

# PTG MEETING MINUTES

Wilson Elementary School PTG

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*Tuesday, Oct 10, 2023 7:00 pm | Wilson Elementary Library | Meeting Called to Order at 7:01 pm by Kendra Chapman*

*Minutes Submitted by Ana-Maria Ehrler*

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## PTG Officers in Attendance

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Kendra Chapman, President 2022-23

Tonja Brown, Vice President 2022-23

Dave Gilbert, Treasurer 2023-24— via Zoom

Ana Ehrler, Secretary 2023-24

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## Approval of Minutes

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The Sept minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Lindsay Pursley. Tiffany Adams seconds. All in favor. — Passes

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## Welcome: Introductions of Wilson PTG Board Members 2023-24

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- Brief introductions for the PTG Officers and a huge thank you to those who came to the meeting as well as participated via Zoom.
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## Treasurer's Update (Dave Gilbert, Treasurer)

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- Dave Gilbert went through what was in the Budget Packet and explained the Budget break out (Summary page) for October expenses.
    - Dave went over how to read the Approved Budget and based off of what is already allocated on the Sept approved budget, and what has been paid out in October (Summary page) there remains \$7,100 of “unallocated funds.” Meaning we raised money during the Wildcat walk to be able to cover the priorities and expenses the PTG set forth in the approved budget.
    - Gretchen Cleveland asked about the potential to invest in the \$20K we are holding for next year in order to potentially earn a higher yield.
      - The PTG can look into this.
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## Funding Requests

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- Mini-grant request submitted by Mrs. Coyote for all kinder to go to Mobius. This trip will include 45 kinder to take a trip to Mobius Discovery Center Thursday 10/19 and will cost \$440.00. Motion to approve by Katie Fitzpatrick. Alexis Padgham Seconds. All in favor. — Passes
- Katie Fitzpatrick asked about how field trip funds are allocated from the district as well as from the PTG funding line. Mrs. Admire responded with the district goal is one field trip per class. Kendra Chapman responded the PTG doesn't have a set standard as the intent is to augment what the district does, and with different class sizes/grades it makes it difficult to allocate fairly. It was also encouraged to ensure the PTG keeps track of who utilizes the Field Trip funds and for what in order to ensure fairness amongst the grades & classes.

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## Information Items

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- **CAC Update** (Gretchen Cleveland) Not a lot to report from this CAC meeting update as it was centered around the upcoming bond initiative. She wanted to pass along that if there are issues with bussing, the best communication feature for bus issues is through the Let's Talk Feature on the SPS District [Page](#).
  - Gretchen mentioned the bond measures are trying to decide what will be covered in this bond measure as the last Bond was \$500M and there is acknowledgement of the increasing in property values (cost of living expenses/taxes going up) the district has \$400M in projects, but this next Bond Initiative vote is for \$200M as they are cognizant of the increase in taxes and the least impact but to keep improvements needed moving forward.
- **Technology Update** (Jeff Klein) Jeff needed a back up for meeting he may need to miss and Gretchen Cleveland volunteered to step in and learn how to connect all of the Zoom/Owl in Jeff's absence as a back up in order to keep meetings in person and available via Zoom.
- **Dine out Night:** Tonja Brown reported Caruso's Dine out night earned the PTG \$260. The next Dine out is MOD Pizza by Target 6 November. Tonja also put an ask out for volunteers to help out with coffee & donuts and Lindsay Pursley & Tiffany Adams volunteered to help. Tonja and team are unsure when the next event will be but will consider previously scheduled PTG/School events and set a date. It will most likely be hosted in the library.
- **Wildcat Walk** (Kendra Chapman) Very successful Wildcat Walk. We made more money than last time, even with a smaller school (losing 6th grade to middle school). We decreased the expenses by \$1K. Kendra also restated the mission set forth of the Wildcat walk and the initiative for it to be more inclusive; deemphasizing the competition for the highest individual fundraisers while allowing for everyone to contribute by participating and earning prizes collectively as a class; not necessarily about who raised the most money. We are still tabulating credit card fees but expect to have netted over \$51,000.
- **2023-24 Directory** (Ana Ehrler) Doing a few things to recognize those Supporters of the Wildcat Walk and the Donation matching Companies with a Thank you in the Wildcat Walk directory. Ana is working/waiting on the front office for the final class and teacher lists; but has the advertisements and sponsors all ready to go.
- **Monster Mash** (Josie Dix) Josie shared a quick Monster Mash Update as planing is coming along. She has a great team. They will have security and have single entrance/exit. The gates will be closed and locked to increase security of the event. Those under 16 will need to have a parent with them at the event. This event is going to be a costume party and the costume parade will happen on stage @ 7:30pm. There will be a hall of horror, upstairs in the 3d grade hallway. There will be a pumpkin display. Monster Mash & Carnival are the two events we modestly charge for, but we want everyone to attend and have the means to attend. Please contact Melissa Alfstadt as she will get tickets for students/families who need assistance.
- **PTG Website** (Kendra Chapman) Big shout out to Jed Whittaker (CEO of Jack Pine Media) as he volunteers his time and team to develop the new PTG website. It looks amazing! There will be a link from the current website. The website will be easily maintained by PTG officers and easy to pass along to future leadership teams.
- **Feeder Pattern Homecoming Recap** (Christina Admire) A few notes from the director; over 2,000 people attended the LC feeder pattern event. Overwhelming positive support all around. Thank you to the PTG for the financial support. Any funds not utilized will be utilized for future events. The plan to be have a winter event (Basketball) and the Spring event will be a multi-cultural event. The funding helped to cover the balloons & art supplies used at the event.
  - Jeff Klein added he received very positive feedback that it was a huge success they called the kids onto the field and was very inclusive.

