

Minutes
D.A. Grout Elementary School PTA
General Business Meeting
August 23, 2012

1. **Welcome** Call to order 6:35pm
2. **Recognition and Appreciation of Members and Visitors.**
3. **President, Johanna Colgrove –**
 - a. Our first goal this year is to expand our membership. We need to find ways to expand out and develop community intervention.
 - b. Also, we want everyone to start looking towards the 2013-2014 school year and consider whether they would like to be a PTA Leader, or if they know someone who would be good for the role.
 - c. A reminder that all members need to sign up again. An easy way to do that is online at oregonpta.org.
 - d. Johanna has written a welcome letter to parents that will be going out in an email this week.
4. **Principal Report, Susan McElroy –** Staffing at Grout is at a good level, and our enrollment is stable. We no longer have Playworks, which is a big loss. We were able to add a 3rd Grade Teacher.
5. **Budget / Fundraising Financial Report—**Melanie Symms We can't stress enough the importance of the Scrip program.
6. **Volunteers**
 - a. We are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator and a Membership Coordinator. Both positions require a very small time commitment. Please let Johanna know if you are interested.
 - b. Library Volunteers are very important this year.
 - c. We need a Scrip Coordinator as soon as possible.
 - d. We need a Scholastic Book Fair Coordinator. The fair is the week before Thanksgiving. Star volunteered to fill that position.
 - e. We need help distributing Cookie Dough deliveries.
 - f. Our first date at the PTA Clothing Closet is in January. Johanna suggested that we have a clothing drive to donate to the closet. Sheila said that volunteers are needed the most before school starts. She thinks it's really fun.
7. Grout T-Shirts - Johanna stated that new students will receive a free t-shirt, which will be coming soon. We also have Sweatshirt order forms. A Welcome Letter and a list of Volunteer Opportunities will be available in the office. Thayna Baker suggested that we also ask outgoing students to donate their old shirts.
8. Johanna reported that the Teacher Wish List will be posted soon. The bird board worked really well last year.
9. Garden Update – Johanna stated that it's very exciting to see what's going on outside. We have enough money through the Fall to continue working on it's development.
10. Other opportunities: The Harvest Festival is Thursday October 25th. We need Volunteers to help at the event

Meeting Adjourned 7:25 pm