

# MINUTES

## Wilson Elementary School PTG

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*Tuesday, February 9, 2020 7:01 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 January meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Kendra Chapman, seconded by Carly Howarth. All in favor of approval.

### Treasurer's Report – Katie Glazier

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- Please set up your Amazon Smile account to donate money to our PTG.
- Teachers can ask the PTG if they need more money. We are happy to help.

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

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- The district is excited to bring back 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders next week.
- The district has had only one in-school Covid transmission since December.
- Heather Bybee spoke about equality and racial diversity in K-12 curriculum. New books will be provided for all libraries that represent all races and cultures. There will be a push to get staff engaged in culturally responsive and anti-racism training.

### Old Business

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- PTG Outreach Committee (Katelyn Hunt coordinating)
  - Could we donate some of our time, effort, and money to another school this year? The committee honed in on Sheridan early on. Lara Nybo is the liason.
  - Could we provide all Sheridan students with a school shirt or sweatshirt? Sheridan students could participate in a design contest and our PTG would buy shirts for all students. (approximately \$19.50/sweatshirt, \$6.72/tshirt for one color print per side, pre-tax)
  - Pen Pals
    - Katelyn reached out to teachers in grades 4-6 to see whether they'd be interested in helping. Lara thinks it should be an afterschool club.
    - Could we offer after-school clubs to Sheridan students? Chess? Cooking? Writing/Pen Pals? Virtual Career Fair?

- Katelyn would like to start with a couple Wilson classrooms becoming Pen Pals with Sheridan students.
- Are there any parents interested in offering after-school clubs for Sheridan students? Reach out to Katelyn.
- Jeff Klein suggested a form letter (fill in the blanks) for younger pen pal participants.
- Kendra asks for clarification as to how many students are at Sheridan. Lara Nybo reports 415 this year but usually closer to 500 kids.
- PTG Newsletter: Paw Prints (Tonja Brown coordinating)
  - Newsletter will be a week late this month due to President's Day
  - We'd love additional student submissions. Please send them to [wilsonwildcatsptg@gmail.com](mailto:wilsonwildcatsptg@gmail.com). 100 words or less.
- Updating Bylaws (Carly Howarth)
  - We are looking at updating our bylaws or creating a policies and procedures document.
  - Send an email to [wilsonwildcatsptg@gmail.com](mailto:wilsonwildcatsptg@gmail.com) if you're interested in being on the committee. Tell us why you'd like to join and what you can contribute. Katie Glazier suggests that it would be helpful to have people with diverse PTG experience on this committee.

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## New Business

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- Virtual Social (Tonja Brown)
  - Is there interest in having a virtual student social? Anyone have experience with virtual gatherings?
    - Alexis Padgham: Drama Club operated like this in the spring with 25-30 kids. It worked. She suggests we use Zoom rather than Teams for the platform. We'd need one volunteer solely in charge of mic muting.
    - Lara Nybo: it must be very structured
    - Josie Dix: Heidi Bresson has suggested some type of walking event – an outdoor walk through the neighborhood. Socially distanced. With stops. (Courtney Malone suggests we add music)
    - Angelique Heinzen suggests that a walking school bus as daily school transportation would be a fun way to gather
    - Lara Nybo: Washington Green Schools is an organization that could help set up a walking school bus.
    - Tonja Brown: Anything is possible. We just need parent volunteers!
    - Josie Dix – can we hold a modified outdoor carnival this year?
    - Ken Hermanson: Spokane needs to get to Phase 2 before we can gather in any capacity even off campus and socially distanced. This might be possible after Spring Break. He's actively tracking progress and possibilities.
    - Jeff Klein: Could a playground carnival happen within cohorts in place of recess over the course of a week? Ken says possibly.
  - Is there parent interest in participating in a virtual event? (vote via chat) Lots of yeas (especially to a virtual bingo event). No nays.
  - Email Tonja if interested in helping to coordinate a virtual event: [tonjabrown@gmail.com](mailto:tonjabrown@gmail.com)
  - Email Josie Dix if you're interested in working on an outdoor, socially-distanced carnival event [josiedix@msn.com](mailto:josiedix@msn.com)

- Sweeping Machine Proposal (Carly Howarth)
  - Carly Howarth proposes that we purchase a sweeping machine to maintain the artificial turf and blacktop on our playground. Our custodian, Trish, has expressed interest in this machine. The gravel is causing a headache and is very dangerous when scattered all over the blacktop. Students are falling and getting hurt. The item costs \$400. This machine would allow us to put the gravel back in the beds. Josie motions we pay up to \$500 for the machine. Katie and Courtney second. All are in favor.
- Updates from Ken Hermanson
  - It's very exciting to be bringing 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades back next week. He didn't think we'd have all the kids back this year. The blacktop is full. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades will enter through the front of the building to facilitate distancing .
  - Ken and Heidi Bresson are putting together a proposal for field day utilizing cohorts in a park. They'll need approval from the district.
  - Kendra asks how are you making recess work now that all kids will be back at school? Ken explained that recess is booked solid 10:30-2:15. Kids are still getting three recess times although sometimes that's only walking the perimeter of the building. Kids stay in classroom cohorts outside and are assigned to zones. There are four zones (two blacktop and two playground areas).
  - Gaga Pit will be set up this week (who can help?). Ms. Bresson will teach kids how to use it and this will provide another recess activity.
  - Josie Dix has heard that boundary changes will affect Wilson and asks for clarification from Ken. Ken hasn't heard anything or seen a draft yet. Josie reminds everyone to contact the district if the issue of boundary changes concerns you.
  - Dave Gilbert thanks Ken and the teachers for all their efforts to protect our community during Covid. Great work!
  - Ken: Covid is trending in the right direction but we can't mix cohorts for now. Maybe things will loosen up in Phase 2. Please leave the playground after school. We can't have kids staying to play and mixing cohorts.
  - Alexis Padgham thanks Ken for going to bat for our community. He's been a great advocate for safely resuming activities and keeps staff up to date on the possibilities.

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### Next Meeting

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Tuesday, March 9, 2021, Zoom

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### Meeting Adjourned

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8:06 pm by Carly Howarth. Katie Glazier seconds.