

MINUTES

Wilson Elementary School PTG

*Tuesday, October 14, 2020 7:00 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 September Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Alexis Padgham, seconded by Dave Gilbert. All in favor of approval.

Treasurer's Report

- Katie is revamping the budget for the year and removing activities that won't happen due to Covid-19. Spring activities remain on the budget for now.
- \$12,000 gifted to teachers for classroom supplies (\$500 for full-time, \$250 for part-time)
- Yard signs totaled just over \$1,900 – a little over budget to ensure all families received one, plus tax.
- Money was contributed to the Community Fund handled by Melissa Alfstad
- Bike Racks were paid and came in \$1,000 under budget
- We have \$7,500-9,000 to spend this year. This does not include money already budgeted for current programs. We'll aim to end the year with about \$20,000 in the bank.
- Amazon Programs
 - Amazon Smile: We receive a percentage of purchases quarterly. Contributions are down. We need to market this program.
 - Amazon School Rewards Associate Program: this program is different than Amazon Smile and actually pays us a higher percentage. We need to advertise this through the PTG Newsletter. Encourage this program over Amazon Smile. Must shop through this specific link:
http://www.amazon.com/?_encoding=UTF8&tag=wilselemsch0a
 - Last year we raised over \$400 through these combined Amazon programs.
- Alexis Padgham motioned to approve the budget. All in favor.

- Positive feedback on the slow return to school for kinders. Will consider using this model in future years even once we're not in a pandemic.
- District has a new intervention team to support families in need
- CPS reporting down 50% this fall. This number is very concerning as it indicates that many incidents are falling through the cracks.
- October 26th: The district will evaluate phasing in 1st graders
- The district intends to send only K-2 students back until our Covid numbers improve significantly
- In order to phase in older students our case numbers must be 75 per 100,000 or lower. We are currently seeing 240 cases per 100,000 so we've got a long way to go. Dr. Swinyard is not optimistic that older kids will return this semester or even this school year.
- The district is in the middle of an impossible decision. They receive equally passionate feedback from both sides: "Our kids need to be in school! This is a mental health crisis!" and "You'll have blood on your hands. It's too dangerous!"
- District will continue to follow the guidance of our local health district and Dr. Bob Lutz. They are taking a vigilant approach – slow and methodical.
- Enrollment is down 5% in the district. They were anticipating 2-6%. State-wide public enrollment is down 3%. This causes a major budget deficit.
- The school board is asking to re-evaluate the safety budget. They'd like to reallocate money that was designated to campus resource officers in order to better support students' mental health needs.
- Next meeting: Monday, Nov. 9th

Old Business

- Kindergarten Mural
 - Alex Boyce will spearhead this endeavor as his Eagle Scout Project.
 - Design possibilities: Lifecycle of a frog, types of trees, hidden letters and numbers
 - Mural won't be permanent. Expect it to live for about 7 years before a re-do with from an entirely blank slate. New mural approximately every 7 years.
 - Sherwin Williams will donate some but not all of paint.
 - Supplies needed include paint, sheets, sprayers, masks, gloves, etc.
 - Per weather restrictions, project will begin in the spring
 - Josie Dix proposes we fund 100% of the project up to \$1150. Kendra Kimball-Chapman seconds. All in favor.
- Brick Fundraiser (Josie Dix coordinating)
 - \$100/brick. Purchase through Greater Giving. Our costs are a bit more (unspecified amount) now that the bricks are already installed.
 - Fliers will go out. Spread word to alums.
- We've received lovely Thank You cards from staff members grateful for the money we've allocated.
- Wilson Yard Signs
 - Great job to Courtney and team on the creation of signs. Thanks to all who helped deliver.
 - Can we get more pictures of kids with signs? Send to Carly Howarth

- MOD Pizza Fundraiser (Alexis Padgham coordinating)
 - MOD Monday at Wilson – The first Monday of every month through at least March. South Hill location.
 - We receive about 20% of sales (Dine-in, carry-out, call-in, or order online)
 - Must mention that we're with Wilson when placing the order!
 - Let's send out a flier and do a robo-call day of
 - Upcoming dates:
 - Monday, Nov. 2nd
 - Monday, Dec. 7th
 - Monday, Jan. 4th
 - Monday, Feb. 1st
 - Monday, March 1st
- McTeacher Night at McDonald's (Alexis Padgham)
 - These events are on hold due to Covid
- PTG Sister School (Katelyn Hunt Coordinating)
 - Small team met to discuss logistics
 - Many schools could benefit but we'd like to focus on a South Hill school so kids could build relationships as these kids will also attend Sac and LC .
 - Melissa Alfstad will get in touch with school counselors to see how we can support families.
 - Have a Giving Tree type thing ("7 year old boy, size 8, needs snow pants" etc.)
 - Qualifying schools: Grant and Sheridan
- Calming Kits (Melissa Alfstad coordinating)
 - 400 glitter bottles were made last week
 - Thursday, 10/15 at 1:00 volunteers will meet on the playground to assemble Calming Kits (Carly Howarth, Courtney, and Neal volunteered)
 - Melissa will make some videos about how to use the bags
 - Carly Howarth will label the bags to ensure all families receive one
 - Melissa can deliver bags for families who need that. Others can pick up during Friday materials pick up.

New Business

- HEPA Filters (Ken Hermanson presenting)
 - Portable HEPA filters will not impact entire classroom as our classrooms are too large
 - Masks are the most important tool
 - Open windows are important for air flow and maintaining safe classroom air
 - Ken has made sure windows open and are operational in all K-2 classrooms and has followed up on reports of some windows that don't work properly
 - Wilson has newer air systems. Throughout the district, classroom air is turned over 4-8 times per hour. We don't have specifics but our classrooms should be on the high end of that.
 - We have MERV11 filters and not HEPA filters. HEPA is too expensive. Filters are changed regularly.
 - In a regular year, air systems run as efficiently as possible. This year the emphasis is on turning over air as often as possible.
- PTG Newsletter (Tonja Brown coordinates)
 - Monthly newsletter summarizing activities and calling for family involvement in upcoming activities. This could be a venue for families to make announcements for our larger community.

- Community Engagement Ideas
 - Due to Covid, we must cancel our fall community events. How can we engage our Wilson community when we can't gather?
 - Monthly Wilson yard sign decorating contest
 - Zoom bingo or zoom book bingo (by grade level?)
 - Slideshow of Halloween costumes in lieu of Monster Mash
 - Can we make community videos and post them to a private YouTube channel?
Courtney will reach out to the Ott family to see whether they can put together a video

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2020, Zoom (possibly an in-person meeting with a simultaneous zoom option)

Meeting Adjourned

8:06 pm by Carly Howarth