

MINUTES

Wilson Elementary School PTG

*Tuesday, March 14, 2023 7:00 pm, Wilson Library | Meeting Called to Order at 7:03 pm by Alexis Padgham
Minutes Submitted by Kendra Kimball Chapman*

PTG Officers in Attendance

Alexis Padgham, President

Jeff Klein, Vice President

Dave Gilbert, Treasurer

Tonja Brown, Outreach Secretary

Kendra Kimball Chapman, Secretary

Approval of Minutes

The February 2023 Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Ana Erhler. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report (Dave Gilbert, Treasurer)

- Remaining unallocated funds for this school year: approximately \$12,748.70
- The Scholastic Book Sale was very successful. We anticipated making \$1,000 but brought in over \$3,000 for the school
- We will attempt to clean up the budget document and remove outdated items

Funding Requests

- Kinder Field Trip to see *Frozen* at LC: \$305 was already approved by PTG board this month
- 6th Grade Book Club: \$200 was already approved by PTG board earlier this month
- The Extracurricular Committee had hoped to present a new Art after School opportunity and request funding but were thrown a last minute curve ball. Will present at the next meeting.

Citizen's Advisory Committee (Sarah Rodgers and Lara Nybo)

- Doom and gloom regarding the state education budget. Membership is urged to contact our state representatives and ask them to prioritize general education.
- The district continues to work on campus security and limit police on campus.
- Parents want to access home schools for special education students. It's a burden to have children at multiple schools depending on services offered.
- Vape alarm update: all middle and high schools are getting new vape sensors in bathrooms
- The district wants to standardize the naming of all PTO/PTG/PTA-type groups to minimize confusion

Discussion Items

- **Drama Club** (Alexis Padgham): Audition sign-ups opened on Monday. Auditions are next week. Drama club will present *Peter Pan* in June.
- **PTG Board Positions 2023-24:** There will be several open positions on the board next school year. Formal nominations for the following positions will be made at the April PTG meeting. Please get support from potential nominees before naming them and also communicate any potential nominees with the board prior to the April meeting.
 - Secretary (Kendra Chapman has served 3 years in the role and is ineligible to serve another)
 - Outreach Secretary: We will rename this position *Outreach Coordinator* to better align with the responsibilities of the role and reduce confusion. (Tonja Brown has served 3 years in the role and is ineligible to serve another)
 - Vice President: (Jeff Klein would like to step off the board in order to invest fully in his position as chair of the Extracurricular Committee)
 - President: (Alexis Padgham is beginning a PhD program and will be unable to serve another year)
- **Alumni Scholarship** (Katie Glazier):
 - We offer up to \$500/alumni (total \$1500). This is available to any student who attended Wilson for any number of years. Applications are going out to high schools this week.
 - We need 3-5 additional committee members to review applications and award scholarships. Small time commitment and a very fun way to serve the PTG. Email Katie if you'd like to join the committee (Laura Baumgardner, Stephanie Gronholz and Lara Nybo volunteered to join)
 - We need a new chair for this committee next school year.
- **Extracurricular Committee Update** (Jeff Klein):
 - More Art after School to be presented next month
 - Check the weekly emails from Wilson for extracurricular updates and schedules.

Guest Speaker: Jeremy Ochse, Southwest Zone Area Director (All LC feeder schools)

- Middle schoolers tend to tell their parents not to come to school events but, in reality, they'll be looking for parents in the stands. He encourages parents to stay connected with kids and the school during middle school years.
- Watched "School Boundary Changes" video: spokaneschools.org/boundarychange
- Watched video about 6th grade cohorts: spokaneschools.org/stories
- Aim for new middle school construction: architecture to align with cohort goals. Lots of natural light. Architecture that builds community.
- 6th grade: kids will be kept in a tight pod for four of their six classes. The aim is to have just two teachers for core subjects: one for math/science, another for social studies/language arts
- 6th graders will have access to all clubs and organizations
- 6th grade sports will be intramural sessions
- "Just right balance" for 6th graders: the idea is to learn how to do school first
- March 31st: 6th grade teachers will officially be assigned to middle schools
- Kids will start in 6th grade courses but there will be opportunities for differentiation and accelerated learning. Example: some 6th graders taking a 7th grade math course
- Sac has the smallest footprint among district middle schools. Old Sac will be torn down over the summer to make way for parking lot and play field.

- Middle schoolers go outside almost every day. Lunch 15 minutes, 15 minutes outside with access to basketball courts, playfields, developmentally appropriate climbing structures
- Questions: contact jeremyo@spokaneschools.org

Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 7:00 pm, via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned

8:11 pm by Alexis Padgham