles:
    - Shadow Summer Hoag for Classroom Projects
    - Dessert lead
    - Basket fluffer during set-up
    - Raffle lead
    - Check-in
    - Data entry
  - Upcoming Meeting
    - Thursday, September 26 at 7 p.m. at Bobbi-Ann Ogburn's home
  - Contact Bobbi-Ann Ogburn at [GWPOScappoose@gmail.com](mailto:GWPOScappoose@gmail.com) if you would like more information on Auction 2020.

#### **VII. Leads:**

- Poppy Elshaug presented lead positions, including:
  - Hearts & Arrows – seeking lead position for February event
  - Bingo Night – Ivy Freimuth
  - Fall Harvest Festival – Jessica Townsend / Kate Anicker
  - Box Tops Coordinator – Erica Smith
  - Walks-A-Lot – Megan Meinecke
  - Yearbook – Erica Smith / Megan Percy
  - Apparel Sales – Megan Greisen
  - Bulletin Board - Sarah Brown
  - Fall Movie Ticket sales – GWPO Board
  - Movie Night - Jason Moos
  - Spring Staff Treat Day - Summer Hoag
  - Additional events:
    - Talent Show
    - Fall Conference Meal

#### **VIII. School Board Updates: Poppy Elshaug**

- Poppy Elshaug shared September 9, 2019 meeting highlights, including:
  - Agenda and policies are available on the School District website
  - Scappoose School Board recommends every parent download the Scappoose District app for updates and live time information.

#### **IX. Special Spending Requests:**

- Jason Ogburn motioned to approve the spending request from Crystal Maunu, ELL Teacher for prize items in the ELL room in the amount of \$50.42. Kimberly Shrader seconded. Motion passed.
  - *Consider granting ELL a budget stipend for our 2020-2021 GWPO budget.*
- Kimberly Shrader motioned to approve the spending request from GWPO board for Box Tops classroom celebrations in the amount of \$50.00. Stephenie West seconded. Motion passed.
- Note:
  - Jillian Comrie music teacher passed along her appreciation for GWPO for our support in purchasing her microphone for this year.

**X. Discussion:**

- Bobbi-Ann Ogburn: Please be sure to share Facebook posts and events to help expand our awareness.
- Megan Moon Meinecke: Requests that GWPO report back about Super Hero Fun Run funding allocations per Mrs. Stearns

**XI. Adjournment:**

- Poppy Elshaug adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.