

**PTA Minutes – Robert Gray Middle School
Meeting of April 16, 2007**

In attendance: General audience; Board Members: Richelle Jones, Melanie McNett, Lisa Hazel;
School administration: Larry Dashiell

Co-president, Richelle Jones, called meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of March 19 meeting approved as presented.

Financial Report

- No treasurer report due to illness

Committee Reports/Updates:

- Play news: Rosemary S. unable to report due to illness; according to Larry, kids excited, learning life skills about sharing of personal issues, comraderie; good to see kids involved who are not involved elsewhere.
- Run for Arts (Richelle): date set for 4/25 with rain back-up of 4/30
- Teacher appreciation (Daureen Morris): event ideas include breakfast buffet, gift cards, chocolate bars, lunch; Liz McDougall reminded us to use local merchants whenever possible as they support RG frequently
- Foundation update: Libby McCaslin has sent letters; her goal is \$50K; starting a limited telephone campaign; PPS will send letter 5/1 to all RG families; Larry will plug foundation at play and 5th grade parent nights.

New Business:

- Next year's PTA Board nominations stand at: President, Rosemary Schwimmer; President-elect, none; Treasurer, Randee Wright Johnson; Volunteer Coordinators, Melanie McNett (classroom) and Richelle Jones (activities); Secretary, Lisa Hazel. We are still looking for other interested candidates.
- Back to School Picnic needs new chairperson(s).
- Richelle will announce board openings and picnic chairperson position to feeder schools.

Site Council Update:

- State testing for rest of year will be paper and pencil.
- School Improvement Plan, simple revision of last year's plan; Site Council will review and make necessary additions, review/assess if RG is meeting the plan's goals and/or following the plan

Principal's Report, Larry Dashiell:

- RG received two late grants: one for ELL assistance for before/after school tutors; other funds (\$19K) will go to assisting 49 students that come to RG from other schools, will pay for activity bus until year-end, 5 teachers to be tutors, counselor hours to check on student progress, staff development for LC Oregon Writer's Project
- Promotions committee drafting letter to 8th grade parents as "thank you" and behavior/dress reminders for participation
- Parent Leadership conference scheduled for 4/21
- Family Arts Night, Thurs. 4/18, still needs volunteers

Meeting adjourned by co-president, Richelle Jones, at 8:05 pm
Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Hazel, Secretary