

MINUTES

Wilson Elementary School PTG

*Tuesday, May 11, 2021 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

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

Treasurer's Report – Katie Glazier

- The flower basket sale went great. The proceeds are earmarked for our *Wilson Gives* fund.
- We are ending the year with a bit more money than we anticipated, especially given all the canceled events. We're in good shape.
- We partnered with Beacon Hill to provide food for the staff during teacher appreciation week. The teachers loved it. Thanks to Wilson parent and Beacon Hill owner, Ellie Aaro, for the great food and offering a generous discount.

Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) – Katelyn Hunt

- The district wants to offer an optional three week summer school program at local schools for current K-5 students. July 12 – August 5, 9 – 12ish. Bussing would be available. The program would focus on reading, math, and writing through the online platforms students have been using this year. They would also have art projects and virtual field trips. An email will go out sometime this week. Please respond if you're interested. If they don't generate enough interest then they won't proceed with the program.
- High School Graduation: Aiming to have ceremonies at the pavilion downtown. Two guests per student. Outdoors, masks required. They are considering a designated vaccinated section to allow students additional guests who are fully vaccinated.
- The district is looking into whether they can hold a vaccination drive for students 12-15. More information is coming.
- What is the CAC? (Great question from Ryan Kiely): A group of parents that meets once a month. The superintendent and a member of the school board always speak. Projects and initiatives are discussed. The goal is to have one representative per school at the meetings. (Thanks to Katelyn for attending on our behalf).

Old Business

- Centennial T-shirt Update:
 - Nearly every Wilson student is receiving a shirt. They should be here in the next two weeks. We will bag up the orders and send them home with the kids.
 - We sold enough merchandise to cover all of our expenses. We donated approximately half the cost of each student shirt and purchased shirts outright for our noon aids and students in need. We will make a straight profit from the sale of the extra merchandise we ordered. We're anticipating about \$1,000 in profit.
- PTG Newsletter: Paw Prints (Tonja Brown coordinating)
 - Two more editions left this school year.
 - We'd love to have some contributions celebrating and marking the end of the school year. Students, parents, teachers – please help!
 - Please keep the submissions coming! Send to wilsonwildcatsptg@gmail.com
 - Community announcements can be made as well
 - Josie suggests something from a 6th grader. We'd love that. Please contribute!
- Wilson Alumni Scholarship (Katie Glazier coordinating): The PTG offers a scholarship to Wilson alumni (a Wilson student for any of their K-6 years) who is college-bound and remains involved in the Wilson community (volunteering at carnival, etc.).
 - We have \$1,500 to donate. We can give up to \$500 per student. The scholarship committee has the flexibility to award the funds as they see fit.
 - Applications are due on June 15th. The committee will meet and award the money before the end of the school year.
 - Please encourage any qualified seniors you know to apply. Information has been sent to all the local high schools.
- Policies and Procedures document (Carly Howarth): We are hoping to have this document ready to review at our June meeting.
 - Ryan Kiely suggests we add a procurement policy to the policies and procedures document.

New Business

- Greater Giving Platform Renewal (Katie Glazier and Carly Howarth):
 - We've been using this platform for the last two school years for all of our fundraising. The software makes sales easy and we've used it for yearbooks, t-shirts, bricks, flower baskets, etc.
 - The yearly cost for this software is just under \$2,000. We pay credit card fees of 4-5% on top of this fee. We are planning to pass the credit card fees along to buyers in future sales.
 - The software has made bookkeeping and treasurer responsibilities so much easier. It's also easy and user-friendly to maintain. We extend the use of the platform to the school for easy sales of things like yearbooks (not run by the PTG).
 - Khy Benedetti suggests we offer a check box that allows people to contribute additional funds when buying through the platform. This would help us cover some of the cost.
 - All agree to continue funding the platform.
- Banners (Josie Dix): Banners are there to promote PTG events. In years past the PTG has made banners for other big events (carnival, book bingo, etc.) and these are reused every year.
 - Josie reports that the two newest banners made by the PTG cost \$200 plus tax. She asks the PTG to fund a matching set that could be hung inside the playground.

