

Wilson PTG
Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2019

Call to Order – 7:00 p.m., Josie Dix

Introductions – Josie Dix

- Officers:
 - o President – Josie Dix
 - o Vice President – Makeesha and Joe Stachofsky
 - o Treasurer – Katie Glazier
 - o Secretary – Alex. Evans (Andrews)

After School Clubs/Activities – Lisa White, Derek Sarfino

- Director of after school activities
- Initial goal was to start robotics after school
- Wilson has school-specific budget for after school activities
- Use district money first, then supplement with PTG money
- What access do our kids have that we don't know about?
- Ms. Amy Barton was running STEM after school program, when she left it went away. Parents are trying to pick it up
- Robotics is funded by district – access it!
- If you have kids who love this, get them in the pipeline (Sac. has great engineering teacher and there is a Robotics team at LC)
- Lego Robotics is K-8
- Competition: First Lego League Junior – world-wide challenge to solve a particular problem – first competition in early December at Salk Middle School (too late to start for this one) – make a poster and speech/presentation – could do this any time in the year
- PreK-K and 4th grade are years that math needs to connect with students
- Teaching persistence
- Need to get both boys and girls involved
- SpokaneSchools/afterschool
- Math is cool, MobyMax, EB3 Club...
- Don't want to leave any money on the table
- Teachers are busy and tired, and we need parents (or college students) to participate and lead
- Can hire high school and college students
- Can contact Lisa to see if your kid can do an activity/program at another school
- Required to do XC and 5-6 grade basketball and allocate money to robotics
- After school activities need to be free

- What are the rules for PTG paying for after school activities?
 - o Kids need to be in and show up
 - o Can charge no more than \$10/hour
- LisaWH@spokanepublicschools.org

Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) – Katelyn Hunt

- Boundary committee starts meeting in January – every month for 18 months, will present findings and desires in spring 2021 for re-boundarying in 2022.
 - o We don't have representation on committee
 - o Email did not list Wilson or Sac as being impacted by re-boundarying
 - o Likely Wilson boundary is not expected to change (much)
 - o Considering cultural and economic diversity
 - o Will grandfather students for the most part
 - o Considering walkability
 - o Keeping bus/transpo costs low
- Chances are low that Wilson would be included in a new bond
- Focus for school board:
 - o Part time employee benefits and pay
 - o Salary standarizing
 - o Combat vaping
 - o Funding for nurses and psychiatrists at each school
 - o Lobbying state leg.
- Buying new program – Character Strong – for social education
- Whole-child focus
- Will move conferences to first week of Nov next year (2020) (Early release)
- Extending lunch time 10 min district-wide – except Wilson will likely not benefit because of single-space
- Trying to move recess to before lunch
- District-wide discipline plan
- 2020 – plan to bring back librarians and 23 custodians who were cut
- Moved to two one-page report cards – two-semester system

October Minutes – Alex. Evans

- ALL in favor to approve

Thank You's – Josie Dix

- From Missoula Children's Theater (MCT)
- To Monster Mash chairs

Treasurer's Report – Katie Glazier

- Trying to make the report easy to read

- Made \$70 from book fair – Erika Maxwell does a great job – buys books for school, supports students who need assistance with buying books
- MCT cost \$1,100 more than expected, total was \$4,338 (spent \$400 on thank you gifts, \$ on printing, etc.)
- Monster Mash brought in less money and we spent more – made about ½ of what we made last year – this was not meant to be a big money-maker
- We have \$300/classroom for field trips and activities
- Amazon money is coming in (on Facebook page) AND we now have an Amazon Smile account – but the original account gives a greater return
- Currently have \$26K in account

Principal's Report – Ken Hermanson

- Staff liked having MCT and liked the time – a couple suggested – negative: kids not making it – let's instead say that they that they made the chorus
- Monster Mash – did the facility make for lower attendance? Not so many walk-ups – liked that it was a no school day (too early next year – Oct 9, but not opposed to a Saturday)
- Veterans Day was great – thank you for decorations, thanks to Mrs. Knapp
- Fundraising at school
 - o What school needs:
 - professional development opportunities for staff – travel expenses, registration – could have a fund teachers apply to
 - poster printer (\$800)
 - field trip fund
 - o Types of fundraisers:
 - fun(d) run on off-auction years
 - get away from programs where kids get trinkets/junk
 - how much do we really make when we use these 3rd party programs? – Would like to not do these in the future if we can replace – Wilson only keeps about 60% of funds raised
 - Can we continue to develop student recognition?

Current Events – Josie Dix

- Art Night this Thursday! – STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Auction Update – Courtney Malone

- This is really fun!
- We sell a lot of stuff – but trying to scale down on items, focus on services and experiences
- Made almost \$10K in paddle raise last time
- Classroom projects are a big money-maker

- Made over \$50K last auction – we still have half of that left
- Can we allocate money to a professional development fund? – Yes! (Last year at old school, Mr. H had \$16K in discretionary funding from title 1 – sent 8 teachers to a 3-day conference)
- Courtney Malone: motion to give Mr. H \$12K from current budget for Wilson School Improvement Plan, one time for this school year. Discussion: Would be line-items, district can bill PTG. We should separate out what the money is intended for. New motion for \$10K for teacher profession development AND \$2K for student recognition program. 2nd. ALL in favor!
- Committee is going to meet every Monday 10am – Noon starting next Monday.
- If you want to get involved in auction stuff – classroom projects need a parent per class!
- Need volunteer to help spread the word about purpose of auction

PTG Events – Josie Dix

- On back of agenda

Box Tops – Josie Dix

- Likely going by the wayside due to new scanning

Directory – Brynn Snyder

- At the printers – coiled
- Coming out before Thanksgiving!

Parent/Teacher Q&A

- Katie Glazier: MCT extra cost was \$450 for custodian and same at Monster Mash – both after hours
- Buy Wilson gear!
- Looping back on fundraiser – the one we just had is not through PTG – change must come through school admin/office, need to look at how much money came in and what it was used for to make informed change, no more Jump Rope for Heart, not doing same spring fundraiser as last year, would get so much more from just a direct donation to the school (raise the paddle)
- Liked that at another school you could choose where the money goes in a Fund Run
- Dec 20th for holiday staff breakfast!
- Could we have more representatives from the faculty come to PTG meetings – bring it back to staff meetings – Bozo did a sign-up last year

Adjourned – 8:08 p.m., Josie Dix