

MINUTES

Wilson Elementary School PTG

*Tuesday, March 9, 2020 7:02 pm | Zoom Meeting Called to Order by Carly Howarth
Minutes Submitted by Kendra Kimball Chapman*

PTG Officers in Attendance

Carly Howarth, President

Carly Pickering, Vice-President

Katie Glazier, Treasurer

Tonja Brown, Outreach Secretary

Kendra Kimball Chapman, Secretary

Approval of Minutes and Amendment to the Agenda

The February meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Kendra Chapman, seconded by Katie Glazier. All in favor of approval.

Carly Howarth motions to amend the agenda to allow Josie Dix time to discuss the Carnival. Carly Pickering seconds. All in favor of approval.

Treasurer's Report – Katie Glazier

- The Mod Pizza fundraiser brought in money each month. The fundraiser has ended.
- Box tops continues to bring in a bit of money.
- We paid out for the turf sweeper we approved last month and a small amount for additional teacher supplies that were requested last month.
- Updated budget has been sent to the community.
- Questions?
 - Courtney Malone asks how much money we have in the bank. Katie clarifies that we are projecting to end the year with about \$22,000. That is purely a guess as we don't know which activities might happen for the rest of the year. Our goal is to finish the year with about \$20,000 in the bank as per advice from a previous treasurer.

Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) – Katelyn Hunt

- CDC has recommended social distancing decrease from 6' to 3'. If our local health board follows that recommendation then the district could potentially move away from the hybrid model. Chances of that happening this school year are slim but it's hopeful news for the fall.
- There was a massive Covid outbreak among Durham school bus drivers and staff. District 81 asked that Durham bring in an independent investigative team to make sure Covid protocols are being followed on busses.

- Teachers have approval to get vaccines. About 1,000 teachers were vaccinated last week and another 1,200 are due to receive theirs this week. There is about 4,000 staff in our district who qualify for the vaccine at this time.
- Spokane Virtual Academy (SVA) will continue through the next school year. Please communicate your desire to continue or join SVA as soon possible so the district can handle staffing.

Old Business

- PTG Outreach Committee (Katelyn Hunt coordinating)
 - Pen Pal Partnership current status: We have three Wilson teachers (two 6th grade classes and one 4th grade class) willing to participate. We are waiting to hear back from Sheridan as to whether there are teachers willing to participate in the exchange.
 - Fundraising for events or tshirt gift: we need to designate a separate fund and fundraise specifically for this fund in order to donate money to another school. All are in favor of creating such a fund. Katelyn requests that we brainstorm fundraising events. We will link to this donation site in our next newsletter.
- PTG Newsletter: Paw Prints (Tonja Brown coordinating)
 - Apologies for not sending a February newsletter. It was a short and busy month. We will send a March newsletter and are pleased to have had four student submissions already.
 - Send newsletter submissions to wilsonwildcatsptg@gmail.com

New Business

- Auction 2022 (Carly Howarth)
 - Not certain we'll be able to have it but it's time to start planning for it.
 - We need auction chairs! Any volunteers? Suggestions on who we might recruit? It's a big commitment but really fun.
- Flower Sale (Carly Howarth)
 - Would anyone like to chair this? Popular fundraiser but brought in only \$300 profit last time.
- Brick Sale (Josie Dix)
 - Brick engraver will come in April to correct a couple of bricks and do new engravings. We need to spread the word. Tonja will include in March's newsletter. Kendra suggests a paper order form be sent home with kids as well.
- Carnival (Josie Dix and Courtney Malone co-chairs)
 - Longstanding tradition at Wilson .
 - Co-chairs propose postponing until end of May/early June. Move all activities outside and possibly have limited activities inside. Josie is eager to welcome families back and build community. Co-chairs would like to proceed with planning and are considering a Friday evening 5-8. We should get more information about what the district will allow sometime in April.
- Biking to School on Fridays (Josie Dix and Kate Smith)
 - An informal bike to school day would be a great way to build community
- Updates from Mr. Hermanson
 - He expects to get more information about expanding group opportunities/sports/events/etc. sometime after Spring Break. He's hopeful that we might be able to have volunteers back in the building toward the end of the year. We are currently in Phase 2 and must wait for guidance from the district before proceeding with school-wide events.

- Individual school pictures are scheduled for April 19th.
- Teachers are currently being vaccinated. This is promising because there is a daily sub shortage due to Covid exposures.
- Questions/Comments from the Community
 - Josie suggests we get Wilson tshirts for students. Carly Howarth has already been working on this. Ken is not sure how it will be funded. Will the school and/or PTG fund all or a portion? Ask parents to purchase? We might use a combination of funding sources. Details and more conversation to come.
 - Courtney Malone wants us conducting PTG meetings in person and having school-wide events.
 - Kendra Chapman offers that zoom makes PTG meetings more accessible for busy families and teachers and the safety of online meetings is appreciated.
 - Dave Gilbert agrees that he's missing events but says the carnival sounds unrealistic.
 - Ken Hermanson says that the carnival would involve tons of logistics. We are missing our community but must wait for district guidance before having events.
 - Comments offered via chat:
 - Josie suggests we have hybrid meetings (both in-person and via zoom). Kathleen Lohrmeyer agrees and thinks we should maintain the online option even when we resume meeting in person.
 - Teachers Gretchen Farley and Alexis Padgham appreciate the online meetings.
 - Jeff Klein suggests we explore an alternative plan to the traditional carnival (classroom pods doing events at recess over the course of a week?). We need to be realistic. It's disrespectful to the work our teachers have been doing to try to throw together such a huge event that would disregard all the efforts they've made thus far.
 - Josie Dix suggests we make and distribute Wilson tshirts to build community
 - Alex Evans encourages people to look into the downtown stadium proposal. Please do your research and send a message to the board with your thoughts. They need to hear from you and will be making their decision soon. Search Spokesman Review articles and go to Downtownspokanestadium.org for more information.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 13, 2021, Zoom

Meeting Adjourned

8:01 pm by Carly Howarth.