

**Wilson PTG**  
Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 2019

**Call to Order** – 7:00 p.m., Josie Dix

**New Wilson Principal** – Josie Dix

- Mr. Ken Hermanson

**World Language** – Josie Dix on behalf of Kathleen Lohrymeyer

- Full-up, except 3-6 Spanish on Thursdays – looking to move some K-2 Spanish students from Tues to Thurs

**Thomas Hammer Fundraiser** – Josie Dix on behalf of Kelsey Boyce

- Sell coffee (bags) as a fundraiser
- Moved from February to spring
- Will use for pancake breakfast as well

**Carnival** – Josie Dix

- Need new parents to get involved on committee or volunteering
- Committee meeting tonight after PTG
- Not a huge money maker – want to break even, just a family-fun event
- Needs behind the scenes: balloon animal, cake walk, face painting, clean-up lead, kitchen/food (big job, there are already leads, but need help), pre-school room supervisor, ticket sales (bundle tickets in advance), gold fish (helps make the money needed to cover cost)
- Sign-up Genius went out and will go out again, along with a flyer home

**Flower Hanging Baskets** – Courtney Malone and Josie Dix on behalf of Russ Branham

- Sales happening soon

**Mobius Science Events** – Josie Dix

- May 6, 3-4:10 p.m. – Chemistry Lab – K-3
- May 7, 3-4:10 p.m. – Cow Eyeball Dissection – 4-6
- Limited to 30 students, registration deadline May 1
- Let's add two more of these workshops and one STEM event at night
- Courtney Malone motion for \$1450 total to fund 4 total workshops and 1 STEM night. Dave Gilbert 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

**After School Programs** – Derek Sarfino

- \$6-7K for outside of school hours programs from district
- We have always run out of money
- Derek coordinates funds and space and people
- Have not needed to recruit because we are always out of money
- Biggest expenses are XC and Bloomsday training

- There are some extra pots of money, for like STEM
- If people want to do other programs, they have to go through Derek and have to be “hired” by the district
- Always have an activity bus at 4:15 for these programs
- Programs have to start right after school at 3 p.m.
- Not supposed to pay to play for after-school activities
- Lisa White is district coordinator for after-school programs
- Can we see if PTG can help fund after-school programs through the right channels?
- Can people volunteer instead of getting paid?
- Can we add after-school sports?

**Treasurers Report – Zack Kozel**

- The \$49K total does not take into account the money that needs to come out to be paid for the Step-Up fundraiser:
  - o \$3000 to Heal Spokane
  - o \$3000 to American Heart Association
  - o Approx \$3000 to Wilson PE
- So we still have about \$20K to spend/allocate, and want to carry \$20K into next year
- Courtney Malone: Motion for \$4000 for Missoula Children’s Theater to come and do their program in the fall 2019. ?? 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.
- Another idea to spend money – Seattle Children’s Theater

**Bike Rack – Dave Gilbert**

- Found 3 options
- \$400-\$650 per unit
- Also need to consider additional expense of installation (through district) and for concrete pad
- Make this part of the construction plans

**Principal’s Report – Tony Ressa**

- Excited about new principal
- Building project – building committee meeting on April 16 for planning
- Camp Wilson
  - o Not an ideal space, but we will get through it
  - o Bus practice run - scheduling
  - o First couple weeks at Camp Wilson will be bumpy
  - o Annex space is approved for part of it – the rest will depend on staffing (which we will find out this week)
  - o Advocating for more classrooms, smaller class sizes
  - o (Half hour for Dr. Anderson at May PTG meeting to go over)

**CAC Report** – Hilary Kozel

- SEE NOTES ATTACHED BELOW
- New Sac and other south side middle school move to 6-8 will happen in 2023-2024
- Asking students for ideas for middle school space
- Cyber bullying
- Parents suggested parent supports
- Budget – McCleary decision had huge impacts – “what is basic education?” – want to be sure special ed is adequately funded – class sizes are a district average

**Building Update** – Josie Dix

- Adding bike rack to plans
- Meeting with Dr. Anderson about move out at May 14 PTG meeting

**SPS Board Meetings** – Josie Dix

- Every other Wednesday – there is one tomorrow night!

**March Minutes** – Alex. Evans

- Alex. Evans moved to approve March minutes; Hilary Kozel 2<sup>nd</sup>. ALL in favor.

**Adjourned** – 8:18 p.m., Josie Dix



## **CAC MEETING MONDAY APRIL 8 2019**

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL DESIGNS UPDATE**

- Thanks to bond passed in 2018: 6 Middle schools in 4 years. Unprecedented!
- **New Sacajawea & South side middle schools set for completion and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade transfer to middle school during 2023-2024 school year**
- Architects and other experts from around the country came to Spokane to help facilitate a process for designing new schools.
- We've been following school and classroom model from the 1920's so its time to expand thinking of what a middle school looks like for the future. More open space, bringing outside in, creating areas for connectivity.

### **CYBER BULLYING**

- Plans and procedures are in place within SPS to deal with cyber bullying, which is any online activity that adversely affects the learning environment, safety and self-esteem of students.
- However in the ever-changing world of technology and websites and games children play, it can be difficult for parents and school officials to keep up. Suggestions came from CAC reps about how to best address their concerns.
- One idea was to create parent forums so they can learn steps to keep their kids safe and stay informed of online activity. Its natural for kids to want to keep things from parents yet technology is making it more difficult with higher stakes.
- **bark.us is a highly rated website parents can access to address concerns about online safety.**

### **BUDGET UPDATE**

- The McCleary Decision, reached in 2012 by the Washington State Supreme Court, was made law to ensure all students have access to "basic education."
- However, with caps on levies that can be imposed and a reduction in K-3 class size, SPS is facing a budget shortfall.
- Some programs like Special Education are not being properly funded and Grades 4-12 class sizes will increase.
- SPS is working with the State Legislature to ensure basic needs of all programs are being met that may have not fallen under "basic education."
- For a comprehensive visual of the McCleary Decision, go to [spokaneschools.org](http://spokaneschools.org)