



**Virtual Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, September 15th, 2022 | 7:00 p.m.**

**Attendees:** Megan G., Beth R., Mary Ann T., Christina A., Emily A., Angie C., Cody B., Harrington, Kenna F., Kim S, Pam C., Jerilynn K., Rachael R., Stacy H., \*Principal Amanda Small \*the guest speaker left after her speech.

**I. Call to Order: Welcome, Meeting Expectations, and Approve June 2022 Minutes**

- President Megan G. called meeting to order at 7:06pm
- Megan reviewed the Meeting Expectations (\*Link for presentation at the end of the minutes)
- Rachael R. motioned to approve June 2022 minutes and Seconded with approval by Mary Ann T.

**II. Guest Speakers:**

- **Principal Small- showing up around 7:30**
  - Arrived at 7:35 and the meeting was paused for Principal Small to speak.
  - Welcomes everyone at home and online. Excited to be back as principal. Excited to have parents back in the school. Looking forward to the Fun Run. The school plans to have assemblies again and will be able to invite parents in for some assemblies. The year is going smoothly!

*Principal Small left the meeting and the meeting continued*

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**III. Public Comment:**

- No public comment at the time.

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

- Introduces herself
- GWPO Mission - encourage involvement of families and to foster collaboration between families and Grant Watts.
- GWPO 22-23 Board Goals - create moments for families to connect with the school and community, communicate about school happenings via Facebook, support staff in finding ways to enhance classroom experiences, and thoughtful fundraising.
- Calendar of Events - a lot of events coming back from before Covid.
  - Fun Run:
    - families can come watch their students.
    - Goal is \$20,000.
    - The money will go toward a Gaga ball pit and money for staff.
  - Some of the events that we will have are:
    - Harvest festival, family movie night, family bingo night, Christmas light scavenger hunt, staff holiday treat box (we will need extra help, signup genius), etc.

- Fall harvest festival:
  - Saturday, October 29th 5-8pm
  - We need help (carnival games, prizes, treats, photo booth) please let us know if you want to help and how you want to help.
  - Christina is the point of contact for this event. Note: The slides (attached at the bottom) for each event will show the GWPO member that is the point of contact for that event.
- Family movie night:
  - Tuesday, November 8th at 6:30pm.
  - No budget for this event.
  - A movie is projected in the Multipurpose room, and families can bring blankets and low chairs to sit in.
  - We will need things donated: popcorn, movie baskets for a raffle.
  - MaryAnn is the point of contact for this event.
- Family bingo night:
  - Thursday January 26th, 6:30pm - ?
  - We already have some beautiful bingo cards, but we will need a lot of prizes.
  - Some staff will help with this event.
  - Mary Ann will be the point of contact for this event.
- Annual Spring Auction:
  - Saturday, May 13, 2023 at the Columbia County Fairgrounds.
  - The Pavilion and a building for onsite child care have been secured.
  - We will need help with event planning, procurement, business outreach, tasks the day of, and much more.
    - Some parents have already said they will head, but we still need people to call for donations.
  - Megan is the point of contact.
- Stock the fridge:
  - An ongoing initiative for the staff fridge.
    - For staff to grab a quick snack, or if they forgot their lunch, and if they are here during dinner.
  - Scappoose Grocery Outlet has donated gift cards, but more is needed.
  - Sign-up genius will be emailed out soon.

## **V. Vice President's Report: Beth Rajski**

- Introduces herself
- Apparel Sale:
  - Forms have gone out and are due back by 9/30. The earlier the better.
- Garden - it's a jungle!
  - The garden is thriving.
  - Food is for the Grant Watts community, please come and gather.

- Zucchini and tomatoes are ready to harvest now.
- Pumpkins and squash will be ready soon.
- Staff Spotlight:
  - We won't be giving out treats this year because of the budget, but we will have fun interactive facts for the breakroom and online to participate.
- Volunteers:
  - Please volunteer! There are many ways to be a part of your student's learning experience.
    - Help is needed in the staff workroom, garden, events, teachers will also be having volunteers in the classroom.
  - Please fill out the two forms.
    - The GWPO volunteer form and the school district form in which there is a background check needed (the background check is good for two years). Note: that the process does take a little bit of time, approximately two weeks.

## **VI. Treasurer's Report: Mary Ann Triska**

- Introduces herself
- Account balances as of Sept. 12, 2022:
  - Checking: \$ 1,105.38 (\$ 823.89 when outstanding checks clear)
  - Boost Savings: \$ 35,305.17
  - Savings: \$ 298.08 - this amount stays the same, never changes
  - Money Market: \$ 10,955.57
  - Certificate: \$ 19,612.60 (Renews 5/16/2023) in case the GWPO can not continue
- Fun Run
  - Goal \$20,000
  - Gaga ball, teacher allowances, classroom enhancements, field trips, etc..
- Contingency Discussion
  - Remaining Contingency \$1,650.00
  - Contingency Spending Request:
    - \$600 for Sips n Clip program submitted by Kelly Cassell from the district office.
      - Program is for Warren, Otto-Petterson, and Grant Watts.
      - She has applied for a grant, but not sure when/if it will be available. The funds would be used to buy coffee for staff and print out professional development tips.
      - As a board we discussed that we did not feel it was good for our funds for this year.
  - Opens for discussion:
    - Megan G. details that we don't have the line items for this. We appreciate the initiative and we suggest asking the local starbucks for donations.
    - Comments online feel like this is a district responsibility.
    - Beth R. states that this request is for more than Grant Watts, and our funds only cover Grant Watts.
    - Suggestions are that we have extra hot chocolate packets may be able to donate.
      - Maybe just hershey kisses could be purchased to go with

the professional development article.

- Beth R. makes a motion to deny the request. Seconded by Christina A.
- Vote “No” unanimously passed. GWPO will not be approving this contingency request for \$600 for Sips n Clip.
- Unspent 4th Kindergarten Teacher Allowance
  - Propose to increase the contingency by \$300.
    - Proposed by Mary Ann T.
  - Discussion:
    - Mary Ann describes that there is not a 4th Kindergarten teacher this year, so that teacher allowance can be distributed back into the contingency.
    - Rachel R. moves to approve, and seconded by Stacy H.
    - Vote “Yes” approved by unanimous vote. \$300 will be moved from Teacher Allowance to contingency.
- Community Rewards
  - Box Tops - last year \$200 was collected, the goal is \$1000 this year.
    - Download the app!
    - Be sure to link Grant Watts
    - Megan showed how easy it is to scan receipt
    - Do this as soon as you get home from grocery shopping.
  - Fred meyer
    - Connect your account to Grant watts
    - Can be done on the app
    - Quarterly it generates a few hundred dollars
  - Amazon smile
    - Be sure to log into your Smiles account when on a computer. Usually it automatically connects to Smiles on the phone.
    - Not every purchase is eligible.

## **VII. Secretary Report: Christy Anderson**

- Introduces herself
- Yearbook- Please email us pictures throughout the school year.
  - Events, field trips, helping in the classroom, etc.

### **Upcoming District Meetings:**

- Scappoose School District Board Meeting: October 10, 2022 at 6:30pm.

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

- Apparel Sale ends September 30th
- Vision Screening throughout the morning Thursday, September 29th
- Caesar the No Drama LLama will visit throughout the morning Friday, September 30th
- GWE Fun Run October 7th
- Fall Harvest Festival October 29th

### **GWPO Next Meeting:**

- Thursday, October 6th 2022 at 7:00pm

## **X. Adjournment:**

**Megan adjourned the meeting at 8:00**

**Presentation Link**

**9.15.22 Monthly Meeting**