

PTG MEETING MINUTES

Wilson Elementary School PTG

Tuesday, April 1, 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 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 February 2025 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve Kendra second by Gretchen Cleveland, all in favor. — Motion Passes

Celebrations, Kendra Chapman, President -2 min

- Monthly Dine Out Events Tonja Brown
 - Wildcat Wake Up- Emily Allen and Sarah Rodgers
 - Screenagers- Kurt Heineman, facilitator, childcare by Jillian Vickerman, Vanessa and Danlyn Ruppert
 - Childcare: 18 registered and 11 attended
 - Participants: 30 people registered and 24 attended
 - Stayed under budget on childcare
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Principal's Update, Mike Syron - 18 min

- Today 5th graders got to go to the career fair at the fairgrounds
- Volunteer appreciation morning of April 25th
- 25th is Family Movie Night
- Schoolwide STEAM field trip coming up in Manito Park on May 28th or 29th as part of programming for high school feeder pattern
- SBAC testing coming up in May
 - Grades 3-5
 - Teachers get to decide when to test within the testing window and will give parents notice of dates
- School district is moving from Dreambox and Lexia to MAP assessments next year. Adopting for grades 3-5 and piloting with 1st and 2nd graders. Testing will occur 3 times a year.
 - MAP testing is computer based standardized testing and there are math and reading tests

- o Jeff Klein asks about how much class time is used to administer the tests. Mr Syron says one day each time.
- o Dreambox will be sunset completely and Lexia will be used to supplement if/when needed
- New SPS Ambassadors program. Megan Adams and Nicole Harniteaux will represent Wilson at monthly meetings with Adam Swinyard and then report back to Wilson. Goal is to communicate clear, concise, and consistent information to schools across the district.
- The difference between SPS Ambassadors and CAC program is that the emphasis of SPS Ambassadors will be on the Better Together program and direct people to accurate sources of information.
- Laura Baumgardner asks about plans for the muddy areas on the playground. They will be turfed in June.
 - o There will also be playground improvements in the east playground area. Laura suggests a nature-scape for the area above the brick wall.
 - o Alex Brajcich asks about exploration of different types of turf to be sure they're safe for the kids.
 - o Tonja Brown says there has historically been an opportunity for parents to give feedback on classroom placement/sizing and Mr. Syron says this will be happening later in the spring. Huge budget shortfall state and district wide is contributing to delays in finalization of classroom planning. Doesn't see things changing regarding class sizes within the district.
 - o Alicia Richards asks about the impact for children who have choiced into Wilson. Will need to apply for choice again for next year and numbers will be evaluated at the end of August.

Treasurer's Update, Gretchen Cleveland, Treasurer -3 min

- **Budget Update—**
 - o Revenue generated from student design shirts: about \$200
 - o A little behind in projected revenue from Flower Basket Sales
 - o Overall, fairly on target for projected revenue for the year and should end on target
 - o Thank you to everyone, especially committee chairs, for being mindful of your budgets
 - o A few field trip expenses posted
 - o STEM Night came in under budget
- Ana Ehrler will reach out to committee chairs for 2025-26 school year about this year's budgets and projected budgets for the upcoming school year. Hopefully we can approve next year's budget at the June meeting. Next year's fundraiser will determine how the next 2 years are budgeted.
- Tonja Brown wonders if there's anything PTG can do next year to help offset any district budget cuts. Gretchen recommends the conversation take place after Wildcat Walk when we have a solid sense of what our funds will be.

Information Items

- **DEI Subcommittee-** Lindsey Gilbert (1 min)
 - Piloting a field trip with Feast World Kitchen for one classroom
 - Hoping this can lead into a multi-cultural club (encouraged by the district)
- **Spring Extracurriculars—**Jeff Klein (3 min)
 - Looking for feedback regarding communication
 - Kendra sent PTG text with reminders about closing registrations
 - Community planning meeting on May 13th at 6pm for the 2025-26 school year
- **Volunteer Coordinator Needs—**Ana Ehrler (1 min)
 - Request for a volunteer for lunchtime to be a buddy for a student in need. Reach out to Ana if interested.
- **Earth Day Events-** Bre Orcasitas (3 min)

