

MINUTES

Wilson Elementary School PTG

*Tuesday, May 9, 2023 7:00 pm, Zoom | Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 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 Coordinator

Kendra Kimball Chapman, Secretary

Approval of Minutes

The April Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Sarah Rodgers. Ana Ehrler seconds. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report (Dave Gilbert, Treasurer)

- Approved \$500 for Tricia to beautify the grounds
- Approved \$47 for Mrs. Coyote for a turtle habitat
- Approved \$200 for Mrs. Bresson and Bloomsday prizes

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

- There will be a new transportation provider next year. Parents can access an app to see where busses are at any time.
- Next Bond will be February 2024. The last Bond (500 million) covered new middle schools. The next Bond will probably be 200 million and they aren't yet sure what it will cover.
- New district principals were introduced (Wilson's has not yet been selected).
- Break out groups discussed the possibility of partnering PTG's from different schools in order to more equitably share resources.

Updates

- **Paw Prints** (Tonja Brown): Emily Allen will take over Paw Prints next school year. Thank you, Emily!
- **Staff Appreciation Week** (Tonja Brown): Staff expressed gratitude for a wonderful week of appreciation. Thank you to all who contributed and especially to Emily Allen and Sarah Rodgers for chairing hospitality!
- **Pancake Feed** (Meghan McLaughlin): Pancake Feed will still be on Friday, 6/16. There will be a sign up genius for volunteers. \$1300 budgeted for the event. Free to families.
- **Bricks** (Kendra Chapman):
 - Phase 2 of the Brick project is complete. Thank you to chair Josie Dix for her efforts and to Corey & Stephanie Newman and Lindsey Gilbert for finding a new brick engraver.

- We are aware that the memorial brick for Mr. J was accidentally left off. We will launch a new phase of Brick sales next school year once we have a streamlined online order system. Phase 3 will include Mr. J's brick.
- **Carnival** (Josie Dix):
 - Please sign up to volunteer and donate items
 - Please buy tickets
 - We're expecting great weather this year!
- **Extracurricular Committee Update** (Jeff Klein):
 - 6th Grade Book Club has been a raging success! Kids want to continue the book club. Ms. Edwards will help them structure it. The club has fostered lots of meaningful conversation on big topics.
 - Tennis with Ms. Bresson just started. 17 4th – 6th graders participating.
 - Latest session of Art after School (EWU partnership) has begun.
 - 4th grade lego robotics is going really well right now
 - We are excited about next year and watching this year's pilot projects grow. We need more coaches in order to expand flag football to other grades in the fall. Please volunteer. More info to come in the newsletter.
 - Excited about more lego robotics next year

Discussion Items

- **Missoula Children's Theatre** (Sarah Rodgers): Sarah and Jeff will work together to select a date and book MCT. Alexis motions we budget \$3700 for next year's Missoula Children's Theatre, dependent on raising sufficient funding at next year's Wildcat Walk. Kendra Chapman seconds. All are in favor.
- **Coffee Cart** (Emily Allen and Sarah Rodgers): There is general interest in bringing the coffee cart back occasionally for parent morning mingles, perhaps on future bike train days. There is concern about the booking cost to PTG. Sarah and Emily will investigate and look into bringing them back next year.
- **Crossing Guard on 29th** (Emily Allen): This is a dangerous intersection. How do we get a crossing guard here? Ken will make a request through the district based on the volume of traffic on 29th.
- **Open Chair Positions 2023-24** (Alexis Padgham): Please volunteer to fill one of these roles!
 - Monster Mash – we need a chair in place by September in order to have the Monster Mash next school year.
 - Book Bingo
 - Scholarship Committee
 - CAC – 1 representative to partner with Sarah Rodgers
- **Retirement and Going Away Gifts** (Kendra Chapman): We would like to thank the teachers who are leaving Wilson due to the expansion of middle school. The group voted to gift full time 6th grade teachers a \$100 gift card each and give part time arts teachers a \$25 coffee gift card. The group voted to create a GoFundMe so parents can contribute to a retirement gift for Ken Hermanson. We will cap donations at \$750 and make clear that donations over that amount will roll into the PTG general fund and support extracurricular activities next year. Ken's gift card will be to C'da Resort. Will be presented at Pancake Breakfast.
- **2023-24 Welcome Gifts** (Emily Allen and Kendra Chapman): group voted to gift Wilson Wildcat yard signs to incoming kinders and new families. We will also make them available for purchase by others. Emily and Kendra will work on a reprint.
- **2023-24 Executive Board Vote and Results:**
 - Treasurer: Dave Gilbert will serve a second year

- Secretary: Ana Ehrler
- Vice President: Tonja Brown
- President: Kendra Chapman

Updates from Mr. Hermanson

- Hopefully a new principal will be hired by the end of May
- Parents will be invited to a zoom meeting with final candidates

Next Meeting

WEDNESDAY, June 7, 7:00 PM @ Jeff Klein's home: 3111 S. High Drive

Meeting Adjourned

8:33 pm by Alexis Padgham