

PTG MEETING MINUTES

Wilson Elementary School PTG

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 7:00 pm | Wilson Library | Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 pm by Kendra Chapman

Minutes Submitted by Krista Kautzman

PTG Officers in Attendance

Kendra Kimball Chapman, President
Kelli Wright, Vice-President
Gretchen Cleveland, Treasurer
Ana-Maria Ehrler, Treasurer Elect
Krista Kautzman, Secretary

Welcome / Intro from Kendra -1 min

Kendra Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes -1 min

The January 2025 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve Kendra second by Ana Ehrler, all in favor. — Motion Passes

Celebrations, Kendra Chapman, President -2 min

- Book Bingo- Scott Rasmussen, Rod Burke for hosting and the volunteers who helped out.
- Wilson Skate Night: thanks to all who attended
- Building Bridges: thanks to Erin Lipsker, Mike Syron, all participants, Jillian Vickerman, Vanessa & Danlyn Ruppert for the childcare.

Treasurer's Update, Gretchen Cleveland, Treasurer -4 min

- **Budget Update—**
- Recognize that the interest generated with Umpqua means we're about \$600 ahead of budget.
- Expenses since last meeting: Hospitality- holiday breakfast, Wildcat Wake Ups; extracurriculars; field trips; last year's pancake feed costs
- Doing better at closing things out from previous school year
- MOD pizza night revenue only income since last meeting

Information Items

- **DEI Subcommittee**-Jenna Parisi (7 min)
 - Put together some questions for Mr Syron
 - Can you tell us a little bit about the DEI work or guiding principles on your mind? Any initiatives on their way? Biggest initiative this year is Beloved Communities from the district. Training for

staff and parents alike. For Wilson administrative team, the focus is to look at our underprivileged kids and their families and trying to make sure they're being included in all the activities we have.

- What are you hearing regarding the new presidential administration as it relates to DEI practices in the district? As far as he knows, nothing will change from what's been put in place over the past few years.
- What can we as a staff do to support you in your DEI efforts? Sharing connections with culture/real life experience with Wilson community. (List of people to bring into the school or visit via field trips)
- If there's an individual caregiver or family or member of the DEI committee who has a concern, how should we share that with you? If it's a classroom issue, go to the teacher first. Next steps would be Mr Syron, Ms Park, Ms Campbell. Final step would be to go to Jeremy Oaks (Mr Syron's supervisor). ThrillShare/Let's Talk via the district website.
- Working on: 1) survey for caregivers in the community to better understand perspectives and any barriers to engagement 2) equity checklist for PTG events to aid in planning and reflection
- **CAC Update—Kelli Wright—(6 min)**
 - Board member encouraged all parents to reach out to elected representatives to defend public education and the Department of Education
 - Adam Swinyard gave reminder for enrollment
 - SPS and Spokane City/Parks and Recs partnership information to come
 - Engage IRL:
 - We have a zone navigator to represent LC Feeder Pattern to aid in bringing programming to our school. 5 paid roles in the district to help achieve Engage IRL goals. Crystal Medina is our point person.
 - My goal is to have 75% of kids engaged in something every day after school
 - Looking to expand out programming to cross elementary/middle/high school levels.
 - How can we engage all students including those with disabilities or those in kindergarten and 1st grade?
 - How can we get more volunteers engaged?
- **Winter Extracurriculars—Kelli Wright (3 min)**
 - Goal: support current programs and provide structure for bringing in new idea/activities
 - April meeting: review programs over the last year and begin planning for 2025-26 school year. Email meeting.
 - Community Planning meeting May 13th at 6pm (right before PTG meeting)
 - Spring extracurricular sign ups coming up soon.
- **STEM Night – Ana Ehrler (2 min)**
 - Packets went home to 3-5 graders for science fair projects
 - Projects must be completed by 10 am on Feb 25th so they are ready for judging
 - EWU Women in Science Club is coming in to make ice cream. Thanks to Rosauers for supply donation. Also bringing an engineering escape room.
 - Mobius will be there along with representatives from Sacajawea and LC science departments.
 - Volunteers needed to help set up, run, clean up, and judge.
- **Volunteer Coordinator Needs? –Ana Ehrler (3 min)**
 - Teachers, feel free to contact Ana if you need help bringing volunteers into your classrooms
 - Facing challenges with bringing volunteers in and trying to increase volunteer recognition
 - Top Volunteers for January were Kendra Chapman, Alex Brajcich, Janelle Jenkins, and Rachel Goshorn
 - Nominate volunteers on PTG website
- **PTG Discussion Series—Kendra Chapman (4 min)**
 - Parenting in the Digital Age: 2 Upcoming Events
 - March 25 6-7:30pm Screenagers Film and Discussion:
 - April 22nd 6-7:30pm Book Discussion The Anxious Generation

