

PTG MEETING MINUTES

Wilson Elementary School PTG

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 7:00 pm | Wilson Elementary Library | Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 pm by Kendra Chapman

Minutes Submitted by Ana-Maria Ehrler

PTG Officers in Attendance

Kendra Kimball Chapman, President
Tonja Brown, Vice-President
Gretchen Cleveland, Treasurer—Via Zoom
Ana Ehrler, Secretary— Via Zoom

Welcome / Intro from Kendra

Kendra Chapman called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The [March Minutes were reviewed](#). Motion to approve by Lindsey Purseley, Kelli Wright seconds. All in favor. — Motion Passes

Celebrations, Kendra Chapman, President

- Kendra Chapman gave a huge shout out to the Carnival Committee and the work they are doing to put this amazing event on.
- Another note of good news from the IRS forgave our 2021 filing deficiency and the \$3,000 was written in a check this is in addition to the \$1860,00 from 2020 AND IRS paid back with interest ~\$91. The only concern is the potential for the 3d year (2022) where all 3 of the taxes were filed that year to receive a note, potentially pay and wait to receive reimbursement. Since we have done this now twice, at least it gives us a better idea about the forgiveness.

Treasurer's Update, Gretchen Cleveland, Treasurer

- **Budget Update**— Gretchen Cleveland—All should receive the itemized [Transaction List](#) since last meeting and the [budget](#) as executed in your packets. The IRS interest looks like a negative on the report but is a positive (its a quickbooks remark). Tonja was spot on in her Movie Night reporting since last meeting.
- In the next few weeks, the PTG board is looking to dial in the budget for next year and Gretchen welcomes Chairs to start looking at what they may need and either submit this estimate to Gretchen to take into consideration (more on priorities and budget from Kendra later in the meeting). We have two years of data loaded into Quick Books (2022-2023 Budget [here](#)) and hopefully this can help build a better budget picture that aligns with the PTGs priorities.

Information Items

- **CAC Update**-Kate M. & Sarah Rodgers—No report since last PTG meeting.
- **Carnival**-Josie Dix —-Flyers went out, the [Ticket sales are live](#), there is a [website](#) where everything for Carnival is located. Josie is requesting families with older kids (Wilson Alum) be reached out to to help with Carnival to [volunteer](#). This is a huge lift and it takes lots of volunteers to make it happen. Her team is working hard. Everything is costing a bit more this year (still trying to keep ticket prices affordable) It is in April this year vs

May; as it was for the previous 20 years, never know how the weather will cooperate. Was hot last year and ran out of ice. Kendra reiterated; everyone can attend Carnival and there is a [link](#) on the Carnival page and this is an email that goes to Ms. Alfstad where anyone who needs financial assistance can request. Teachers if you know some of your students are in need please pass this to Ms. Alfstad. Sarah Rodgers, Kate Smith and Kelli Wright have agreed to take on this beast next year.

