

Wilson PTG
Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2018

Call to Order – 7:02 p.m., Josie Dix

Monster Mash – Josie Dix

- No chair yet – anyone want to?
- May just do by committee – who would like to help?
- Sign-up genius has gone out
- Coming up at end of month

Art Night – Laura Cook-Crotty

- November 15th
- Look for a sign-up genius from Meghan coming

Treasurers Report – Josie Dix

- Auction last year raised a lot of money
- We split the classroom project money evenly between classes
- Mrs. Fisher wrote check back to PTG since she left, money will go to new 3rd grade teacher
- Mr. Krotzer – moved from 6th grade to technology, so will keep \$500, and we will give \$500 to new Kindergarten teacher
- Giving teachers additional \$200 – need to work out with Zack getting checks out
- Field trip money – please pass along to teachers that there is enough money for 2 buses for each class for the year (or funds could go to the cost of the field trip)

Bite to Go – Melissa Alfstad

- Food for the weekend for kids on free and reduced lunches
- We have a small group of kids (about 15) at Wilson who are reliant on these bags of food
- Wilson is 1 of 3 schools without an adoptive org to support
- Life at the Core and 2nd Harvest are supporting these 3 schools, including Wilson
- Looks like the need at Wilson will grow
- Brainstorm orgs in our community who could support – kids are \$15/month/child or \$180/year, 3-year commitment
- Jan 26th – putting together kits (“community build”) – usually do last Saturday in Sept and Jan, 4 time slots, 100 people for each time slot, a sign-up will come out
- We have an anonymous donor to sponsor Wilson this year - \$2700. Looking for donors for next year.
- lifeatthecore.org – for information
- If you have an org or family willing to sponsor, please email Melissa Alfstad

Family Directory – Hilary Kozel

- Giving school secretaries more time to gather the necessary info from families
- End of October is goal!

World Language Program – Jill Ayala and Kathleen

- Katherine taking it over
- Looks like we will start in winter

Building Update – Josie Dix and Dr. Mark Anderson and Greg ??

- Josie: We need a new gym, amongst many other things
- We lost out on 2016 bond, can we be part of 2018 bond?
- Dr. Anderson is here to answer questions parents came up with – based on an email Josie sent to him earlier
- Dr. A: Have had a long-range plan since 1998 to slowly and steadily 1. Renovate or replace, 2. Improvements to all schools (annual capital fund), 3. Technology, 4. Security (ie. single point of entry)
- We do a building conditions study
- Have kept tax rate at \$1.96 since 1998 to keep voters happy
- The 2016 was the smallest bond we have had – smallest number of projects
- Wilson made the 2016 list for addition, because new space was needed
- Need to meet class-size-reduction legislation
- Have many other schools that need additions and improvements as well (incl. LC)
- Wilson: classroom addition in 2016 bond, still have annual capital fund and may do another work-around to address things like broken windows
- Construction costs have escalated – steel tariffs are hurting us as well
- Re-doing playground will have to be done
- Met today with Tony and staff to talk about design
- Playground will be 2000sqft less than current playground
- Permitting process underway and will affect what we are able to do
- Wilson has the smallest playground on the smallest site in the whole district. The toy structures are about average. 28-30k sqft of asphalt is average, we are smaller.
- Josie: Concern from parents around delivery trucks – can we move them from the blacktop?
 - o Greg: Deliveries will still have to be on playground – there is no way to build the necessary ramps. Firetrucks still need to drive onto playground as well. Wilson has 3-4 truck deliveries/week – before or after school
- Josie: ADA parking spot?
 - o Required to have on-site
 - o Cannot do a ramp from sidewalk
 - o Sidewalks are not ADA compliant