- Morning litter pick up on the way to school
- During school kids will be given the opportunity to do an Earth Day pledge and will receive grade-relevant classroom content
- No-Waste Lunch Day
- Hoping to have 5th Grade Leadership Team help with promotion
- After school: hoping to begin to till the ground for the pollinator garden
- Last week was the Wilson Goes Wild logo contest and hopefully stickers will be ready to hand out on Earth Day
- **Family Movie Night-** Tonja Brown (2 min)
 - 2nd Annual Movie Night will be Moana 2 on Friday, April 25th 6-8pm
 - Very casual
 - Bring a picnic dinner, blankets/chairs, etc.
 - Candy concessions available for purchase and free popcorn provided
 - Children must be accompanied by an adult
 - Looking for a few volunteers to help with popcorn, concessions, and clean up
- **Staff Appreciation Week-** Emily Allen and Sarah Rodgers (3 min)
 - Sign Up Genius is available soon for anyone interested in helping out
 - More information to come
 - Mr. Syron is unable to use his building budget to help with this event but still has just under \$900 in his staff budget from PTG. Gretchen is comfortable with using the funds for this cause.
 - Feast World Kitchen is hosting luncheon on Friday.
 - Mr. Syron will meet with Emily and Sarah about detailed plans.
- **Carnival-** Sarah Rodgers (3 min)
 - 9 weeks away
 - First Save the Date will go out April 30th
 - Get in touch with Sarah Rodgers or Kate Smith if interested in volunteering
- **PTG Discussion Series & Flower Basket Sale—**Kendra Chapman (2 min)
 - April 22nd Book Discussion: The Anxious Generation 6-7:30pm
 - Related podcasts linked on PTG website
 - Flower Basket Sale runs through Friday, April 11th
 - We have not yet met the expected numbers
 - Hanging baskets and patio pots both available
- **Leadership Vacancies 2025-26-** Kendra Chapman (5 min)
 - Looking for:
 - President Elect
 - Extracurricular Chair
 - CAC Board (1-2 people)
 - Monster Mash/March
 - Book Bingo
 - Family Directory
 - Dine Out Events
 - Parents' Night Out
 - Hospitality Committee (Wildcat Wake-Up/Welcoming New Families/Treats for Staff)

New Discussion Items—Questions—Comments—Ideas

- **Art Collaboration Funds Request—**Jeff Klein (4 min)
 - Jeff thought the Grant/Roosevelt Partnership money would fund this
 - Art Collaboration already happened and it was great (Jefferson and Roosevelt participated with us at Sacajawea)

- Extra \$400 for transportation. \$470 is total request to use from the Partnership fund which currently has \$691.
- Kendra Chapman moves to approve, Lindsey Gilbert seconds. All in favor.
- **Flower Basket Project Funds Request-** Trish Miller (2 min)
 - 2 days to offer 25 kids/day to participate in planting their own flower basket
 - Lima Nursery has offered discounts and donations for us and we're looking at \$500 funds request
 - Open to 1st-5th graders though 1st and 2nd graders will need a caregiver with them
 - Would like to keep this extracurricular free for those who want to participate
 - Gretchen states unallotted funds available for the year are \$1200
 - Sarah Rodgers moves to approve, Kendra Chapman seconds. All in favor.
- **Active4Youth-** Jinny Piskel (10 min)
 - Active4Youth is the fall cross country program for the district, West Valley and Central Valley
 - 6,000 students and 60 elementary schools served
 - October 14th they will have a smaller, casual auction at Iron Goat Brewing. There will be a few baskets and some live auction items.
 - PTGs and coaches previously donated baskets for the auction (generating \$10-\$12k) but this year they're asking for schools who are able to donate \$250-\$1000 to fill the gap lost by eliminating this portion of the auction.
 - Sponsorships are available for the backs of the All-City shirts.
 - Active4Youth gets ½ the proceeds from Jr. Bloomsday
 - Always in need of volunteers.
- **Scholarship Committee**—Laura Baumgardner (3 min)
 - \$1500 dollar budget
 - Applications are out now and will be reviewed at the end of May
 - Looking for 2-3 volunteers to help make selections (Tonja Brown, Kelli Wright, and Krista Kautzman volunteer)

Meeting Adjourned

8:12 pm by Kendra Chapman — Attendance: (20 total in attendance— 14 in person —6 online)