

PTG MEETING MINUTES

Wilson Elementary School PTG

Tuesday, Mar 12, 2024 7:00 pm | Wilson Elementary Library | Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 pm by Kendra Chapman

Minutes Submitted by Ana-Maria Ehrler

PTG Officers in Attendance

Kendra Kimball Chapman, President
Tonja Brown, Vice-President
Gretchen Cleveland, Treasurer
Ana Ehrler, Secretary

Welcome / Intro from Kendra

Kendra Chapman called the meeting to order and discussed speaking with the District's Executive Director of Community Relations & Diversity Training—Nicole Jekins-Rosenkrantz who shared the district will be hosting a Wilson community event for a listening and restorative healing session regarding the newsletter sent by our music teacher and investigation. It is important for everyone to understand the district is not at liberty to discuss the incident due to an on-going investigation. The PTG and the Wilson community looks forward to engaging in this discussion and will provide information when the district is able to move forward with scheduling this session.

Approval of Minutes

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

Celebrations, Kendra Chapman, President

- Kendra Chapman took the time/opportunity to acknowledge/recognize our wonderful volunteering parents & expressed sincere thanks for all parents, students and staff. Kendra recognized 3 recent community events — wanting to extend gratitude in February to MCT where 20% of the Wilson student body participated. We are very grateful to Sarah Rodgers, Kelli Wright (MCT Pianist) Janelle Clauser & Jeff Klein who housed the directors.
- Thank you to the Talent Show chairs & volunteers- Ms. Perry, Ms. Farley, Ms. Vickerman (student teacher) & Benjamin Maixner.
- Thank you to Matt Russel & Tonja Brown who hosted The First Wilson family movie night this past Friday.
- A note of good news— IRS forgave the 2020 filing penalty (\$1860.00) check received & deposited into the bank. Hoping to have good news about the 2021 filing—next meeting. Big thank you to Andrew Brajcich for ALL his help w/ the IRS, working to correct previous IRS filings and being able to have the penalties refunded.

Treasurer's Update, Gretchen Cleveland, Treasurer

- **Budget Update**— Gretchen Cleveland—It is nice when the budget is boring. Since the last meeting...support went to MCT. Gretchen performed a detailed budget breakdown in order to have a better idea of all of the costs should we choose to do MCT in the future. A good chunk of recent revenue is from Stripe (yearbook sales) along with merchandise purchased. Donations were made for students in need & allowed 15 yearbooks to be purchase.
- Reminder for educators, PTG has field trips money. If you have ideas for students — submit it to use it this year.
- On the teacher front, Gretchen added the PTG Treasurer email to the teacher workroom copier; making it easy for teachers to submit receipts; scan, write your name and send to the email. Hopefully an improvement on processes.
- Amy Barker has ~ \$200 from previous book fair, and is working to spending it down—reminder this budget item will be handled by the district going forward.

- Question from Mrs. Bozo, about extra year books. Donations covered 13, and any additional (2) were paid for with Mrs. Alfstad community funds. If kids need a yearbook, please pass their name and info to Melissa as we don't order extra. Everyone CAN purchase a year book; need to contact Melissa.

Funding Requests

- **Robotics**—Darci Smulkowski—Unbeknownst until last week, the district went a different direction w/robotics and will NOT fund Lego Explorer kits, (only challenge in the fall). Need 4 kits, and would recycle kits for future. Requesting to use left over line item funds from Lego Robotics plus an additional \$186 from the PTG to cover. Motion to approve \$186 by Alexis Padgham, Gretchen Cleveland seconds—All in favor—motions passes.

Information Items

- **CAC Update**-Kate M. & Sarah Rodgers—Sarah Rodgers provided the update. CAC meeting was last night. Dr. Swinyard mentioned the Bond and looking into why it didn't pass—only 20% turnout in voting could be a factor. The District sent out a survey and it closes out 3/12/24. The Wilson Flyer was brought up and Dr. Swinyard stated there was an active investigation and until it is complete is not able to discuss. The CAC expressed interest in how the district handled the issue. Also discussed was teaching with AI, and communicating what plagiarism is, as well as how to still think. A hot button topic is the district is its Cell phone policy. There is one in place, but not currently enforced at most district schools. Salk is enforcing the cell phone policy — not allowing cell phones in class. Looking for data. Sac is trying to establish a policy in order to establish a proper cell phone culture. Question---what is the policy. Jeremy Oakes, was asked to speak about the policy. The current policy is cell phones are ONLY permitted before, after school and during lunch. Schools are struggling to navigate the issue. District is trying to land on something that makes sense and is developmentally appropriate. HS principals won't touch the subject. Everyone is all over the place. The board would like something unanimous across the district. Josie Dix— asked if Jeremy like to address screenagers? Jeremy was asked; What is screenagers? 3 series of shows and talk about the research of cell phone usage. 2 of series have been shown in the district. The 3d series, will be the entire south side and will host it on the south side. Asked about what or how to get the information.
- **Carnival**-Josie Dix in April this year vs May. This is Josie's last year. She has a phenomenal team, and needs to grow the team with 1st & 2nd grader parents. Friday April 26th, 5-8PM. Need lots of parent volunteers. Need more people to step up. Need a lead for cake walk. Rental items---need a volunteer. Win a gold fish this year. Please stay after tonight to help the planning team. The sign up going around is for the committee but will need lots of volunteers to run it. Need someone to take it on for next year.
- **Dram Club**-Alexis Padgham presenting the Production— Wizard of Oz. Sign up sheet is outside room 126, they have to sign up if they want to audition. There is a comprehensive packet with every question you would want to know. Need them to sign up in order to coordinate an audition time. Auditions are next week Tuesday and Wednesday and call backs on Thursday. Cast list will go up right before spring break. June 7 will have two performances (during school and in the evening). Question from Gretchen Cleveland, parent sheet need to sign, can it be brought to audition? Yes. What scenes should they choose before? They can practice all of them, but they may read for a couple, but she does honor that they can read at least one of their choosing. Big shout out to Alexis from Mrs. Admire, thank you for everything you have been doing. It's a big lift.
- **MCT Wrap Up**-Sarah Rodger—Thanks everyone for funding MCT. 57 students involved K-5, no one was cut. 15 sibling groups participated, very cool multi grade performance. 21 hrs of rehearsals & 2 performances. Such a delight to be a part of. Thanks to Emily Allen (sign up genius), Josie Dix, Hong Shi. Kendra & David for filming. Kendra--any thoughts on the MCT as we prepare for the next budget? Josie Dix, every other or every 2 years gives kids 2-3 opportunities @ Wilson. Jessica Whittaker commented it was great siblings got to do this together.
- **Family Movie Night Wrap Up**-Tonja Brown— 135 people show up. Christina, thank you for all the lead up. She set the PTG up really well, and the dvd couldn't play it. Thank you to Emily Barbour and Matt Russell, but it seemed to be such a good time. Super fun. The event cost the PTG \$90 for the popcorn that was given away for free. The Concessions cost were covered through the concessions sales. (Not intended to make money but a nominal community event.) Tonja asked— When is a good time next year, and would you want to see 1 or 2 movies during the year? Thank you to Christina, Kendra for helping w/popcorn, Garrett Semsinson, Sean Brown, Megan Maixner, amazing clean up crew, 5th graders for mopping the floors, Nancy & Ryan Curtin and Tiffany Adams. Asked— Thursday vs Friday. Thursday no go w/ little ones— Teachers recommendation — Friday nights.

