

MINUTES

Wilson Elementary School PTG

*Tuesday, November 8, 2022 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 Secretary

Kendra Kimball Chapman, Secretary

Approval of Minutes

The October 2022 Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Kendra Chapman, seconded by Jeff Klein. All in favor of approval.

Treasurer's Report (Dave Gilbert, Treasurer)

- We have approximately \$21,000 to spend this year.
- The executive board approved the following field trips:
 - \$336 for a 3rd grade field trip to MAC museum
 - \$406 for a Kinder field trip to Mobius
- Flag football went over the \$200 budget voted on in September. They requested an additional \$50 to cover purchases and the executive board approved.
- We don't have all Monster Mash expenses accounted for but believe it to be a profitable event.

Funding Requests

- Lego Robotics requests \$632 for tshirts, props & materials to build a couple tables. Corey Newman moves to approve, Erik Makinson seconds. All in favor.
- Melissa Alfstad requests \$600 for an upcoming assembly for the primary grades. She is very excited about this musician who will focus on social emotional learning. Corey Newman moves to approve \$600. Sarah Rodgers seconds. All in favor.

Citizen's Advisory Committee

CAC has not met yet this month so no report

- Monster Mash recap (Janny Kiely):
 - Have received lots of great feedback. Janny had a terrific committee. It wasn't too crowded. People liked the diverse activities – something for all ages.
 - Recommendations for next year:
 - Just plan to do it inside to save the hassle of last minute changes. Gym was not overcrowded
 - Make a bigger deal of the costume contest. Kids love that!
 - People like going outside. The flood lights on the playground really helped. Repeat that next year and also add some outside volunteers for extra supervision.
 - Popcorn Machine – rent a second
 - Feedback from PTG body:
 - Kendra: let's just make tons of popcorn in advance rather than rent another machine. Our popcorn machine couldn't keep up with the event.
 - Dave: Ticket Tailor worked well for event sales. Let's use it again.
 - Jeff: Kona Ice was fun but messy! Keep outside next year?
 - Ken H: Great event! Let's restrict Kona Ice to outside and gym next year for ease of cleanup.
 - Alexis: Well done clean-up crew. The building was ready for kids Monday morning.
 - Thank you to Janny for brilliantly executing such a huge event. Raves all around. We hope you'll chair again next year! THANK YOU!
- Art Night (Matt Crotty):
 - November 17th 6 – 8 in the gym. Please come to this wonderful open house event. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to volunteer. And thanks to Kate Smith and Raederle Swanson for learning the ropes and being willing to take over next year when the Crottys and Sarfinos graduate.
- Art Jacobson passed away over the weekend and the community has been profoundly affected. Art has taught primary grades at Wilson for four years and was at Hutton for 20 before that. Extra support has been on hand to support kids and staff as they grieve. Students have been making cards and are working on a banner. Please reach out to Melissa Alfstad if you or your child needs extra support dealing with this loss. There is a Go Fund Me (link will be shared in Paw Prints) and all are invited to a Celebration of Life (details shared by school). This is a hard time for the Wilson Community.
- Yearbooks (Kendra Chapman):
 - Dec. 12 is the deadline to order a yearbook. There will not be any extras available after that date. Please reach out to Melissa Alfstad if you would like a yearbook but cannot afford it at this time. [Link to order](#)
 - We need families to submit pictures for the yearbook! We'd like to equitably represent all grade levels and classrooms but need your pictures in order to do so. [Please submit photos here.](#)
- Staff Holiday Gifts (Kendra Chapman): Traditionally, the Wilson PTG purchases gift cards for all staff members and presents them as a holiday gift. We will be doing the same this year. The PTG is grateful that your support allows us to express gratitude to our wonderful Wilson staff!
- Paw Prints (Tonja Brown): should come out next week
- Spokane Children's Hospital Request (Tonja Brown): The hospital requested that our kids make holiday cards for their patients. Sarah Rodgers and Melissa Alfstad have volunteered to chair this effort.
- Wilson Morning Mingle (Jillian Farland): Tuesday, Nov. 29 (we think), library, 8:25 – 10:00. Hospitality will provide coffee and donuts. This event is open to parents of children in all grade levels and aims to

build community. Hoping to hold this event quarterly. Thanks to Jillian for this idea and her leadership!

- Parent's Night Out (Erik Makinson): Erik has a great start on this event but new work commitments have come up. Who can take over? He will transfer all knowledge and research. Kate Smith volunteered via the chat. Thanks to Erik for the work he's done so far.
- Family Dinner Fundraising Nights (Ken Ebner): Ken has been in contact with Red Robin, Caruso's and Mod Pizza. All are willing to do fundraising nights and donate back up to 20% of proceeds. We will start with a Red Robin night in December (exact date TBD). These events are so fun. Thanks to Ken for making this happen!
- Extracurricular Committee (Jeff Klein):
 - Lego Robotics: going really well. 3rd and 4th graders can participate in a non-competitive training program in the spring. We need coaches for the spring session. Please email Jeff Klein if you can help.
 - Art after School: First session was last week. 50 kids signed up and we had plenty of volunteers. Kids were engaged and it was an awesome event. Two more sessions coming up.
 - More Art after School: Jeff is working with classroom teachers to host more after-school art opportunities. Each room would host a different medium. Please watch for a sign up genius and volunteer your time and talent.
 - Corey Newman is working on after school tennis. Email Corey if you have ideas for potential coaches.

Ken Hermanson Updates

- Veteran's Day assembly this Thursday. Please share your veteran via link he sent out.

Next Meeting

There will be no meeting in December

Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 7:00 pm, via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned

8:00 pm by Alexis Padgham