- Katie: comparison to Farris – built during recession
 - o Dr. A: We saved money during that build. Had built in higher costs for construction, then things got cheaper. Spent the savings on improvements to North Central High School.
 - o It is possible that this is how Wilson could get a new/updated gym – would need a public hearing
 - o We have not yet looked at costs or plans for gym
- Katherine: Are we backing ourselves into a corner with this new addition for any gym changes?
 - o Dr. A: there is not another place for the addition – very limited on space on this site
- Dr. A: the city restricts us from bringing the gym up any higher
- Dr. A: moving 6th graders to middle school will free up space
- Josie: We have heard that we will have more classes per grade though.
 - o Dr. A: Not true. There will be new boundary lines
 - o Mr. Ressa: We will add classes for K-3 to be compliant, but will need to funnel back to 2 classes in 4th grade
- Dr A.: Part of long-term plan is to build on 5 acres at Qualchan to provide schools for Eagle Ridge area.
- Dr. A: Cannot speak to specifics of new boundaries. We had a committee look at this last year – looked at location, grandfathering, diversity, keeping cohorts together through school. Looking at a 6-year build-out for new middle schools. Will plan to let families know by the end of 4th grade if they will be going to 6th grade at a middle school. Will do regionally – start with NE part of town. For South Hill – probably 3 years from now. Not planning to change current boundaries until changes are made.
- What do we do/say to families who live in Wilson boundary and don't get their kids into Wilson?
 - o Dr. A: We do not police if people actually live in boundaries
 - o Tony Ressa: We do. We check at first. But then when people are in, they are in.
- Katherine: Legality of re-drawing boundaries without data – number of kids in areas, verification of living in boundaries. There is not now an adequate measure of who is living where.
 - o Dr. A: These are good ideas. We will look into this.
- Dr. A: No current plan to build at Qualchan, this is many years off. This would be the greatest change to Wilson boundaries, but there would be other factors that would change it as well.

- Katie: In 2000 we made the first addition. Why didn't we make it so that we could build on top of it? If you didn't think about it then, should we be sure to think about the gym and other needs now?
 - o Dr. A: I don't know – I wasn't here then.
 - o Kevin (Wilson parent): SPS enrollment was declining
- Josie: Fire code for the gym does not allow for all the current students to be in the gym at the same time. And if we add classes, we that is more students.
- Greg: we could slow this down to make this happen.
 - o Parents: why would we have to?
 - o Dr. A: it comes down to taxes. We cannot do everything at once – don't have the money
- Dr. A: We don't allocate money to schools based on how much taxes the homeowners in that boundary bring in
- Greg: We have a system set forth by the superintendent to assess the
- Josie: Need to look into the leak and mold issue in the gym. Patching it will not

Principal's Report – Tony Ressa

- Passed around a fact sheet from Dr. A
- Inclusion initiative – working with Melissa Alfstad. Starts with Hello program. Book: “Is Everyone Really Equal” – will talk more about this next month.

CAC Report – Hilary Kozel

- See handout
- Please vote on Nov 6. This bond matters!
- Partnership with Spokane Library
- Boundary studies – what is considered – goal is to have Wilson families at Wilson
- 2019/2020 school year calendar – address holiday break dates, early release dates,
 - o Email Hilary with thoughts!

Sept Minutes – Alex. Evans

- Alex. Evans moved to approve Sept. minutes. Hilary Kozel 2nd. Vote: ALL in favor.

Author Visit Chair – Monica

- Any ideas for a children's author to bring in?
 - o Tom the Farmer from Green bluff – has written 30 books
 - o Kelly Milner Hall – came here 10 years ago – \$1000 – will do classroom groups versus big assembly – all day – can come in March
 - o Need to coordinate with Tony. Tony prefers the classroom visits
 - o Motion to approve funds for Kelly Milner Hall by Josie Dix. 2nd by Courtney Malone. ALL in favor

Parent needs – Josie Dix

- Talent show – Courtney Malone will chair!

- Robotics – have some parents, need more

Other Notes – Josie Dix

- Amazon link not working – will email out once fixed
- If we do Carnival, what if we are at

Adjourned – 8:25 p.m., Josie Dix