



**Virtual Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, May 5th, 2022 | 7 p.m.**

**Attendance: Stephenie W., Beth R., Rachael R., Megan G., Christina A., Dawn P., Josie B.**

**I. Call to Order: Welcome called to order by Stephenie at 7:11pm**

- **Approve April Monthly Minutes . Unanimous approval.**

*Please email [GWPOScappoose@gmail.com](mailto:GWPOScappoose@gmail.com) to reach all officers.*

**II. Guest Speakers:**

*Guest speakers will be given 10 minutes to speak followed by a 5-minute question and answer time. This is to allow the meeting to stay timely.*

*None at this time*

**III. Public Comment:**

A moment to discuss anything pertaining to Grant Watts that is not on today's agenda. Each comment is limited in time, i.e. five minutes per subject.

None at this time

**IV. President's Report: Stephenie West**

- Auction Update- highlights from Dawn and Josie. Complete and utter success. Put together in 9 weeks. HUGE success!
  - Follow up with a hardcopy form for class books has shown more orders, so a follow up after the auction is more inclusive.
  - Booklet has to be outside printing, and is a big task item, so we need to account for that in the future.
  - Maybe spread out experience dates in the future, so kids could do more than one!
  - Financially we are waiting for fees to come out, but we are looking at a very successful auction this spring. Please thank all of your friends, family, community members for supporting GWPO!
- Insurance for our organization - assessing quote (\$1600) and planning to align with fiscal year
- Calendar of Events
  - Chairs for main events that need to be established prior to the Summer : Fun Run, Auction, Harvest Festival, Back to School, Hearts & Arrows, Movie Night - discuss events to continue (will need to build into proposed budget TBD in June)
  - If you love or enjoy an event please let us know. If you are interested

in chairing an event, helping organize that specific event, please reach out via email. The

- 2022-2023 Elections- June Meeting 6/9/2022
  - Shadow Opportunities- you can still take on a position even without shadowing - open position President (Must be filled by existing board Member) and Vice President
  - Need nominations for all candidates in by May 31st
  - Chairs for main summer/ fall GWPO events

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

- Profile of a Graduate for May/June: Leaders
  - Storybook Walk: *Swimmy*  
Book walk will go up in the next week or two, and classes will get to learn about the quality of a leader, to complete the school year.
- Weekly Fridge Restock in Staff Room: Signup Genius & GWPO/Fun Run  
Thank you Christina for the wonderful snacks this week. When others don't sign up we fortunately have funds from Fun Run that will cover snacks as this initiative is very appreciated by all staff this year.
- Teacher Appreciation Week: In line with equity, teachers will receive a similar gift as the certified staff appreciation gift in March, a mini succulent in a terracotta pot with a little circle sign of appreciation.
- Staff Spotlight: Currently the First Grade Team
  - Social media spotlight
  - Treats with recognition in the staff room : Smarties donated by Stephenie
- Kindergarten Event: Hopefully more volunteers are coming on board!  
Met with incoming Kinder households and discussed our initiatives and the feedback was receptive. There was excitement and hard copies are already being handed in!

#### **VI. Treasurer's Report: Stephenie reporting as Mary Ann is out on business.**

- Account balances
  - Checking: \$ 2,769.93 (\$ 2,295.57 when outstanding checks clear)
  - Boost Savings: \$ 24,291.76
  - Savings: \$ 298.08
  - Money Market: \$ 13,018.23
  - Certificate: \$ 19,608.09 (Renews 5/16/2022)
- Fiscal year closes June 30, 2022

#### **VII. Secretary Report: Beth Rajski**

- Earth Day Event Recap: The event was a lot of fun for students and staff. They were making great art in the outdoor learning classroom, and then in the new garden space. Students got to plant in their classroom box, and then do their individual cup with wildflower seeds. If your student has that at home, you should start to see sprouts! Feedback: the activity was fun, and was like a field trip without the extra costs. Future events, Beth advised to not do more than 2 classes at a time unless volunteers increase. GWPO might consider an increase of this budget line if it includes activities to allow for more supplies.
- Garden Corridor Update: The garden is off to a good start. With the rain, we haven't had

to water, and the garden boxes are looking good! There are still some items to complete, mostly the edging on the front, but that will get done as schedules allow.

- Yearbook- send in your photos. Deadline is May 13th for submitting photos! Working on the yearbook, it would be great to have supplemental pictures of students, please send to GWPO email and we will consider them for the yearbook.

### **VIII. 2021-2022 Budget**

- Remaining Contingency \$ 2,028.99
  - Cultivation Corridor, underspent at \$ 1,860.73 (initially approved at \$ 2200)
  - Cultivation Corridor money will be transferred to the Garden Budget if approved by GWPO and the contingency will be restored.
- Contingency Spending Request: no new requests -

### **IX. Learning Sprouts Garden Discussion**

There was discussion about the garden and after breaking ground, what the next phases would entitle and how to finance, insure, etc., and all of the details just don't align with the possibility of completion.

With the creation of the Cultivation Corridor, we fill the need for a school garden without the extensive design of the Learning Sprouts. So we are ceasing the project.

Stephenie contacted the City about the grants, and we do not need to return the funds.

They just need to use the grant funds for the Cultivation Corridor.

We will issue a public statement on the Learning Sprouts Garden ending.

Funding: We can vote to use the Garden funds to reimburse the Contingency for the Cultivation Corridor. Beth moved to replenish contingency from the Garden Allotted Budget, Josie seconded. Unanimous approval.

Remaining Contingency goes to \$4,228.98 The remaining Contingency budget could be used for classroom libraries.

Discussion on how to coordinate for classroom books. Budgets would be allocated to grade teachers plus SPED, and one extra classroom set for an incoming teacher. \$250 for each 16 sets of books. A google form will be created to send to teachers asking if they have a list in mind of books or if they would like help with a theme or subject.

Motion to use \$4,000.00 from Contingency for 16 sets of books at \$250 each. Voted by all attending and approved unanimously.

### **X. Other School Business:**

- Nothing at this time

### **Upcoming District Meetings:**

- Scappoose School District Board Meeting: May 9th 2022 6:30pm.

### **Upcoming Grant Watts Events:**

- First Grade Music Concert Tuesday, May 10th
- May 30th NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
- 3rd Grade SBAC Testing next week - Snacks and gum will be provided by GWPO.

### **GWPO Next Meeting:**

- Thursday, June 9th, 2022 final one of the year

**X. Adjournment: Stephenie West adjourned at 8:25p.m.**