

Wilson PTG
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2018

Call to Order – 7:02 p.m., Josie Dix

October Meeting Minutes – Alex. Evans:

Motion to approve the minutes: Tony Ressa. Second: Alex. Evans. ALL in favor to approve.

Treasurer's Report – Zack Kozel:

- Art night cost \$198
- Added to community fund – Laura Cook-Crotty has lead
- Added to author visits/assembly fund
- Check has been sent to Ms. Padgham for spring drama program
- Will increase Community Fund this year if need arises
- Motion: Alex. Evans. 2nd: Katie Glazier. ALL in favor to approve

District Update – Tony Ressa:

- Building Project:
 - o Putting out to bid to architects in Feb 2018
 - o Will start the planning in 2018/2019 school year
 - o Don't know what the plan looks like yet
 - o Parents/staff/community will have comment/input period
 - o Potential for old architect of east wing to bid to do the update
 - o Building not currently on historical registry
 - o Bonds are for building
- Levy:
 - o Watched a video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NYkbwLSOieA>
 - Current levy expires this year
 - Levy provides 11% of SPS budget
 - Specialty services, after school programs
 - Property taxes \$1.50/\$1000 assessed (currently \$3.77)
 - Remember to vote – FEB 13!
 - o Yes campaign not trying to sell as tax decrease. "We" are asking for less, but state tax would likely go up
 - o State is kicking in more money in the wake of the McCleary Decision
 - o Without this levy money, this would be a different school district
 - o Josie: Can we get "YES" yard signs? Tony: There are 1500 total, Tony has 13. They are very expensive. Trying to be very strategic about where to put them. There are also "VOTE" signs for businesses that don't want to have "YES" signs
 - o "Yes for Kids" facebook page
 - o Lots of ways to volunteer

Art Night – Josie:

- Went very well! Thanks to Laura Cook-Crotty!

Family Directory – Josie Dix:

- Production of the directory has been postponed. Maddie Jensen is taking the lead from here.
- Cover and class lists complete
- Needs help with the directory – Zack Kozel and Chad O’Donnell on board to help
- Hope to have them out by the auction

Box Tops – Josie:

- Still looking for a new chair – Kristen O’Malley said she would do it!! 😊
- Next collection is in March

Staff Holiday Breakfast – Hilary Kozel:

- Went very well! Teachers were very happy and grateful.
- Welcome requests, honored last year’s request

Auction – Courtney Malone:

- 6 weekends away
- Need A LOT of help with procurement!
- Need restaurant gift cards – anything!
- Procurement forms to be passed out
- Please ask committee first before reaching out to businesses
- Will ask families to donate something
- Sell sheet – going home in backpacks and via email
- Have asked teachers to be finalized with class project ideas by next week (Jan 16), descriptions by Feb 5
- Try to have procurement/sell sheet ready by Jan 16 to send home
- Invitations coming along – will get it out in next 10 days – emailed and in backpacks
- Buy tickets to attend online
- Table sponsorship would be a great thing, but a big thing to take on – do we have a volunteer who could do this? Russ Branham will work with Courtney to take this on.
- How to do buying full tables? Can buy single or double ticket, or full ticket
- Trying to capture process and best practices for next round. Would be so much easier to have an outline to follow and repeat/improve
- T-shirts for people involved – awesome!!
- Flyers that went home were not seen by all – need to do again with other avenues
- Please reach out to Courtney if you want to get involved. Committees:
 - o Decorations
 - o Procurement
 - o Ticketing
 - o Check-in/Check-out
 - o Print/Marketing
 - o ??
- Thanks to everyone who has stepped up!
- Zack Kozel: gone for work for 2 weeks during auction – need to have checks ahead of time or have Josie sign checks
- GET THE WORD OUT!! SPREAD EXCITEMENT!!

World Language Program – Jill Aylah

- All organized, but Jill is moving and will need to hand off
- Need new Spanish teacher as well
- Spring session starts week after spring break, ends before Memorial Day – 6 week program
- Commitment: 20-30 min/day on the days that there are classes, a few hours to organize
- NEED TO FIND NEW CHAIR! Any ideas?

Robotics Program – Josie Dix:

- Not sure who the parent is who is interested in running a robotics program – but would love to find him/her!