- Katie Glazier clarifies that the banners were approved after the fact. The PTG agreed to reimburse Josie for the cost of these but notes that all expenses must be pre-approved by the PTG body or executive board going forward.
- Chad O'Donnell asks whether we have parents or businesses who could make or donate additional signs rather than spend even more.
- Carly Howarth suggests we simply rotate the signs.
- The consensus is to rotate the signs as needed and save the expense of further printing. If anyone hears of someone who might donate future signs, please send them to Josie Dix.
- Officer Nominations: No new nominations came in. The current executive team was nominated to serve another year. Call to formally accept the nomination:
 - Carly Pickering, Vice President: accepts
 - Katie Glazier, Treasurer: accepts
 - Kendra Kimball Chapman, Secretary: accepts
 - Tonja Brown, Outreach Secretary: accepts
 - Carly Howarth, President: accepts
 - Formal vote at the next meeting on June 8th
 - Josie Dix praises Katie Glazier for the work she's done as treasurer and makes a call that someone step up to shadow her during the next school year. Katie is only eligible to serve as treasurer for one more school year.
- Chair Positions: We need chairs for next year's events or we run the risk of having to cancel them.
 - Book Bingo – Stephanie Gronholz volunteers to chair
 - Tech Liason – Dave Gilbert will serve
 - Carnival – Josie Dix
 - Brick Sales – Josie Dix
 - Talent Show – Jennifer Holcomb
 - Pizza in the Park – Carly Howarth
 - Volunteers still needed:
 - Monster Mash
 - Art Night
 - Pancake Breakfast
 - School Directory
 - New PTG Website
 - Co-chairs for the 2021-22 Auction
 - Benedettis say they'll talk it over and let us know WHICH event they'll chair. Thank you!
 - Emily Ketchel will be one of the auction co-chairs. Thank you! Who will co-chair?
 - Alex Evans is likely to continue chairing pancake breakfast. We will follow up.
 - Josie Dix will do the directory if no one else steps up
 - Website – who can do this? The website could help us collect directory data.
 - Courtney Malone will help with the talent show and carnival. Thank you.
 - Bridget Sarfino will chair Art Night. Thank you.
- Ken Hermanson Updates:
 - Staffing updates for next school year:
 - Kindergarten: Coyote, Fuller and Larson (returning after a year with SVA)
 - 1st Grade: Passenetti, Jacobsen, Holcomb
 - 1 / 2 Combo: Padgham
 - 2nd Grade: Bozo and Seidensticker
 - 3rd Grade: Reilly and Farley

- 3 / 4 Combo: open position
- 4th Grade: Mejia/Kovarik and Burke
- 5th Grade: Sarfino and open position
- 6th Grade: Miles-Conrad and Krotzer
- Library: Barker
- District is trying to do smaller class sizes so we may pick up another teacher. When middle schools open our 6th grade teachers will have the option to move to Sac or another middle school. Mr. Burke did not want to go to middle school; he elected to move to a lower grade now so he wouldn't have to bump another teacher later.
- We are waiting to hear from the district about what we can do for graduation. Gov. Inslee pushed back the decision on phase 2.
- The district recommended against field day but we're trying to work around that. Mr. Hermanson is making a case for an exception for Wilson. Because our school grounds are so small, we have to hold field day off campus even in a normal year. This allows for more social distancing and maintaining pods.
 - Heidi Bresson checked with the Parks Department about getting a permit. They are not currently issuing any permits due to the wind storm damage. Sounds like we could still hold an event there unofficially.
- Per the district, volunteers are still not allowed in schools. We are waiting for approval from the health district and SPS leadership.
- Josie Dix points out that other schools are holding events. Roosevelt had a family pizza night. LC held a teacher appreciation event. She would like to see Wilson holding events again.
 - Ken is submitting proposals to the safety committee and director and asking for events to resume. Other schools are holding events that are not district sanctioned. It's frustrating for the principals like him that are trying to tow the line and do the right thing.
 - Several attendees voice support for Ken's diligence in pursuing events while also following the safety guidelines and district rules.
- Ken thanks the PTG for the boxed lunches we funded and arranged for staff appreciation. That's the only thing the district would allow for teacher appreciation week.

Next Meeting

Final meeting of the school year: Tuesday, June 8, 2021, Zoom

Meeting Adjourned

7:59 pm by Carly Howarth.