- **Parents Night Out**—Jake Rodgers is organizing it this year it is April 11th 6:30-9:30pm at Lumber Beard Brewery located 25 E 3d Ave, Spokane, WA 99202.
- **Scholarship Committee Formation**—Kendra Chapman gave a quick explanation of this, and the time commitment is relevantly low, but they look at the applications and then determine how to divide the scholarship funds out. Kendra & Tonja have both sat on this committee and its rewarding and an easy way to get involved without a lot of time required.
- **PTG 1st Annual Survey**—Kendra Chapman, please take the next 2-5 minutes to fill this out. It will be open until May 1st -ish and thus far we have has approximately 78 responses. This survey will help determine where the PTG prioritize its money for the next year. Kendra brought up how these responses will tie to how money is spent and brought up the Wildcat Walk fundraiser was intended to be every 18 months under Mr. Hermanson and we made it 2 years, the next one will be 18 months from the last one (Spring 2025) in hopes to make it every two years from there on out.
- **PTG DEI Subcommittee**--Janelle Clauser 2 mins—Jeff's Wife. Been working with PTG for a initiative for Diversity Equity and Inclusions. The first meeting will be 15th of April 6-7:30PM at Janelle's home. Open to teachers and parents. Discuss resources that exist as well as best practices. Would love all expertise from our community. Everyone is welcome. Kendra—we are grateful for your leadership on this.
- **2024-25 Open Chair Positions--Kendra Chapman—**
 - **Monster Mash Chair**—Josie Dix—I propose 5th grade parents should be responsible for Monster Mash. Lindsay Pursley stated she doesn't like having to be responsible for an event that her family doesn't engage in. Someone suggested maybe to have 4th & 5th grade parents. Tonja Brown—requested we not exclude ANY motivated parents and be so rigid. Kendra—it doesn't have to look the same; if you are interested please let the Board know.
 - **CAC Representative**—Gretchen provided some insight having done this previous, but they meet 1 time a quarter in person; then the rest of the meetings are on-line. Very cool community involvement. They put you in your feeder school groups. for groups and Kelli Wright volunteered to take this on. As it helps to have two reps in the event of conflicts.
 - **Technology Support**—The PTG requests an additional person to handle technology support to help Jeff; either when he is not able to make it or to monitor zoom chats. It takes 15-20 mins to set up and can be easily taught. If interested please let Jeff Klein know.
 - **Welcome Committee**—Kendra has tried to do this for the time being year, but basically would include checking with the front office once a month for any new families, providing directories and Wilson signs and think it would be so lovely to know who these new families are. Dave Allen & Jake Rodgers agreed to lead the Welcoming Committee.
 - **2024-25 PTG Board Nominations**--Tonja Brown presented the idea of having a Treasurer Elect—in order to have someone to learn the job prior to taking over for the treasurer. Gretchen has done such an amazing job to make it easy on those who follow but there are some things to ensure are passes on. Kendra Chapman Motions to create this position and Jake Rodgers seconds. All in favor. Motion passes. Ana Ehrler has volunteered to perform this treasurer elect position, and she has indicated she would easily do both, it would be a wonderful opportunity to bring someone on as the secretary for Ana. If there is anyone interested in the Secretary position or even the treasurer elect position, please let the board know. This will create an additional voices no the board. The board has nominated Kelli Wright for Vice President and she has accepted our nomination. We will vote on the 2024-25 Board during our May meeting.
- **Dine Out Events**--Tonja Brown- Next dine out event is 15 April at Caruso's on Division 20% is donated on all orders, can take dine in, take out or order on-line. Last one is Monday May 13th MOD pizza by target—they donate 25% of all proceeds.
- **Wilson at the Ballpark** --Ana Ehrler—Email went out March 23 advertising about the Wilson Elementary Group event. The event is Saturday May 18th at 5:09PM the Spokane Indians take on the Vancouver Canadians in day 4 of a 5 day home game series with the Canadians. Yokes Family Feast night where all hot dogs, Pepsi Products and ice cream sandwiches are only \$2.00 all night long courtesy of Yoke's Fresh Markey. Be sure to

stick around after the game for Dairy Queen Circle the Bases. Tickets are \$8 and \$2 of each ticket is donated back to the Wilson PTG. Spokane Indians have 150 tickets reserved for Wilson. Please order at least 48 hrs in advance otherwise you may not be seated together with the group.

- **Spring Extracurriculars** Jeff Klein— Junior Bloomsdays is this weekend but we go for another 3 weeks—great program. Jen Holcomb had to go home sick (Art After School) and we had 3 teachers step in. We start Pilot program w/Pickleball 4 week session —registration closes Monday. Mrs. Bresson will get us up and going during school time. Different parents doing Monday & Thursday. 50 kids signed up for 40 slots. Will need to figure out how to grow it. Robotics started today. Darcy started with 4 new coaches all 3d grade parents. 20 kids. Alexis Padgham started Wizard of Oz rehearsals 12 weeks. Drama & Cross Country are our oldest established extracurricular programs.
 - Girls on the Run next scheduled practice—this was mentioned during the meeting with uncertainty. Post meeting an update was received. Coaches have been found and it will begin on Monday, 4/15
 - Lastly, Jeff is wanting to put together an extra curricular committee. Within the next month would need to get a meeting together with those who are interested. Committee coordinate with those who are chairing. Some of these (Drama)—the Chair takes care of it. But some require more. We have reached our saturation and aren't able to bucket any more programs for financial and volunteer reasons. Maybe less of the more expensive ones and more of the cheaper ones? Jeff likes the pilot program idea but recommended to reign it in. Would love to see it as executed this year with three seasons, Fall, Winter, and Spring... if we can have it all ready to go for fall. Josie's comment about the apprentice plan earlier (Carnival) applies —and need to have other people who are willing to step up. Jeff is crushing it, but when he's gone it will be a large lift by someone. Jeff- there is so much feedback and support and so humbling and to see the teachers step up. The volunteers aren't the hard part...it's all of the behind the scenes stuff.

