

Meeting Minutes  
D.A. Grout Elementary School PTA  
General Business Meeting  
March 1, 2012

**1. Welcome**

- a. Johanna Colgrove called to order at 6:35pm.

**2. February Minutes Approved**

**3. Principal Report, Susan McElroy**

- a. The tile project is under way.
- b. People had questions about the K-12 Budget. We are still 20.5mm in the hole. The Oregonian article headline was misleading because it sounded smaller.

**4. Budget / Fundraising Financial Report—Melanie Symms**

- a. More Script money received. This is a good source for us.

**5. Upcoming Events**

- a. Family Art Night, March 8th – Susan informed everyone that it will be the same format as usual. There will be a light meal. Watercolor artwork. Dinner is at 6pm, Art starts 6:30pm. Call Dusty by tomorrow if you want food.
- b. PTA Clothing Closet , Thurs., March 22nd, 9am. We need five volunteers. Sheila and Sarah Krick will be there. The drama night is the same day. Betsy will run the Bake Sale.
- c. Spring Festival of Flags Thursday, April 12th. Sara Price noted that we need good raffle items, cakes, and Volunteers to help.
- d. Run for the Arts – We also need Volunteers to help with the Run for the Arts – Getting food and water prepped, etc..
- e. Garden Work Parties First one is this weekend. We will be spreading manure and weeding.
- f. We discussed selling concessions during Volleyball Games and Spring Baseball games.
- g. A (not at the meeting) brought up to some PTA members that they did not know the Rummage Sale was cancelled and they'd like to organize a Plant Sale/Bake Sale/Concessions event. Angel and Teresa will head it up and organize it for May.

**6. New Business**

- a. Johanna mentioned that one of the Parents at the Round Up said that in the past the PTA asked for donations starting at the beginning of the year.
  - b. Johanna mentioned the SCOOP ON SCHOOLS. They want a profile on Grout so they're asking Parents to write what they believe are Grout's five strengths and five weaknesses.
  - c. Portland City Council needs a Principal and Teacher of the Year. We need Parent, Student, Staff and Community recommendations for the Principal and Teacher of the Year. If you have suggestions, email Johanna. Please make it 100 words or less. We need it by the first week of April. Johanna has a group of questions and will make a copy.
  - d. Leadership discussion: Johanna asked if new leadership every year is our goal. Sarah Krick mentioned that she thinks having the same leader is beneficial because it has become a position that delegates vs. doing it all themselves. Sara Price noted that the best quality of a PTA Leader is keeping the focus on the kids, which is the reason we're all here. Benjamina Balmer stated that she believes a two year term is beneficial because the leader is then no longer learning and will have the experience to take things on. Johanna noted that the position of President is within her realm, but Secretary and Treasurer are not. She wants everyone to think about their goals. Johanna will serve as President for one more year, and Melanie Symms will be Treasurer.
- e. Kindergarten Coffee – The Parents discussed a music program and brainstormed on how to do it. The next meeting is tomorrow. They will create a phone book of Kindergarten Parents. Johanna would like the Parents to be encouraged to join the PTA mailing list.

**7. Adjournment 7:35PM**