

# MINUTES

## Wilson Elementary School PTG

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*Tuesday, April 13, 2020 7:02 pm | Zoom Meeting Called to Order by Carly Howarth  
Minutes Submitted by Kendra Kimball Chapman*

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### PTG Officers in Attendance

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Carly Howarth, President

Carly Pickering, Vice-President

Katie Glazier, Treasurer

Tonja Brown, Outreach Secretary

Kendra Kimball Chapman, Secretary

### Approval of Minutes

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The March minutes were reviewed. Josie Dix clarified that the new bricks won't be completed in April as reported last month; rather the work will happen sometime over the summer. Motion to approve by Dave Gilbert, seconded by Alexis Padgham. All in favor of approval.

### Treasurer's Report – Katie Glazier

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- The Mod Pizza fundraisers brought in \$620 this school year. The checks have been deposited.
- The flower basket sale was a great success! We don't have the total profit calculated yet but we're anticipating a profit of approximately \$1280.

### Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) – Katelyn Hunt

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- The board will meet tomorrow to discuss reducing social distancing requirements from 6' to 3'. If they vote yes then perhaps grades 5 & 6 will return full time. 7-12 will be considered after that.
- Cultural Sensitivity Training is in the works

### Old Business

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- PTG Newsletter: Paw Prints (Tonja Brown coordinating)
  - We loved featuring our students in last month's newsletter. Please keep the submissions coming! Newsletter will go out Thursday or Friday of next week. Send submissions to [wilsonwildcatsptg@gmail.com](mailto:wilsonwildcatsptg@gmail.com)
- PTG elections will happen next month, per our bylaws.
  - Please submit names for elections via the PTG email. Everyone is welcome and we appreciate new people and ideas! Each position can be held by the same person for a maximum of three years. It's especially helpful to have someone shadow the role of treasurer before taking over. Would anyone like to shadow Katie next year (it would be her third year serving as treasurer)?

- Wilson Gives- Sheridan Partnership (Katelyn Hunt coordinating)
  - The flower basket sale was a great success! Thank you to everyone who participated. 102 baskets were sold and all proceeds go to start the seed money for this project. Discussions on how to use the money are ongoing.
- Policies and Procedures Document is in the works. Hopefully we'll have that soon.
- Carnival Block Party (Josie Dix and Courtney Malone coordinating) – Planning for Friday evening May 21 or June 4. They are working to get a permit to close down 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and Monroe streets to allow for more social distancing during the carnival. No police presence is required but we'd need all property owners along those streets to agree to the temporary closure. Less than 10 houses are affected so hopefully they'll say yes. The PTG would pay the \$100 permit fee. PTG typically hires security as well.
- Wilson Tshirts (Carly Howarth) – Joel Barbour, owner of GreatPNW, designed a new shirt for us.
  - Our cost per basic tshirt is approximately \$5.55 through Bison Printing; they are extending us a great deal. The proposal is to charge families just \$3/student shirt and we subsidize the rest (approximately \$2.55/student). We will buy tshirts for next year's kinders and offer shirts to staff at cost. We will also sell shirts at a profit to families.
  - Opinions shared from the group:
    - Yes! This is a shirt I'd actually like to wear!
    - Why isn't there a wildcat in the design?
    - We want the typical student-designed yearly tshirt.
    - Clarification was given that the student design contest for yearly shirts has always been sponsored by the office rather than the PTG. There is a meeting this week to discuss that effort. This PTG sponsored shirt was created with the goal of generating profits and having a shirt that staff and students will feel proud to wear outside of the school.
  - Chad O'Donnell motions to approve the shirt funding, Kendra Chapman seconds. An anonymous poll was conducted resulting in unanimous approval.

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## New Business

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- PTG Website (Carly Howarth)
  - We'd like to have one. Other schools have incredible PTG websites. Who can help create one? Please reach out via our PTG email.
- Bike Train (Kate Smith) – Kate and Heidi Bresson have been working together to create a regular Friday bike train to school. They've planned a map through the community with four routes and scheduled start times.
  - Informal kick-off this Friday.
  - We need volunteers to lead the bike trains and act as crossing guards – especially across 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - Josie S. wonders if we have space to store all those bikes with our limited playground space. Ken reports that we do have enough space to lock up tons of bikes. Some can be placed behind the locked gate on the playground.
  - How do we include bussers (Christie K.)? Those that are able could drive to a starting point and join the bike train. Alexis suggests we use the knee scooters from the gym and let the bussers take a lap around the playground. Josie points out that the district has bikes available for a bike unit. How do we incorporate that? Courtney suggests families bring extra bikes for kids to use.
- Zoom vs. In-Person PTG Meetings (Kendra Chapman) – Once the district allows meetings to resume in person, should we gather as a community again or continue to meet via zoom?
  - Several members voiced the importance of meeting in person and building community

- Several members voiced the desire to continue meeting via zoom because it's so much more convenient and doesn't require childcare. The teachers especially love zoom because it's hard for them to return to the building after working there all day and many live outside the neighborhood. While meetings have been held on zoom we've had fantastic teacher attendance. 5 teachers in attendance today! In school years past there have been many meetings without any teacher attendance. Teachers bring great insight and are an important part of the PTG.
- We compiled the data beginning in the 2016-17 school year and see that attendance has increased since we started meeting via zoom. For example, there are 30 people present today. No April meeting last year due to the pandemic. There were 18 present in April 2018-19 and only 11 in April 2016-17.
- PTG board presents three options for the group to consider:
  - Only In-Person Meetings
  - Only Zoom Meetings
  - Hybrid option: in-person meetings in September & May and zoom meetings the other months
- Several parents urge consideration of a combination model where every meeting is held in person with the option to attend online via zoom.
- PTG board considered that option but worried it would be difficult to realize. It would require a dedicated technology person and added equipment. Equitable participation is a major concern: will zoom attendees be able to hear, speak, and vote as easily as those attending in person?
- Dave Gilbert volunteers to be the tech chair during the 2021-22 school year and handle the logistics of a combination in-person/zoom meeting.
- Ken mentions that the district is encouraging the continued use of zoom as a regular meeting format
- An anonymous poll is conducted, resulting in:
  - Only In-Person Meetings: 0%
  - Only Zoom Meetings: 8%
  - Hybrid Meetings (In-Person Sept & May, zoom in between): 35%
  - Combination (Each meeting held in person with the option to zoom in): 58%
- The group concludes that we will proceed with the combination format (each meeting held in person with the option to zoom in) once the district allows in-person meetings to resume. If we find that the combination meetings do not work or aren't equitable then we will default to the hybrid option detailed above.
- Ken Hermanson Updates: small boundary changes for Wilson have been proposed as part of a district-wide rezoning to accommodate 6<sup>th</sup> graders in middle school. Changes would start in 2023. Some legacy families will have the option to stay and finish their Wilson careers.

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### Next Meeting

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Tuesday, May 11, 2021, Zoom

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### Meeting Adjourned

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8:13 pm by Carly Howarth.

## Referenced Documents

