

# MINUTES

## Wilson Elementary School PTG

*Tuesday, October 12, 2021 7:03 pm | Meeting Called to Order by Carly Howarth  
Minutes Submitted by Kendra Kimball Chapman*

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### PTG Officers in Attendance

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Carly Howarth, President

Katie Glazier, Treasurer

Tonja Brown, Outreach Secretary

Kendra Kimball Chapman, Secretary

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### Approval of Minutes

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The September minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Alexis Padgham, seconded by Tonja Brown. All in favor of approval.

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### Treasurer's Report (Katie Glazier, treasurer)

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- Last month we paid out \$5200 for Teacher Supply Gifts
- Pizza in the Park – final numbers: \$145 profit. That's right where we want to be.
- Wrote a check to cover Alex Boyce's expenses for the kindergarten mural.
- Non-Profit Status:
  - Bad News – We have temporarily lost our 501c3 status due to filing our taxes late (or not filing at all) for 3 consecutive years. The previous treasurer failed to file taxes for 2019 and 2018. No one knew about this until last week.
  - Good News – Katie is working to rectify the situation and has already been in touch with the IRS. We are fairly confident that our Non-Profit status will be reinstated retroactively but it could take up to 180 days.
  - Reach out to Katie directly if you have concerns over your Wildcat Walk donation.
- Question from "Dad Group:" Can we have corporate sponsorships for the walk?
  - Yes! Next year we will try this and add sponsor's names to the tshirts. This year was the trial run so we chose to keep it simple.

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### Citizen's Advisory Committee (Sarah Rodgers presenting)

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- There is a push to improve inclusion programs throughout the district – especially through secondary
- Boundary Changes: needed in order to reduce K-3 class sizes. Moving more bodies to middle school frees space in elementary schools.
- Transportation Issues: Huge driver shortage. Durham just hired 35 drivers.
- Covid Vaccine Update: 5200 employees. 90% vaccinated. 8% applied for exemptions. Only six have left the district due to the vaccine mandate.
- Test to Stay Program: SPS will pilot this program. After an exposure, students will be tested on days 0, 3, & 5. The district has hired some new employees to facilitate this program. Roll out will be soon.

- Paw Prints (Tonja Brown):
  - We'd love more student submissions.
  - We'll be reaching out to kinders to submit in November. First graders in December, etc.
- New PTG Website (Tonja Brown):
  - Coming soon
  - A place for central communication and links to forms, calendar, etc.
- Forms (Tonja Brown):
  - Please use the Funds Request and Agenda Item forms. Links can be found in Paw Prints and will be on our website.
- Monster Mash (Khy & Marilda Benedetti and Alanna Spencer):
  - Alanna is a professional event planner and new to our Wilson community. She and the Benedettis are excited about bringing this event back, keeping it Covid safe, and have been working hard.
  - Expect: outside on the playground while keeping with tradition, pumpkin contest, costume contest, perhaps karaoke, DJ, Lights, fog machine, two photo booths, everything decorated and themed. Seating for parents. All sections will be mapped out with spread sheets for set up. Masks not required. Sanitation stations available.
  - Flyer will be sent soon.
  - Call for volunteers will be soon. Please help with set up!
  - 2019 Monster Mash brought in about \$800. Hoping to break even this year.
  - Discussion:
    - Josie Dix expresses frustration that a bigger committee (including long-time Wilson parents) was not formed and that this event doesn't keep to the established tradition.
    - Committee members and Carly Howarth clarify that they've worked closely with the last Monster Mash chair, Courtney Malone, and that she's been a great help. The committee is made up of everyone who reached out and expressed interest in participating. Many volunteers will be needed and included.
    - Zoom chat reflects tremendous support for the committee's vision, energy, and organization. Everyone is excited!
    - Katie Glazier states that while we honor our Wilson traditions, we welcome change and new ideas.
- Wildcat Walk ( Ken Hermanson):
  - Fundraising is going so well! We've surpassed \$35,000 already. He is amazed at the generosity of family and friends. Will leave the fundraiser open for a week after the walk. We netted about \$30,000 from the 2020 auction so this is tremendous and so much less work to put on.
  - Student tshirts will be on desks Friday morning to wear to the walk.
  - Pledgestar platform seems to be working really well and was the cheapest option. Costs a flat fee of \$995.
  - Will send a survey out after the fact to learn how families feel about the experience and platform.
  - Volunteers needed
  - Park is open to the public. Please come out and cheer.
- Updates from Carly Howarth
  - Staff Breakfast for LID day: PTG paid for this staff breakfast. Everyone loved it and feels grateful.

- Wilson Handbook and Calendar was finally sent out. You should all have it at home. The district's process for creating this document was frustrating and unnecessarily complicated. Sorry for the delay.
- Centennial Gear: we will have more merch and also tshirts for kinders and new students coming soon. Bison Printing is dealing with supply issues so we're waiting on them. They've been great to work with.
- Bricks (Josie Dix): Brick engraving is still delayed but it will happen. In the meantime, let us know if you'd like to purchase a brick. No specific updates on when engraving will happen.
- Family Directory (Josie Dix):
  - Josie is working with the office to coordinate. She will create a form for teachers to hand out in order to get updated family information (great idea, Sheila Ibarra!).
  - Hopefully these will be out in December.
  - We can start selling ads to support the printing of this directory in the meantime.

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## New Business

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- New Fund Request (Alexis Padgham)
  - Request to fully fund an outdoor field trip for the entire 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades.
  - Headed to Walter's Fruit Ranch in Greenbluff. Kids will learn the lifecycle of an apple tree, how cider is made, they can pick an apple and a pumpkin & get a tour. Most of these kids have never been on a field trip.
  - Total cost for six classes including busses and admission is \$2080.
  - Parent volunteers can come but need to drive themselves and pay their own admission
  - Dad group motions to approve the funding request. Josie Sackmann seconds. All in favor.
- Updates from Mr. Hermanson:
  - Our building covid numbers are going down. We're being really diligent with mask wearing so we can keep kids in school.
- New Event Idea – Wilson International Fair
  - Katie Broadbent sent in a proposal for an International Fair. More discussion on this topic will be scheduled for our November meeting. Many in attendance express excitement about this new event.

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## Next Meeting

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Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

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## Meeting Adjourned

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8:09 pm by Carly Howarth.