



Virtual Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 14th, 2023 | 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Megan G, Stacy H., Beth R, Jenny O, Teresa A, Samantha M, Ashley W, Erica M, Hannah J, Heather, Jenn B, Josh M, Kayla, Kelsey K, Kenna F, Mary Ann T, Melissa, Phil, Rachael R, Principal Small*, Sanna L*

*Guest speakers

I. Call to Order: Welcome, Meeting Expectations and Approve June 2023 Minutes

- President Megan G. called meeting to order at 7:01pm
- Megan reviewed the Meeting Expectations (presentation linked at the end of the minutes)
- Beth R motioned to approve the [June 2023 Minutes](#); Rachael R seconded. June 2023 Minutes approved.

II. Guest Speakers:

- **Principal Small**
 - Extended her thank you and welcome! Wanted to share some updates and highlights as we start the year:
 - Fun Run - the kids are so excited already. Considering purchasing soccer goals with funds raised during the Fun Run.
 - Social Emotional Team - thank you to GWPO for helping to support character strong. Books have been purchased and this is emphasis for the year.
 - Wolves Den - will share a calendar of when it is happening.
 - Assemblies - Planning to have them every other month. Looking for volunteers to help with them, will send out more details.
 - Staff Involvement - Shared that each teacher is choosing a GWPO event to attend and support.

In between guest speakers, there was a slight technical issue, so the group went into a round of introductions of who is in the room while the issue was resolved.

- **Sanna Lager, Scappoose School Bond PAC**

- Here to share information on the School Board Bond that is on the ballot this fall. Their 3 top messages
 - Replace the Middle School - it is 92 years old
 - Safer and Secure Schools - such fire sprinklers, cameras, etc
 - Fund Major Repairs to Aging Infrastructure - HVAC etc
- Election is on November 7
- Ways to get the word out - coffee chat, buttons, different ways to get the word out. You can follow them on Facebook and Instagram
- scappooseschoolboard.com
- Scappooseschoolbond@gmail.com
- Shared a presentation after the meeting / linked at the end of minutes.

Principal Small, Sanna Lager, and Phil left the meeting, and the meeting continued.

III. Public Comment:

No public comment.

IV. President's Report: Megan Greisen

- **GWPO Mission/Purpose**

- GWPO Mission - encourage the involvement of families and foster collaboration between families and Grant Watts.
- Megan shared our purpose and goal as GWPO is to really focus on the experience of teachers and students.
- GWPO Board introduction

- **Calendar of Events**

- So many opportunities to support and engage with the school!
 - **Apparel Sale** - Forms due 9/29. More details below.
 - **Fun Run** - Friday, October 6th. It is like a jog-a-thon. Envelopes went home this week to start getting pledges.
 - **Harvest Festival** - Saturday, October 28th. More details below. Stacy H is the lead liaison for this event.

- **Family Movie Night** - Friday, November 17. Jenny O is the lead liaison for this event.
 - **Christmas Light Scavenger Hunt:** Forms will be sent home on Friday, December 15
 - **Staff Holiday Treat Boxes:** TBD. Can be homemade treats!
 - **Candygram Sale:** Jan 22 - Feb 9
 - **Family Bingo Night:** Friday, Jan 19 - such a fun night! Beth R is the lead liaison for this event.
 - **Hearts and Arrows Dance:** Saturday, Feb 10
 - **Classified Staff Appreciation Week:** March 4-8
 - **Earth Day:** Monday, April 22
 - **Certified Staff Appreciation Week:** May 6-10
 - **Annual Spring Auction:** Saturday, April 20. Largest fundraiser we do each year. Megan G will be the lead liaison.
- If you are interested in any of the events - please put it in the chat or email us so we can get you in the communications and upcoming meetings.
- Most events this year will be free (we will have a suggested donation)
- **Art Cart**
 - New for this year! Studying an art technique and presenting an art lesson for every grade, every classroom, every month. Can only be done with volunteer support.
 - Volunteers would need to lead the lesson and manage the classroom. Hoping that we get enough volunteers for folks to double up.
 - Please email us or put it in the chat if you can help!
- **Preschool Substitutes**
 - We have a district preschool in our building that isn't attached to Grant Watts. They are looking for individuals who are able to substitute in their classroom. Different from a school district sub.
 - Process:
 - Application process is FREE. Applications are at the school.
 - Background check is through the Early Learning Division and is **in addition** to the volunteer background check that the school has
 - Once received, they will get notice from Early Learning Division to schedule to have fingerprints done. The cost for fingerprints is \$12.00

- Once fingerprints are received and they get a notice in mail that they are "Approved", they will want to contact Cindy Overstreet that they are approved and ready to sub.
- TIP: If they go to online address at bottom of form, it will be faster to complete it online
- Questions? Contact Cindy Overstreet at coverstreet@scappoose.k12.or.us or at 971-200-8021

