

MINUTES

Wilson Elementary School PTG

*Tuesday, May 10, 2022 7:03 pm | 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 2022 Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Gretchen Farley, seconded by Tonja Brown. All in favor of approval.

Treasurer's Report (Katie Glazier, Treasurer)

- April was a big month because of carnival. If you have additional receipts that need to be submitted for reimbursement, please do so right away. Final numbers are not in but at this point it looks like carnival brought in \$8600. Approximately \$7400 of that has been paid out.
 - Ken envisions walkathons every 18 months so families aren't being asked too often. He's dreaming up a large family event next April.
 - Anticipates ending the year with approximately \$55,000 which puts us in a good position (we went into non-fundraising years with this same amount two and four years ago). Going into a non-fundraising year we typically want to start with around \$40,000.
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Citizen's Advisory Committee – Sarah Rodgers

- Board update from Reilly Smith: some schools will see an expanded walk zone. The district will partner with STA for some transportation needs.
 - Long-range planning is being done by a large committee. They're looking at where bond money has been spent and where to spend next. The board has the ultimate say on this. They are looking to improve or replace Adams, Balboa, Indian Trail & Madison and considering an additional elementary school near Qualchan to meet growth in the area. They are considering improvements to facilities for The Community School, Pratt, Libby Center, Apple K-8, Map, FROC, Step, and SVA as well.
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Information Items

- Paw Prints (Tonja Brown):
 - Please send submissions from 5th and 6th graders for the final edition. Text submissions to Tonja 206-769-8662 or email tonjalbrown@gmail.com

- Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Thank you, Katelyn Hunt! Marvelous job! It went over budget a bit. Katie proposes moving leftover funds from the family hospitality budget to cover expenses. Carly Howarth motions to approve. Lara Nybo seconds. All in favor.
- Carnival
 - Carnival was super fun! Thank you to Josie Dix and the Carnival planning team. Everyone agreed that it was wonderful to have this important community-building event back. Feedback offered from the community:
 - Praise:
 - It was awesome having 6th graders rather than teachers in the dunk tank. Let's continue that!
 - It's great to see so many Wilson graduates back to help.
 - Lots of families came.
 - Things to adjust to make next year even more successful:
 - Too many events. Let's cut some of the less popular events so we can use more volunteers to reduce long lines on the very popular events.
 - Can we add music throughout the event space next year?
 - Games/Events to cut: tattoos, chopstick ball, frog racing, fishing line over the curtain, many of the "little kid" games in the classrooms inside.
 - Favorite Games & Events to place more volunteers next year: facepainting, soda pop toss. Those lines were way too long!
 - Can we bring back the preschool area with a juice box ring toss and cupcake walk? That was awesome in past years.
 - Let's survey kids to learn which events they love and which we can cut. Carly H. will give a survey to teachers.
 - Parents could use more guidance ahead of time on how many tickets to buy. Tell families specifically how much food will cost so they can prepare. Suggested ticket amount of 100/family of 4 didn't seem to be enough.
 - Jayden Roberts wants to do fortune telling next year. Fun idea!
 - Goal of the event is community building rather than fundraising. The goal is for it to be a "break even" event.
 - Is the event perhaps too long? Lots of tears by the end.
- Bricks – will be engraved soon.

New Business

- Funds Request for Paraeducator Gifts (Kendra Chapman):
 - Asking \$150 to gift all six of our paraeducators \$25 gift cards
 - We have lost several paraeducators this year and the positions remain unfilled. Our paras are overworked and underpaid. They've all taken on extra responsibilities without receiving any extra pay. Let's recognize their hard work and dedication by offering a gift.
 - The group loves the idea but thinks it should be more
 - Carly Howarth motions we gift \$50 per paraeducator. Tonja Brown seconds. All are in favor.
 - Kendra will buy six \$50 Amazon gift cards and write thank you notes to accompany them. To be delivered later this week.
- Funds Request for Cross Country Trackers (Heidi Bresson and Jeff Klein):

- Asking for \$175/year for subscription to service that will let kids scan trackers as they run laps. This will help Bloomsday Training, Cross Country, PE, Girls on the Run. No additional equipment has to be purchased but may be needed at a later time. They've gotten great feedback on this system. Should be easier and motivational.
- Kendra motions to fund \$175. Alexis seconds. All in favor.
- Nominations are in for next year's PTG Officers. Thank you for being willing to serve. All have accepted the nomination:
 - President: Alexis Padgham
 - Vice President: Jeff Klein
 - Treasurer: Dave Gilbert
 - Secretary: Kendra Chapman
 - Outreach Secretary: Tonja Brown
- 2022-2023 Event Chairs
 - Art Night: Bridget Sarfino and Laura Crotty
 - Book Bingo: Stephanie Gronholz
 - Carnival: Josie Dix
 - Monster Mash: Janny Kiely
 - Pancake Feed: Meghan McLaughlin
 - Talent Show: Tammy Knapp and Kaelyn Perry
 - CAC: Sarah Rodgers and Lara Nybo
 - Pizza in the Park:
 - Wildcat Walk:
 - Directory:
 - Hospitality:
 - We need to fill a few more chair positions. Please volunteer or send nominations.
- Ken Hermanson Updates and Questions:
 - Volunteer Appreciation Brunch will not happen this Friday but will happen on another Friday coming up. Ken will send information on this.
 - Teacher and Combination class feedback forms are due this Friday.
 - Art dedication was awesome
 - Gretchen Farley thanks the PTG for today's Mobius visit for 3rd graders today.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm in person in Katie Glazier's backyard

Meeting Adjourned

8:09 pm by Carly Howarth.