Staff Share 10 mins total

- **K-2** Mrs. Fuller—One of 3 Kinder teachers—this last month (March) we went to the downtown public library, had a great contact (Donovan's) with the Library and attended their story time. Recess on the 2nd floor. Brought parachutes and games —great community building for our classrooms. SO wonderful. Mrs. Stailey & Mrs. Fuller--had a shapes museum in addition, they welcomed Mrs. Tiffany Adams and her pet goat Oreo to the classroom. Kinders are writing stories about Oreo. These are highlights. Asked to provide some advice...one thing to gently remind families; Spring is here, with all of the outdoor activities and daylight being later— making sure to get kids to be on time. Kids are tired at school, sleep is important.
- **3-5** Mr. Sarfino—I'm Derek, 5th grade teacher—most of the resources he uses from the PTG---book groups and science or hands-on science use "Quizzeys?" Thank you to the PTG for providing those. In 5th grade we are working to get students prepared for middle school by letting them know what to expect, adjusting the rigor in order to ensure they are prepared. Academically, Wilson does a great job, it's reminders (kids forgetting lunch) helping kids maybe "suffer" or really know consequences of their actions or lack of, but things are going well.

Updates from Wilson Administrators 5 mins total

- When Jeremy Oakes was here last time---he mentioned Screenagers---it's a trilogy, you don't have to watch the 1st, but the 3rd one is being shown at SAC Monday April 22 5:30-7PM. Tonja Brown asked if it's age appropriate to take your kids, maybe not best for the youngers but maybe middle schoolers? Josie Dix—my kids don't think it's important, but if you have a hard time talking to your kids this is a way to get information to them to be able to talk to it.
- Class placement survey sent out a survey to ALL parents for next years class placement will April 26th close out. Timeline for class placement—teachers meet May & June knowing staffing isn't finalized until August. August 15 is when these class lists will be final, If you have input you want to share—now is your chance. Tonja Brown asked—are there any changes expected? Answer—not she can comfortably share at this point in time. Looking at 3rd & 4th grades one 3rd grade may have to move (3d grade is the largest grade. Approx 10 new students this year a the school). Look at this at least monthly but there are a lot of 3d graders. She is looking at making a Wilson Hand Book to preserve culture, but also being as welcoming as possible. Pick up can be a little confusing. Kindergarten eats lunch in their classroom. What kids can and cant eat and when. Kendra—what is the dress

code? Are they allowed to wear hats or hoodies? Can parents attend assemblies? No. Can we address Spring Dress Code? PE shoes are the big issue, but Mrs Admire needs to talk to our teachers and get back to you. Are flip flops acceptable on non-PE days? For kindergartners need a back strap or something to keep them. Josie—it seems as though you are trying to change the culture and not allowing parents to talk to the teachers. Christina---I'm saying the opposite. Take pressure off teachers and parents and making a standard expectation across the board. Preservation of the culture not the shifting of the culture. Tiffany Adams mentioned a Wilson handbook sounds like a great way to clarify questions and is in line with our wonderful Wilson culture. Christina; We value the culture. Thank you so much.

New Discussion Items—Questions—Comments—Ideas

Next Meeting **Tuesday**, May 14, 7:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned

8:29 pm by Kendra Chapman — Attendance: (23 total in attendance— 13 in person — 10 online)