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## Principal Updates from Mrs. Christina Admire

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- **Building initiatives**

- **PBIS** (Positive Behavioral Interventions and support) framework Wilson is supporting. This is recognizing and rewarding positive actions and behaviors of students. This is done through the PAWS program where the students earn PAWS to be utilized at the PAWS store and has added fun experiences to the PAWS store that can be bought. The “House” system will be launching this year again with an assembly later this month. There will be two house days, one in the winter and one in the spring. Thank you to Alexis Padgham for starting this program and learning as we go how to improve on this program.
- **DEI** (Diversity Equity & Inclusion) team @ Wilson was started with a team of Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Stailey, Mrs. Coyote, Mrs. Alfstadt. The mission and intent is to educate, advocate and celebrate DEI and bring awareness to and educating our students. This team will be looking to create opportunities such as visual art, more representative books and ensuring students see themselves in the books and mirror around Wilson.

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## Staff Share

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- Mrs. Perry is the 3-5 rep to the PTG— she shared that through the new DEI team, Wilson is celebrating October as disability awareness month. Mrs. Perry Shared with us about her sister (Ali) and the stuffed animal drive she does for the pediatric Intensive care unit stuffed animal drive. Wilson is rounding up NEW stuffed animals to donate to these ICUs. Ali will be speaking as part of the educate and promote awareness DEI initiative at the school assembly to share her story.
  - Mrs. Perry loved the Wildcat walk and had praise to share in her feedback of it. She also mentioned there are new opportunities for intervention in the 3-5th grades working with specialists to work these interventions into the day/week. Tonja Brown asked about what this really means or how is it in action. Mrs. Admire helped explain the pilot program in 3rd grade with respect to Math and ensuring all kids needs are being met for everyone in the class. There will be extension pieces to those who need it and are above and beyond working with a specialist.
- Mrs Padgham is the K-2 rep to the PTG—she shared the routines are established, K-2 has a brand new curriculum focusing more on foundation reading (Whit & Wisdom). This year is very exploratory but will be full of learning, growing and engaging. Math Focus in the primary grade and has been reviewing previous learned content and now diving into new learning content. 1st graders are going to the pumpkin patch (supported via the district field trip—not PTG).
  - Ana asked about this new foundational reading concept and whether it was phonic based or sight word based. Mrs. Admire responded with phonic based (science backed research), but this year will be heavily focused on phonics in order to support foundational reading in the later grades.
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## Extracurricular Committee Update

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- **Extracurricular Committee Update** (Jeff Klein):
  - Fall Football: finishing up tomorrow 10/11. Thanks to all the coaches and Ehrlers for expanding from 15 kids to 40+ in one year. Awards will be given out at the last scrimmage on Weds.
  - Darci Smulkowski briefed the First Lego League (4th/5th graders). Derek Sarfino is the other coach 20 slots available. The Explorer will be a 6 week program to introduce 3d graders to it and feed into the Lego Leagues.
  - Art After School (EWU partnership): Tiffany Adams is the lead and will relieve the load as she was recently classified as an “XX” (district classification) in order to qualify this extracurricular with a building lead. Emails will be finalized Friday as there are only 2 sections (Thursdays) for this session.
  - Cross Country: fall. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday mornings. Had the first XC meet and it was a huge success.

- Talent Show: (Mrs. Perry) If you are interested in helping out with this Talent Show as typically they have not sought PTG involvement for this, but are more than happy to take some volunteers to help Mrs. Perry & Mrs. Knapp. Please contact them directly if interested in volunteering.

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### Guest Speaker—Mike Bresson ACTIVE4Youth

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- **ACTIVE4YOUTH** Mike Bresson gave an overview of how the program started as him & Heidi started Active4Youth in 2006 when Heidi was teaching at a Title I school (federal education program to support low income students throughout the nation in order to receive fair, equitable and high quality education and work to close educational achievement gaps). All extracurricular programs were cut so Heidi & Mike started a 501c3 aimed at extracurriculars back in school; but after grant rejections, they were given advice to focus on something they are passionate about and would be easy to implement to narrow the focus to start. In 2008 they stood up the ACTIVE4Youth program. Today the program is in 3 districts (Spokane, Central Valley & West Valley), almost 60 elementary schools, 4500 kids and almost ¼ are enrolled in Cross Country. This program is free to the kids, but costs about \$90K to run each year. ACTIVE4Youth has an annual auction Friday Oct 13th at Beacon Hill. Any PTG that has invited them to to come and speak and they are always looking for donations to help run the program.
  - Tonja Brown asked about the organizational make up; ACTIVE4Youth has 10 board members and 2 executive directors, one who primarily fundraises and one who does data, scheduling and such. Mike elaborated on the partnership with the district(s) and talked about setting the standard for other programs (HoopTown) to be able to come in and partner with the district. The District Superintendent is very supportive of extra-curricular activities for kids to help with engagement in the classroom. ACTIVE4Youth has been a catalyst for Basketball, Volleyball and the community investing in these partnerships.
  - Best place to go for more information is [Active4Youth.org](http://Active4Youth.org).

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### Next Meeting

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**Tuesday**, November 14, 7:00 PM—in person at the library and online.

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### Meeting Adjourned

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8:12 pm by Kendra Chapman

Attendance: (28 total in attendance—18 in person 10 online)