

# PTG MEETING MINUTES

Wilson Elementary School PTG

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 7:00 pm | Wilson Library | Meeting Called to Order at 7:08 pm Kendra Chapman

Minutes Submitted by Krista Kautzman

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## PTG Officers in Attendance

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Kelli Wright, Vice-President

Ana Ehrler, Treasurer

Krista Kautzman, Secretary

Carlos Lozano, Member at Large

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## Welcome / Intro from Ana – 1 min

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## Approval of Minutes -1 min

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The April 2026 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Ana Ehrler; second by Carlos Lozano. All in favor. – Motion Passes

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## Celebrations, Ana Ehrler -2 min

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- Teacher Appreciation-
  - Sierra Campbell said staff was very, very grateful and appreciative
- Rod Burke and Cade Conklin for producing the Talent Show

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## Treasurer's Update, Ana Ehrler, Treasurer -7 min

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- **Budget Update—**
  - Current remaining budget aligns with projected budget for 2026-27
  - Requests that committee chairs review budget and recommend any adjustments (more or fewer funds)
  - Provide input before June 1st
  - \$50,225 remaining and projected to spend another \$15,000-\$20,000 this year which puts us on track for the 2026-27 school year considering the approximately \$65,000 in the money market
  - Still waiting on invoices from STEM night
  - 5<sup>th</sup> graders taking a field trip to Feast World Kitchen
  - Pancake Feed, 5<sup>th</sup> grade promotion, Wilson Alum Scholarship, yearbooks all upcoming expenses
- **26-27 Year Budget Request**
  - Ana proposes to give teachers \$400 checks for 2026-27 school year
- **One Book, One School Funds Request-** Sierra Campbell (10 min)

- o Working with Ms Smulkowski with an SPS foundations grant to fund this but wanted to put in a request in case grant is denied
- o Other schools in the district use this program (Hutton, Grant, etc)
- o Opportunity for families to come together to promote literacy
- o Program provides a book for each student or family and one for each staff member
- o Collaborative reading experience as a school including a reading schedule and school activities
- o Aligns with the Community Connections Committee- hoping to highlight/promote the neurodivergent community and looking into “A Boy Called Bat”
- o Estimated cost for 332 books would be \$2500
- o Ana asks if the family gets to keep the book
- o Carlos asks What does the engagement look like at other schools?
  - Kick off assembly, each week has trivia/activities, opportunities to read/listen at school too
- o What is the timeline for ordering books?
  - If grant goes through, order books as soon as possible and launch program at winter conferences
- o Open to options including one book per family or one book per child
- o Raederle moves to put \$2500 as a line item for this funds request. Carlos seconds.

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## Information Items

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- **Principal’s Update**— Anne Park (2 min)
  - State testing this week and next; focus on rest and snacks
  - Thank you to the PTG for all the teacher appreciation
  - Parent feedback for class placement closes on Friday
  - Field Day has been moved from June 12<sup>th</sup> to June 10<sup>th</sup>
  - 2 new teachers next year: Kathy Chalich in 1<sup>st</sup> grade and Lee Hancock in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- **DEI Committee Update**— Raederle Swanson (2 min)
  - Very excited for One Book, One School
  - Adding a Multicultural Night next year; teaming up with LC feeder pattern
  - No more meetings this year but hoping to have people join in the fall
  - Switching to meeting every other month
- **CAC** – Tonja Brown (4 min)
  - Half the meeting was Dr Swinyard going over the school start times
    - No official decisions made yet
    - Trend right now is looking like middle school will start first, 30-45 min window before high school begins, and then another 30-45 min window before elementary begins
    - Thinking about STA bus contract for free youth passes expires in 2032; if not extended it will be millions of dollars lost
    - Middle schools currently have a 1.5 mile walking radius; with our own busses we can hopefully go back to a 1 mile radius
    - Planning to ramp up Express care offered for elementary students
    - Start time would change for the 2027-28 school year
    - Once in a lifetime opportunity to bring bussing in house and change start times; all very data driven
- **Green Club**- Bre Orcasitas (9 min)

- Walk for Water with 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes took place during science class
    - Ms Helms wants to do it again next year
    - Ana, Anne, Sierra all helped out
  - Parent reached out with concern for heat on playground due to lack of shade
    - Idea to plant more shade trees in small grassy area; potential to use the SpoCanopy project
    - Ana notes that we discussed this in the fall with Ms Passinetti
      - District denied ability to do anything permanent
      - Tables/umbrellas were discussed but not a great option
      - Need to follow up with Mr Syron; will require creativity as a PTG to solve the problem
  - Carnival coming up: missing 2 large water coolers
    - Please reach out to Bre if you know where these are
    - Has a back up for carnival but would like original containers back
  - Final meeting in early June
    - Hoping to take the kids to Comstock Park to practice setting up tents and explore different camping equipment as well as compass use
  - Still looking for someone to take over Green Committee lead for next year
  - Hoping to have a paddle board party toward the end of the school year
- **Extracurricular Committee** --- Diana Costa (13 min)
    - Getting ready to finalize fall offerings
      - September through December
    - Looking for leads for the various programs
      - Typically not a problem to find parent volunteers to support leads
      - People are interested in, but we need leads for:
        - Lego Club, Chess Club, Play Club, Pickleball, Flag Football, Green Club, Art After School
      - Would like to get this finalized soon so it's set to go before June
      - Co-leading is a great option
      - Potential to be a paid lead; district paperwork required
      - Caitlin volunteers for Play Club and Lego Club
      - Bre suggests recruiting volunteers at Pizza in the Park: using a 1 event/family model
    - Trying to figure out the right level of events/activities as our culture has shifted since 2021 when our extracurricular program was first built
    - Having a staff lead helps things go much more smoothly
    - Lego Robotics is going away after 2027-28 school year; next year will be the last year for the program here
      - Looking to shift away from formal Lego Robotics; offering a different model to help reach a greater number of students
      - Potential to sponsor 1 team if there is great demand and support
  - **Movie Night**— Tonja Brown (2 min)
    - Full gym; estimated 130-140 people
    - So fun to have pajama day and movie night line up
    - Thanks to everyone who helped!

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## New Discussion Items—Questions—Comments—Ideas

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- **Carnival Update:** Ana Ehrler (2 min)
  - Volunteers needed
  - Online ticket sales end tomorrow; Available for 3/\$1 at the door
- **Dine Out-** Ana Ehrler (1 min)
  - Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> at Carusos
  - Please RSVP before the 22<sup>nd</sup> to ensure the event goes forward
- **Retiring Teachers Survey-** Ana Ehrler (1 min)
  - Extended through May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- **2026-27 Calendar-** Ana Ehrler (1 min)
  - Event chairs need to send their event information to Ana
- **2026-27 PTG Board Elections—**Ana Ehrler (3 min)
  - President: Carlos Lozano
  - Vice President: Kelli Wright
  - Secretary: Krista Kautzman
  - Treasurer: Ana Ehrler
  - Treasurer Elect: Caitlin Lajoie
  - Member at Large: Sarah Tsikalas

Meeting Adjourned 8:08 pm by Ana Ehrler —Attendance: (16 total in attendance—8 in person —8 online)