

D.A. Grout Elementary School PTA
Minutes for General Meeting
January 20, 2011

Call to Order – President Sara Price called the meeting to order at 6:38pm.

Introductions – Attendees and officers introduced themselves and a talent that they have. Quorum was established.

Welcome and Mission Statement – Read by Sara. *Goals for the evening:* Have Fun. Be proud for being here and showing how much you value education. Feel free to speak up. Know we appreciate our educators and the dedication we give for our students and community. *Key components of our Team:* Collaboration. Respect each other. Be Accountable. Meetings stay her. Don't assume. We are a team, not a clique. Commitment. We are dedicated to promoting children's health, well being, and educational success through strong parent, family and community involvement.

Approval of Minutes – Sara presented the minutes from the general meeting held on November 19, 2010. There was one correction of 45 members instead of 46.. The minutes were approved as amended by the membership.

Principal's Report – Susan McElroy differed her report to the Bond Measure representative.

Financial Report – Angel presented the budget for people to look at and mentioned the recent purchase of the T-shirts and the next purchase of PE Equipment. Attachment #1 in archive minutes.

Garden Committee – Jill Bailey discussed having a meeting on February 2nd at 5:30pm. They will talk about the garden needs: communicating with teachers, building more beds, finishing things up and writing up a grant or two.

PPS Bond Measure – School Modernization bond measure presented by community member Kristin Teigan. A new revenue measure will be on the May 17th ballot. Community needs to stay informed. Attachments #2, #3, #4 in archive minutes.

For more information visit <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/schoolmodernization/index.htm>

Handout – Summary of School Modernization.

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/schoolmodernization/4819.htm>

Handout – School Building Projects for Central Eastside Portland.

http://www.pps.k12.or.us/files/schoolmodernization/CS-Neighborhood_Work-Central_Eastside.pdf

Handout – District Map Showing Proposed Modernization Projects.

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/files/schoolmodernization/Map08.pdf>

Handout – Chart of Modernization Projects by School.

<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/files/schoolmodernization/Matrix-New-02.pdf>

Free Geek Program and Special Education Volunteers – Michael Kelly discussed two items. The Free Geek after school program is on Fridays for 1 ½ hours. Kids in the 4th and 5th grades learn how to take apart and reassemble used computers. 16 kids signed up and only 2 have dropped out, so 14 free computers will be passed out at the end of the term. He would like to expand the after school program to include more math, technology and science fun for kids. He would like input into building up the program. Free Geek is on SE 10th and just off of SE Clay Street. Free Geek accepts nearly everything that plugs into a computer or an electrical outlet: they will accept your printer, scanner, router, UPS, digital camera, PDA, cell phone, and a whole lot more

Michael also volunteered to coordinate parents willing to help the All Stars students participate in music, art and library classes. The special education classes are in need of parent volunteers to work with the kids. Michael will send out an email with further information.

Craft Fair/ Pancake Breakfast – Besty Miller is the committee head for the upcoming Craft Fair/ Pancake Breakfast for the 2011 Holiday Season. The committee needs to start up now. If you are interested in being involved in the Craft Fair, please get in touch with Besty. Attachment #5 in archive minutes.

Bumper Sticker Design – Voted on bumper sticker designs and all designs were rejected by members.

Upcoming Activities – *Kindergarten Round-up is February 24th. The volunteer food and beverage servers are needed for serving dinner at 6:00pm. Other parent volunteers and community members are needed to man the front hall to talk about school and show people around. Please contact Sara if you are interested in volunteering on this evening.

*March Talent Night – Will be March 31st. A night for performances by students and family.

*April Run for the Arts – Will be April 5th. Volunteers are needed to help set up oranges/juice and help with the classes with tallying the run.

*April 29th Carnival – Two themes were presented (Space and Candy Land) and voted on by the members present. The Space theme won. Terri Burke will coordinate the event and is looking for a co-coordinator. Sheila Custer and Sarah Kirk will coordinate the raffle. Anyone with any ideas for raffle baskets or items to add to baskets should get in touch with Sheila or Sarah.

*May – Teacher Appreciation Week. May 2nd - 6th. A new goal for this is a possible dinner for all staff with student servers along with talents performed for staff by students.

*Rummage Sale is May 14th.

Announcements –

A volunteer is needed to run the E-scrip Program. A certain percent of the money from E-scrip needs to be spent on Physical Education. Back to School money needs to be collected and receipts gathered. Someone with some time is needed to “take it and run with it.”

If there is something you would like to address at the next meeting, motion slips must be in by Thursday, February 10th.

PTA Meetings for the 2010-2011 school year will be in the evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm on the following dates.

Thursday, February 17th, 2011

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Thursday, April 21, 2011

Thursday, May 19, 2011

Adjournment – at 7:40pm