CAC – Hilary Kozel

- (MORE NOTES AT END MINUTES)
- Mental Health – creating a new program and curriculum
- Scratch cooking in schools – local, produce
- Levy promotion – replacing a levy, so not new money
- Levies are for learning, bonds are for buildings
- Levy covers all the things supplemental to basic education
- School choice – people can apply to other schools, once you are in you are in
- Students get in based on:
 1. Neighborhood
 2. Staff
 3. Siblings
- T24? – looking at avenues to apprenticeships, 2 year degrees, etc. at high school level
- Minutes from CAC meetings available online

Auction Money Idea - Heidi Bresson

- Gaga Pit for outside, can be broken down (for when we have remodel), \$2500 (Russ Branham says he can make it for \$400 😊)
- Can put a link to a video of it on FB

Facebook – Josie Dix

- Going well – “seen by 90”
- Will “accept” parents, but not extended families (unless they are involved in community/pick up students)

Amazon Money – Zach Kozel

- .5% goes to Wilson
- Made about 2x as much as prior to holiday, so not much

Meeting Adjourned – 8:02 p.m., Josie Dix



CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) NOTES FOR WILSON PTG

November 2017

Scratch Cooking

Scratch Cooking through the Power Up Organization is an exciting program implemented over the last three years in all SPS elementary and secondary schools to bring local partners and local healthy food to our students. SPS is working hard to make the change sustainable, healthy, and focused on improving students' nutrition and health.

- SPS is working to shrink disconnect between students and real food. Kids are not seeing foods cooked from scratch at home, as more and more processed foods are easier and cheaper to serve
- Good food = good learning
- 57% of SPS students are on free & reduced lunches
- 100% meat – no fillers

Social-Emotional Supports for students in SPS

SPS working to prevent, intervene and offer “postvention” for students struggling with major depression, anxiety and thoughts of suicide. SPS wants to provide tools to change the culture of shame in talking about these issues through increased staff and support. It takes COURAGE to ask for help.

- Be aware of signs of suicidal thinking:
 - **FACTS:** Feelings, Actions, Changes, Threats, Situations
 - An average of 2 youth (ages 10-24) die by suicide each week in Washington.
 - One in every eight adolescents may have depression and be at a higher risk in committing suicide.
- Increased staff support with counseling staff, mental health therapists, and elementary school support specialists.
- Prevention: Community Forums, Summer Institute, County Counselor Training, See Something, Say Something and Personal Safety (5th and 6th grade)
- Intervention: Counselor intervention, Family intervention, Community intervention.
- Postvention: Crisis Teams are comprised of Counselors, Nurses, MHT, and Support Specialists that volunteer to support students, staff, and the community through challenging times.
- **Resources:**
 - **Text Hotline “Help” to 741741**

- **Frontier Behavioral Health (FBH) First Call for Help (24-7-365): 838-4428**
 - **FBH General Services: 838-4651**
- www.yspp.org**
www.thetrevorproject.org
www.qprinstitute.com
www.smilelifework.org

December 2017

- Discussion of 6th Grade implementation into middle schools; most growth is happening in the north and south of city. Move of 6th grade into middle schools will follow available space and new buildings.
- Discussion of Levy and SPS Financial Report; levy vote by Feb.13! Video discussing facts of levy available on spokaneschools.org.
- Discussion of school calendar (late Christmas Break). This is negotiated every 2 years, and next year's Christmas Break will be similar to this year. Feedback requested as next calendar will be negotiated in Fall 2018.

January 2018

- School District Improvement Strategies:
 - Working to provide opportunities to receive parent and community feedback on school improvement and improving two-way communication.
 - Parents wanted to see Title 1 supporting STEM camp participation, more elementary schools participating in professional development in early math instruction
- Post-Secondary Partnerships T24
 - How are we getting students excited about a pursuing education beyond high school? T24
 - Elementary schools are using T-2-4 (Technical, 2 year, 4-year college opportunities) Visuals.
 - Middle schools are also using T-2-4 visuals, college bound scholarship opportunities, 8th grade career fair and NEWTECH visits, college career and life readiness courses.
 - Apprenticeship program will be starting at Shadle High School.
 - Health Care Apprenticeships might be starting at Lewis and Clark High School due to close proximity of hospitals and medical centers.
- Open Enrollment for choice transfers January 1-February 15

- Option Schools and Programs include:
 - Apple (Franklin and Garfield Elementary)
 - Core Knowledge (Audubon, Balboa, and Longfellow Elementary)
 - Institute of Science and Technology (North Central High School 7-12)
 - NEWTECH Skill Center (11-12)
 - On track Academy (11-12)
 - Spokane Public Language Immersion Program (K-1)
 - Spokane Public Montessori (K-8)
 - Spokane Virtual Learning (K-12)
 - SPRINT (Shaw Middle School 7-8)
 - The Community School (9-12)
 - The Enrichment Cooperative (K-12)
- Open Enrollment is prioritized by:
 1. Staff children
 2. Students wanting to return to their homeschool
 3. Siblings of families who already have a child in the school you want to attend
 4. Spokane residents
- Matriculation:
 - You stay in your choice-in school; once you're in, you're in.