- **Dine Out Events**-Tonja Brown \$1400 this year. 2 to go. April 15th is the next one (Caruso's) May 13th (MOD). Questions asked—Any reason for Monday? Goes back to MOD Mondays? Maybe rotate days of the week. Thinking about Ferrante's on the South Hill. If you have a contact with a restaurant. Please feel free to reach out.
- **2024-2025 PTG Board Elections**-Tonja Brown will be stepping down from her VP position. If you are interested in stepping into this role, please reach out. Nominations can occur between now and April, but if you want or are interested please feel free to talk with any of the officers. Her position consists of monitoring email, providing feedback and has been able to step into other roles such as Dine out and Movie night, If multiple people are interested, we ask for a small bio and will conduct a vote at the next meeting. Time commitment is a couple hours weekly, exec board meets the week prior and then PTG meetings.
- **Spring Extracurriculars**-Jeff Klein—#1 extra curricular program in the district is @ Wilson, Jeff is thankful as he gets time every month w/the principal, we have amazing teachers who are super involved and parent volunteers. Did everyone get the flyer that came home last weekend? Trying to get the kids to take ownership, Want to make sure the kids are leading. Parents who sign up to help are awesome. We haven't had any program be short on volunteers. Support is needed for Spring Pickleball. Need maybe 2 or 3 volunteers more volunteers. Mrs. Bresson will be doing Pickleball in PE, but the after school will be for playing more. 4 days. should be quick. STEM, ART, & Sport are the 3 buckets, Need someone to help step into this position next year. Christina Admire---shout out to Jeff and what he's done...noticed within the community. Thank you all for your support. Mrs. Bozo—QR code is great, foreign language been a thought? Wilson World language when Wilson had it, there was a small fee---and if we are trying to keep it free. Is that something we want to incorporate into Wilson. Kathleen Lohrenmeyer may know about it? It may have been \$35? Offered German, Spanish, French, 1 x week for 8 weeks and then again in the spring. Maybe reach out to the local colleges. Kendra---a survey is in the works about feedback and priorities and what we want as a community. Lists all the extracurriculars.

Staff Share 10 mins total

- **Mrs. Meija (3-5 rep)**— Provided a teacher tip, something she uses every year from a mentor teacher. I provide a white board window of opportunity to use the white boards. Tonja Brown---do you have a tip on how to adapt in the home. Using the object in the way it seems fit, and then guide to proper use. "Power half hour" integrated into family—play 80/90s music and able to work to do the chores and everyone is working.
- **Mrs. Padgham (K-2 rep)**-- hand out...model for goals. very product focused, shifting to be more procedure focused, whole child focus and how we are supporting kids in their whole learning. Not just mastering common core standard. How are we supporting whole child concept. These can be applied to any grade levels. Using the appropriate tools strategically is important no matter what you are doing.

Updates from Wilson Administrators 5 mins total

- Lots of thanks to share—Celebrate MCT. Thank you to Sarah Rodgers and your family. Thank you for the talent show. Thank you to those who voted for the Levy. Thank you for movie night.
- Data point for the night comes from 2d graders finished the CoGAT -- data point, as of March this year, Wilson has a highly capable population of 10.06%. March of last year was 4%. We are leading district by a large margin. What are some different instruction methods we can look into and hopefully reach these 10% or those that are close. Those who are in this highly capable also have needs.
- Created an academic extension team, created in August in order to support leadership in order to reach all kids.
- Generation Alive packing day. All the students will filter through and help packing.

New Discussion Items—Questions—Comments—Ideas

Next Meeting **Tuesday**, April 9, 7:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned

8:12 pm by Kendra Chapman — Attendance: (29 total in attendance—22 in person —7 online)