

# PTG MEETING MINUTES

Wilson Elementary School PTG

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*Tuesday, Feb 6, 2024 7:00 pm | Wilson Elementary Library | Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 pm by Kendra Chapman*

*Minutes Submitted by Ana-Maria Ehrler*

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## PTG Officers in Attendance

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Kendra Kimball Chapman, President  
Gretchen Cleveland, Treasurer  
Ana Ehrler, Secretary

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## Approval of Minutes

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The January Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Kendra Chapman, Ana Ehrler seconds. All in favor. — Passes

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## Celebrations, Kendra Chapman, President

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- Kendra Chapman took the time/opportunity to acknowledge and recognize our wonderful volunteering parents and expressed sincere thanks for all parents, students and staff. Kendra thanked Scott Rasmussen and family for charging book bingo, it was a joy to see all the kids walking out with lots of books. Thank you to Kiwanis of West Spokane and Global Thrift Neighborhood for donating books. Big Thank you to Tom Durnan, who noticed the night of Book Bingo the popcorn machine needed cleaned and came in the following day to clean it. So awesome to see parents recognize a need and just step in to take care of it. Thank you to Megan Adams as she has been doing all of the flyers for all of the extracurricular. This has been a huge contribution for the PTG, thank you Megan. Kendra also thanked the PTG for approving the purchase of Yard Signs as we have been able to Welcome some new Wilson Families into the school and the generosity of the PTG has allowed us to welcome them with a Wilson Wildcat Yard Sign.
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## Guest Speaker—5th Grade Leadership Team

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- **5th grade Leadership Team**— Mrs. Padgham & Mrs Alfstad introduced this as a first year 5th grade leadership team. The team was formed after individuals submitted applications on why they wanted to be a part of the leadership team. Present this evening was: Emory Freebourn, Brinkley Smith, Genevieve Stuart, Marie Ross, Jane Chapman, Maddie LeFric, Grace, VanStone, Luxe Gilliam, Chole Theriault & CeCe Ireland. They were asked, “Why did you join the leadership team?” The answers ranged from; to help everyone feel welcomed and belong, to care about the community and feel they can make a difference, and to help people feel value, feel like a leader and it would be fun. The goal is to Help the Wilson community and students feel welcome, have a shared belonging. The Leadership team mission statement: As the Wilson leadership team, it is our mission to make sure that ALL Wilson students are included and celebrated in our Wilson community and valued for exactly who they are. We will strive to give others a helping hand: by having empathy, creating a safe space for all students to express themselves and experience belonging. We will embody the Purposeful People traits, set positive examples, and be kind to all.
    - Luxe is working on a big project: a Wilson Welcome wagon, in order to help individuals feel welcomed. We can show new students around and show them to teachers and give them buddies as well as help them with the house system.
    - Josie Dix asked “Why are there no boys?” Mrs. Padgham responded with Sebastian is in Vegas. But these are who submitted applications, maybe next year we can expand that demographic.
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## Treasurer’s Update, Gretchen Cleveland, Treasurer

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- **Budget Update**— Gretchen Cleveland—continues to work diligently on keeping the budget up-to-date [FY24 budgets and spending](#). From the last meeting. PTG funded teacher’s dinner during conferences. PTG also reimbursed Field Trips to the MAC where they hosted a Minecraft exhibit. All 3rd graders attended. NOTE to teachers: There is field trip money and please request some spring field trips. PTG brought in funds for yearbooks sales, and dine out revenue. There is a district wide change to the book fair funding (for the better) as we were mainly only a funnel for the librarians to be able to keep track of their funding, but now all book fair funding will go through the central accounting with the district. We figured out what was left from last year and provided this to Mrs. Barker as she will get to purchase some much needed non-fiction books for the library. The PTG executive board also approved \$150 for MCT snacks. We do not have an update from the IRS. Ukuleles request was rescinded. Gretchen recently attend a fraud seminar, and moving to electronic reimbursement is better for countering fraud.

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## Funding Requests

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- **Yes For Kids**— Mrs. Padgham & Mrs Coyote Thank you to the PTG and to volunteers and to the staff—-thanked everyone for coming. Mrs. Coyote began speaking to the bond & levy. The last time PTG contributed \$500 to the Bond/Levy but this time the ask is for \$250. Spokane Public schools has been educating the youth since 1889 and is the 3rd largest district in the state. In 2023 SPS recorded a record 90.4% graduation rate. The bond--long range plans (bonds are for building and levy’s are for learning) levy makes up approximately 14% of district operating cost. Levy provides lower class size, school support staff, extracurriculars, intramural and so much to the district. If not passed we will see a degradation in school offerings. Alexis Padgham makes a motion for the PTG to contribute \$250 to support the Yes For Kids, David Chapman seconds. All in Favor— Motion pass.