- Please register on the PTG website
- **Building Bridges to Beloved Community: Kendra Chapman (5 min)**
 - Building Bridges To Beloved Community added to website including videos from the presentations
 - 30 parents/caregivers registered. 24 attended on Tuesday; 21 attended on Thursday. Spent \$160 on childcare coming in under-budget by \$40. Feedback was that childcare was very much appreciated.
 - Great to be in community with other families.
 - Bre Orcasitas asks if there will be another opportunity to participate in the training. Kendra Chapman says no, it's typically only offered a few times per year.
- **Volunteer Interest Form- Kendra Chapman (8 min)**
 - Please follow link on screen to complete the survey now.
 - Only 3 parents have done so thus far.
 - Goal is to discover more about where/how people are interested in volunteering. Would love to spread the workload out across more people.
 - We will need at least 1 new PTG board member for the 2025-26 school year and a new president for the 2026-27 school year. Hoping to find someone to step into role of president elect for this upcoming school year to ease the transition into the role for the following year.

Principal's Update- Mike Syron 4 min

- Happy 18th Birthday to Mr. Syron's son
- Thanks to PTG for covering costs to cater PLID day for staff this upcoming Friday
- Shout out to leadership kids and Sierra Campbell for their work on the MLK assembly
- Last week was School Counselor's week and kids/staff showered Ms Campbell with love
- Final training for Beloved Community for PLID this Friday along with elementary version of "Screenagers" and preview of new gradebook.
- District shifting to new gradebook next year called "Forefront." Chosen by 96% vote from the committee.
- Excited to be in an elementary school for Valentine's Day.

New Discussion Items—Questions—Comments—Ideas

- Wilson Goes Wild – Bre Orcasitas (10 min)
 - PTG Newsletter includes a "Thinking Green" segment
 - Morning announcements include a "Wilson Goes Wild" portion covering different topics
 - Goal is to bring awareness to the fact that everything we need comes from the earth
 - Discussed Earth Day planning with Anne Park. Ideas include picking up trash on your way to school; No Waste Lunch day (4th and 5th graders could promote) hoping to do a trash comparison of normal day vs no waste day; Planting pollinator garden; art projects provided to the teachers for the week leading up to it
 - Connection to Engage IRL via meet ups at parks for outdoor/nature activities like sledding or geocaching, etc.
 - Green Committee is open to anyone interested. People can reach out to Bre via bre434@gmail.com or through Ani Morgan in the Student Directory
 - Kelli Wright suggests adding Green Committee to volunteer survey

- Gretchen Cleveland suggests reaching out to garden-focused parents to aid in pollinator garden.
- Tonja Brown brings up that at the end of Girls On The Run registration it requests a \$200 fee. Kendra will look into the amount and be sure that wording is included on our website.
- Kendra Chapman presents request to restock the staff Wellness Cart.

Meeting Adjourned

7:58 pm by Kendra Chapman — Attendance: (34 total in attendance— 19 in person — 15 online)