

# MINUTES

## Wilson Elementary School PTG

*Tuesday, January 11, 2022 7:02 pm | 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

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### Approval of Minutes

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The November 2021 Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Kendra Chapman, seconded by Alex. Evans.

All in favor of approval.

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### Treasurer's Report (Katie Glazier, treasurer)

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- No update on our tax exempt status. Katie doesn't expect to hear anything before May. For this reason, she recommends we hold off on any fundraising efforts where donors would expect to write off their donation.
- Final numbers for the Wildcat Walk are in. \$52,639 in; \$6,484 out; Net: \$46,154
- Art night total expenses were \$500. The executive team had approved up to \$600 to cover costs for remote art night.
- We've only used \$1300 of our \$5000 total budgeted for field trips. Teachers should keep this in mind.
- Staff holiday expenses were just over \$700, that is approximately half of the budgeted amount, which puts us in a good spot for teacher appreciation.
- We have \$67,700 sitting in our accounts, so we're in a really healthy position.

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### Citizen's Advisory Committee (Sarah Rodgers presenting)

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- Conferences: The district would like your feedback on timing and structure for future years.
  - Do we like November and March conferences?
  - What works better for families: a week of half days or a couple days of no school?
- Covid: There has been a rapid rise in cases and there are test shortages. Staffing remains a huge challenge.
  - Possibility of School Closures: Monday 1/10 the district had over 100 "fail to fill" positions. It's becoming increasingly difficult to fill in the gaps. If school were to be canceled, this is why. It would be short (a few days rather than weeks).
  - District will follow CDC's updated quarantine guidelines

- Paw Prints (Tonja Brown):
  - January edition will be out next week.
  - We hope for submissions from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders for the February edition.
  - Please send pictures of what your kiddos did over winter break to be included in the January edition. Text Tonja 206-769-8662
- New PTG Website (Tonja Brown):
  - Tonja is working with James Nelson. She will update us as more details come together.
- Parent's Night Out (Jeff Klein):
  - It was a great turnout! Thanks to all who helped put it together.
  - Jeff will work on another one. He liked having an activity (Ping pong at the last one. What's next?). He also liked not having to collect money. RSVPs were helpful.
  - Ideas for future events are Brickyard (outdoor cornhole tournament) or Flatstick Pub. He's aiming for the end of March or after spring break.
- Art Night (Recap via Carly Howarth)
  - Thank you to Bridget and Laura for making this possible! Pictures of some finished artwork were shared.
- Holiday Staff Breakfast (Carly Howarth reporting)
  - Thanks to everyone who brought food and volunteered to help. It was delicious and the staff was so appreciative. We've received several thank you notes. Pictures of the event were shared.
- Blessings Under the Bridge Partnership (Sarah Rodgers and 2<sup>nd</sup> grader Emmylew Rodgers):
  - We filled over 200 stockings with toiletries and gave out over 350 cards from Wilson students. We exceeded expectations!
  - Hoping to make this an annual event for Wilson
  - Thank you to Sarah and Emmylew for their leadership and big hearts!
- Upcoming Events (Annual Events will happen unless Covid restrictions change)
  - Book Bingo: February 17. Stephanie Gronholz chair
  - Talent Show: March 18. Jennifer Holcomb chair. Contact her [jenniferhol@spokaneschools.org](mailto:jenniferhol@spokaneschools.org) if you'd like to help
  - Drama Club Play- *Wizard of Oz*, Alexis Padgham directing
  - Carnival: April 29. Josie Dix chair. Pre-orders and volunteer sign up will go out a few weeks beforehand
  - International Fair: no date. Katie Broadbent and Stephanie Gronholz co-chairs
    - No firm details yet. This event is still in the planning phase. Stephanie is anticipating folk dances as part of the event.
    - Email Katie if you'd like to get involved or volunteer. [klbroadbent@gmail.com](mailto:klbroadbent@gmail.com)
- Brick Fundraiser (Carly Howarth reading notes from Josie Dix):
  - Company finally has all the necessary supplies. Now they are waiting for a dry day and dry bricks. Engraving should happen in the spring.
  - Let's open Phase 3 of Brick engraving orders. Phase 2 & 3 orders will be printed at the same time.
- Family Directory (Carly Howarth):
  - The directory went out last month. Thanks to Josie Dix for putting them together.

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## New Business

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- Funds Request for PA System (Ken Hermanson):
  - The District committee has been coordinating with Hoffman's. Hoffman's is working on a quote to meet our needs. They can bring the equipment out and try it on our playground to ensure it will meet our needs.
  - Ken is waiting for exact bids.
  - System will include speakers, stands, carrying cases, etc. He is also looking into flood lights.
  - Dave Gilbert suggests we also purchase a pop up tent to protect the gear during events. All in favor.
  - Katie Glazier motions we approve up to \$2500 for this system. Ana Ehrler seconds. All in favor of purchasing a sound system, flood lights, and a pop up tent and spending up to \$2500.
- Ken Hermanson Updates and Questions:
  - He has no information from the district regarding potential school closures due to staffing issues. Staffing shortages are a big problem.
  - Families who choice into Wilson must turn in a request this month or you will be turned down for next year (even if your child already attends Wilson and/or you are a teacher here). You must request to stay. This is a new district policy. Parents should be notified about placements sometime in May.
  - Alex Brajcich asks whether the district will require a negative Covid test for students to return to school after 5 days. Ken says that an email with updated Covid guidelines went out this evening at 6:30.
  - Tonja Brown asks whether we will be updated if there was a positive covid case in our child's classroom. Answer: Not unless you're deemed a close contact.
  - Jeff Klein asks whether the district still sometimes moves an entire class online if there are too many cases in a classroom. Answer: occasionally. The district nursing team makes this determination. Jeff suggests that increased parent coordination would be helpful when there is a case or outbreak in a classroom.
  - Ryan Kiely would appreciate more information about how a close contact is determined. Answer: Ken uses a tape measure to determine whether anyone sits within 3' of the positive child.
  - Jeff Klein wonders how we can support teachers and staff as numbers rise.

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## Next Meeting

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Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

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## Meeting Adjourned

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8:06 pm by Carly Howarth.