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## Information Items

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- **Communication Protocols (email/text/sign up genius)**- Kendra Chapman providing some PTG Executive board guiding principles for communicating for each PTG event; 1 email and 1 text message per event, whenever the chair deems most appropriate. Texts and emails are going through the PTG vs the office. Please contact the PTG Executive board for emails and texts. Please contact Megan Adams for flyers, and Stephanie Newman for Paw Prints. Teachers can put info in their news letters through a blurb through Mrs. Admire. For volunteer sign ups, it is easiest for chairs, use your own email/sign-up genius rather than the PTG email account. Question from Sarah Rogers about the reason behind limiting or curtailing the communication and why? Kendra & Mrs. Admire discussed the rationale from a previous PTG meeting in November —the need to be disciplined about what is sent out because people tend to opt out messages and just in Wilson Elementary, 20% of the community has opted out of the district text messages. Josie Dix brought up she received the texts twice. PTG Executive board will look into duplicates.
- **CAC Update**-Kate M. & Sarah Rodgers—Wilson moved the PTG meeting up a week to deconflict with Valentines and CAC is next week, so they will have an update at the next meeting.
- **Missoula Children’s Theater**-Sarah Rogers—MCT will be here next week, 72 kids registered and 60 slots are available so there will be some who do not make it. Email went out 2/6/24. Mrs. Smulkowski, Mrs Fuller, and Mrs. Bozo are doing the workshops. Performance will be during Friday school, and then the evening at 6:30. The email ask for with volunteers, meals for the directors, money for gift cards for directors and Kelli Wright who is donating her time to play the piano for the play. Thank you Jeff Klein for hosting the directors. Thank you Sarah Rogers for all you are doing!!!
  - Question from Lisa Smith--Do you plan to pack a dinner? Yes, for the older kids who will be there longer, please pack them dinner. They will be open auditions and rehearsals.
  - Jane Chapman asked, Do you know anything about the auditions? Sarah Rodgers, replied; They will split you out into groups and they will move you in groups through the auditions. but never singled out, no read ahead scripts, they will be looking to see how you interact. **Spring Extracurriculars**—Jeff Klein—Spring sign ups will be coming out soon. We will be adding Pickleball to the spring offerings. Lego Explorer for 3rd & 4th graders is for 6 weeks. starts after spring break. Contact Mrs. Smulkowski if interested in helping coach. Grant partnership money is being used for the SAC 5th ceramics and an additional art partnership in the spring. 5th grade ceramics seems to be such a hit!

- **Book Bingo**-Kendra Chapman thanked Scott Rasmussen again for charing Book Bingo and submitting an after action on how to improve and has agreed to chair again next year.
- **Family Movie Night**-Kendra Chapman—In the interest of having a PTG event where we are getting families and staff together in the school once a month, PTG is hosting a Movie night—-Encanto; Friday March 8th @ 6:00PM. Children must attend with an adult. Entrance will be the side gym door. Families can bring blankets picnic dinners and snacks. Popcorn will be available and “movie snacks” will be for nominal purchase.
- **Dine Out Events**-Kendra Chapman— The most recent dine-out netted \$235. Thank you to MOD pizza who generously donates to our PTG. The next dine out event is at Red Robin Monday March 4th. Alcohol sales not included. **Follow-up for on-line and take out—it is available for on-line ordering and take out. Ensure to select the correct Location and go to the category “Fundraisers (To-Go Only)” Clink on add button and add to bag. Add you meal items and check out. This information will be sent out with the flyer.**

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### Updates from Wilson Administrators Mrs. Admire 5 mins

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- **Mrs. Admire**— Thank you to the PTG for dinner during the conferences. Almost 100% participation in the conferences. Thank you families for partnering with us to support all of the kids.
  - Yesterday was counselor appreciation day. Thank you Mrs. Alfstad for all you do for Wilson.
  - Generational Alive starts this Friday 2/9/24. Mrs. Alfstad---so fun to work with 5th grade on both the Generation Alive and the Leadership Team. 5th grade Alive action team has had lively discussion of compassion. Action + Sympathy (Empathy) and students will be leading the assembly Friday. They are learning about food insecurity, and talking about compassion.
  - Big day on Monday, marks the 100th day of school.
  - Excited about MCT next week.
  - Mrs. Admire also expressed thanks to Ana & Kendra for coming to the Wilson staff meeting this last week.

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### Staff Share 10 mins total

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- **Mrs. Padgham (K-2 rep)**-- First full week we’ve had in 2024. Math entry for the younger grades occurred when they returned in Jan, and this week went over the data. Kindergarten hit literacy hard first semester and will hit math a lot in the second semester. 1st grade hit writing hard first semester. and will move into procedural writing and more math in the 2nd semester. K-2 bubble is the foundational bubble where our kids are working toward independence, families can help foster this independence by reading with kids and building habits and organization skills. Helping with independence and organization habits.
- **Mrs. Kovarik (3-5 rep)**— 4th & 5th traveled to EWU for a basketball game, being on the college campus was so fun for the kids. 4th grade was randomly selected for NAPE testing, half of the kids tested in the morning and half in the afternoon, was completely random. One thing echoed across the board was kids interested in books and graphic novels. Parents concern this isn’t okay, but getting kids into any sort of reading and giving variety is recommended. to include audio books. Maybe alternate between them. Buy a book of MadLibs to allow for creative story writing.

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### New Discussion Items—Questions—Comments—Ideas

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- Any questions? Gretchen Cleveland asked —4th grader asking at home about the short lunch time and if anything can be done? Kids have 20 mins to eat lunch. Mrs. Admire---supervision for lunch is under funded. It equates to more time/ money. 35 mins total is split between lunch and recess. We could shorten recess at lunch, but that is less time outside. We also have to use the gym for gym classes, which limits the amount of time we can use for lunch. Lunch is the most constrained schedule. A lot of teachers allow them to still eat when they come back to class. Will take it into consideration for next year.

Next Meeting **Tuesday**, March 12, 7:00 PM

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### Meeting Adjourned

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7:55 pm by Kendra Chapman — Attendance: (27 total in attendance—21 in person —6 online)