

Wilson PTG
Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2018

Call to Order – 7:04 p.m., Josie Dix

April Minutes – Alex. Evans

- Russ Branham moved to approve April minutes. Alex. Evans 2nd. Vote: ALL in favor.

Library Rep – Susanne Miller

- Student library cards – fine free! (unless you lose the book), these are new and separate from existing accounts
- This extends to teachers and faculty too
- Can put your card barcode on your phone
- 180 student cards have been activated out of ~320 students
- Summer reading program “Libraries Rock” – challenges, after 15 hours of reading they get a free new book, sign-up starts May 15th, many events and activities
- Food for Fines – bring a non-perishable food to waive late fines (May 1-31)

Treasurers Report – Zack Kozel

- Auction Money – have several requests for funds in now
- After all expenses, we are up \$51K from the auction
- Josie motion to allocate \$15K for classrooms - \$1K per classroom teacher – for current 15 classrooms, Russ Branham 2nd, discussion:
 - o This is in addition to money at the beginning of the year
 - o This does not extend to specialist b/c it is for the classroom projects, but we can allocate separate money for this
 - o Should we give money up front or have an “account” for each teacher? – Zack: we could do either
 - o Money will go out this year
 - o Money will stay with the classroom if a teacher leaves
 - o Vote: ALL APPROVED
- Building budget
 - o Tony: are we doing this again?
 - o Josie: this year’s chair decided to do this differently, so we will need to have another process for funds request.
 - o Tony: this money is crucial to the building budget – ie for paper and supplies
 - o Tony: we have set up a budget tracker for money from the auction specifically for accountability for the money
 - o Russ + Zack: Think there needs to be the transparency

- Josie: Propose a new office door that is glass, Mr. Potts says this is doable this year or over the summer and is \$1500 max, he will do the work, this could just be for a couple years before the remodel or may be long-term (TBD), Anne Mires said she would love this, little kids can't open the current door easily,
 - o Josie motion, Carly Howarth 2nd, Vote: ALL in favor
- Heidi Bresson requested a Gaga Pit – for PE and then recess, this was something we talked about and heard support for before the auction, there are 2 versions - \$4K and \$1.5K
 - o Josie motion to give \$5K to a PE fund, Hilary Kozel 2nds, discussion:
 - Why \$5K? What if Heidi wants 2 at \$4K?
 - This is too much money for something we haven't tested yet – how easy is it to move and set up, what are the logistics,
 - Josie: add to motion for Heidi to borrow and test one first?
 - Heidi has done her due diligence and has researched and wanted this for a year, she is a professional who knows the needs of the kids
 - The paddle raise at the auction made \$10K and was for teacher requests like the gaga pit (this was named and in the slide show) – this would be half of that
 - Vote: In favor = 11, opposed = 1 – PASSED
- Zack: After these expenses, we have another \$10-15K for this year, which leaves us really comfortable
- We now have another \$5k from the paddle raise. Should we give this to the specialists or to all teachers? Should we give these funds based on people's time per week at Wilson? What about the number of kids served by these teachers – there is a big difference. What if we have the \$5K available to all and teachers come to PTG for requests?
 - o Josie motion to split the \$5K between certified staff based on their number of hours at Wilson (Heidi Bresson excepted), Holly Bozo 2nd, Vote: PASSED
- Zack: still do not have all the Carnival money totaled. Brought in \$7800, but TBD expenses. More people came this year with good weather, but not more ticket sales.

Family Directory – Hilary Kozel

- Close! Just need to format and print. But we don't have addresses. Will have something simple printed by the end of the year – will try to have by Pancake Breakfast

Teacher Appreciation – Josie Dix

- Thank you notes from teachers
- THANK YOU, HILARY! – HILARY IS ONE OF THE FIVE MOST OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS IN THE DISTRICT!

Hanging Plant Sale –Russ Branham

- Pick-up is this Friday!