V. Vice President's Report: Stacy Hristov

● Harvest Festival - Saturday, October 28

- Planning meeting scheduled for **Thursday, September 21 at 7pm on Zoom.**
- Inperson inventory meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, October 3 at 7pm at the Grant Watts Library.**
- This year Stacy is leading Harvest Festival. This is such a fun event Kids and families can dress up, lots of fun - games, snacks, crafts. Takes A LOT of volunteers to make it work.
- We already have a list of games, but we will need volunteers to take inventory, set up decorations, and a lot of people to run the games.
- We understand that you also have kids who want to attend the festival. We break it up the volunteer schedule running the games/booths so that you can volunteer and take your family to enjoy the festivities.
- Please get the word out that we need volunteers for this event!

VI. Treasurer's Report: Beth Rajski

● Apparel Sale

- Order forms went home this week. We also have extras at the front door of the school and we can also email you. **Order forms due Friday, September 29.**
- Have youth and adult sizes - shirts and sweatshirts
- There is an option to "Donate a T-shirt". Tami McDonald, Counselor, coordinates the donated shirts. Goes to new students who join throughout the year. Also hands them out in family care packages.

● Garden

- Thank you so much for all the support. Things that are easy to serve (tomatoes, lettuce) are served for lunch at the school. Also working with a teacher at the high school and the students will clean out the garden and do soil samples this fall. It is a community space - take

tomatoes and other veggies, but please leave the pumpkins for the classrooms.

- **Account balances as of Sept. 11, 2023**

- Checking: \$ 2,045.45 (\$1,036.44 when outstanding checks clear)
- Boost Savings: \$ 62,654.32
- Savings: \$ 298.08
- Money Market: \$ 10,641.42 (Garden Fund) - Can only be used for the garden
- Certificate: \$ 19,674.71 (Renews 5/16/2024) - Can't use; only if GWPO dissolves, it keeps things afloat for the next year.

- **Budget adjustment review**

- Had a surplus of funds that needed to be allocated since the prior budget adoption last spring. The proposed new allocations are as follows:
 - New storage shed - current storage shed is leaking and falling apart. We also pay for a storage unit, and the new shed would take over for the monthly charge
 - Teacher Appreciation - gives us a bit more wiggle room & misc appreciation throughout the year
 - Bingo Night - increased for more prizes
 - Family Movie Night - increase for basic supplies (plates, napkins, popcorn, snacks)
 - Wolves Den - wanted to get more midrange prizes. Currently has a lot of low and high token prizes.
 - Fun Run - additional budget for extra expenses.
 - Harvest Festival - need to replenish supplies - mainly paper products
 - Hearts and Arrows - same as Harvest Festival
 - Popcorn Machine - it really needs to be replaced. Teachers may use going forward
 - Party Supplies - general games and party supplies for events.
 - Class Party Fund - covering the \$5 party money was approved last spring, this adjustment is an increase due to class sizes
 - Art Cart - art supplies, drying racks, cart, etc.
 - Author Visit - Portland based graphic novel writer
 - Still have a contingency fund of \$3000
- **Discussion, questions**
 - No questions/discussion
 - Mary Ann T motioned to approve, Rachael R seconded.

Budget adjustment approved.

- **Fun Run**
 - Goal \$20,000. Pledge envelopes due 10/6 (day of event).
- **Contingency Request**
 - None at this time.
- **Community Rewards**
 - Help earn funds for the school with your shopping!
 - Box Tops - scan in your receipts
 - Fred Meyer - link your rewards to GWPO

VII. Secretary Report: Jenny O'Meara

- Volunteers - thank you all for attending tonight and hope you found ways you can get involved this year. Please share the forms with your friends, classmates, family - anyone who has interest in supporting Grant Watts.
 - [GWPO Volunteer Form](#)
 - [District Background Check Form](#)
 - Discussion if district background check is every year or every 2 years. Confirmed that it is every 2 years.
- Social Media Updates
 - Follow us on [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#)

Upcoming District Meetings:

- Scappoose School District Board Meeting: October 9th at 6:30pm.

Upcoming Grant Watts Events:

- Apparel Sale Ends: September 29th
- Vision Screening: October 3rd
- Walk and Bike to School Day: October 4th
- Annual Grant Watts Fun Run: October 6th
- Statewide In-service Day: October 13th
- Fall Picture Day: October 27th
- Fall Harvest Festival: October 28th

GWPO Next Meeting:

- Thursday, October 5th 2023 at 7:00pm

X. Adjournment:

Megan adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.

Presentation Links:

[9.14.2023 Monthly Meeting](#)

[Scappoose School Bond Presentation](#)