Carnival – Josie Dix

- Made a little money
- Went really well

World Language Program –

- Going great!
- NEED A NEW CHAIR! Jill Ayala has moved, but is graciously still doing this.

CAC – Hilary Kozel

- Read print out, see next page

Principal's Report – Tony Ressa

- Updates on construction projects
 - o 1st steps taken: architect (Integra) and contractor (Garco) have been selected
 - o These firms have done work with the district and have a good relationship
 - o Next step: ed specs – looking at what we have and what we need
 - o There will be a building committee to funnel input from parents and the community – TBD when this starts, but likely a while
 - o Should end up with a more functional space for our kids

STEM Science Night – Josie Dix on behalf of Amanda Helms and Janae Passinetti

- Two of our certified specialists
- This is coming on June 1!
- Looking for 20 volunteers – have created a sign-up genius for volunteers

Nominations for PTG Officers – Josie Dix

- Zack is willing to be Treasurer again, would like a shadow next year – Joe Stachofsky
- Katie is willing to be Vice President
- Alex. is willing to be Secretary again
- Josie is willing to be President again
- (Hilary willing to be Hospitality again, would like a shadow next year)
- WILL TAKE NOMINATIONS AND VOTE NEXT MONTH

Pancake Breakfast – Alex. Evans

- Evans/Andrews are chairing
- Branhams, Brattebos all volunteering that morning – no need for vol sign-up
- Last day of school, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Other Notes

- Nominations and elections for next year's PTG officers at June's meeting!
- Final PTG meeting – JUNE 5 – PTG elections – at the Kozel House!
- Scholarship applications are due May 23 – Hilary Kozel
- Spokane Indians Summer Nights – June 16th and July 25th – on Yokes Family Feast Nights

Adjourned – 8:12 p.m., Josie Dix



Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting April 17, 2018

1. **Human Growth and Development Update:** School Board President Sue Chapin reminded us from a previous meeting that new Human Growth and Development Curriculum would be implemented next fall with robust and updated information from several sources. As usual, rumors can spread misinformation prior to release of new curriculum and therefore people are always welcome to contact the administrative offices for clarification.
2. **The Next SPS Bond:** Superintendent Dr. Redinger announced the School Board will soon decide on the next school bond. Three new middle schools and updates/remodels to existing schools will be needed to move ahead with the 6-8 middle school model. A large survey will be emailed to parents and meetings will be held to gather input from the community to determine how the next bond request will be formulated.
3. **Social Studies Curriculum Update:** K-6 social studies curriculum has not been fully updated in 20 years. New online programs and interactive classroom tools will be used to learn more about Tribal Sovereignty within Washington State and provide more Civics education. SPS is ahead of the curve on several state and national standards. To affect higher voter registration and turnout among eligible high school students, SPS and The League of Women Voters will engage in a voter registration campaign within high schools starting in the 2018-2019 school year.
4. **CTE (Career & Technical Education):** Previously known as “vocational ed” or “shop class,” CTE is a project based, hands on, rigorous and relevant series of courses offered in middle and high school for students who may not wish to follow high school in a traditional 4 year college setting. Once looked down upon as low paying blue-collar jobs, CTE skills are in high demand with good salaries. CTE students can graduate high school with certification and college credits to advance to the next stage with first-rate experience to prepare them for a successful career in all areas of the work force, from STEM to military science to manufacturing to hospitality and tourism.
5. **Summer Learning and Activities Update:** SPS Summer STEM and arts camps for grades K-8 are open for registration for this upcoming summer. Students from all backgrounds are encouraged to apply and assistance from community partners is helping fund programs in areas where access to STEM is limited (Hillyard area, for example). Free transportation, breakfasts and lunches are provided to students in need. Enrollment is growing each year for both boys and girls. These camps reduce “summer learning loss,” especially for students with limited access to enrichment during summer months. For more information, visit www.spokaneschools.org/summerSTEMcamps.