

PTG MEETING MINUTES

Wilson Elementary School PTG

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 7:00 pm | Wilson Library | Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 pm Kendra Chapman

Minutes Submitted by Krista Kautzman

PTG Officers in Attendance

Kendra Chapman, President
Kelli Wright, Vice-President
Ana Ehrler, Treasurer
Krista Kautzman, Secretary
Carlos Lozano, Member at Large

Welcome / Intro from Kendra – 1 min

Kendra Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Approval of Minutes -1 min

The February 2026 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Kendra Chapman; second by Carlos Lozano. all in favor. — Motion Passes

Celebrations, Kendra Chapman -2 min

- Yvonne Davis
 - March staff treats
- Diana Costa & Team
 - Extracurricular logistics
 - Been very busy getting ready to launch the spring extracurriculars
- Amanda Helms & volunteers
 - STEM Night
 - KayLynn Mejia, Rich Davis, Lindsay Pursley, Julie Joyce, Tom Durnan, Stephanie Newman, Meghan Mackey, Laura Baumgardner

Treasurer's Update, Ana Ehrler, Treasurer -4 min

- **Budget Update—**
 - Doing well as far as spending goes
 - Restructuring some items on the budget to help it make more sense to more people
 - Dine out coming up on Friday
 - Plant sales just opened
 - Student designed t shirt sales (not meant to bring in funds, but just to break even)

- o Money still available for field trips even after funding the whole school trip to Seussical the Musical
- o We have not yet funded a 5th grade field trip
- o Broke out the funds requests from throughout the year to give us a better idea of how much we have left to spend for the rest of the year

Information Items

- **Principal's Update**— Mike Syron (6 min)
 - Thank you for the staff breakfast (Yvonne) and to the social committee for treats
 - Thank you for sponsoring the meal from Feast World Kitchen and the self-care opportunities at the last staff day
 - Started discussing numbers and staffing for 2026-27 school year. District is looking at more significant budget cuts. Plans to send out parent input form at the end of April. Anticipating a few teachers retiring this year.
 - Looking forward to Drama Production at the beginning of April and the Talent Show at the end of April
 - Testing coming up 2nd week of May for grades 3-5.
- **DEI Committee Update**— Tonja Brown (4 min)
 - Partnered for breakfast with the Community Connections staff group
 - Created the heritage library
 - PTG helped fund supplies for the 5th grade trip to donate to Crosswalk
 - Lunar New Year celebration was a success
 - DEI group trying to let the teachers let and support them as they can
 - Hoping to have more field trips to Feast World Kitchen
 - One Book/One School for a schoolwide book study
 - Meeting again with the teachers in early May and finalize some more funding requests for the PTG
 - Meetings are the 1st Wednesday of every month
- **CAC** – Tonja Brown (4 min)
 - Met last night
 - Swinyard thanked the 100 people on the community workgroup exploring different start times
 - School district is buying their own buses and will switch to in-house busing next year
 - Making a point to also buy small buses and vans as well as regular sized buses
 - Bulk of the meeting was an overview of assessments
 - Universities are moving away from SAT and ACT scores
 - Looking for parent feedback regarding communication of test scores to parents
- **Green Club**- Bre Orcasitas (6 min)
 - Most recent meeting was mid-February and focused on Great Pacific Garbage Patch
 - Kids worked together to create an informational exhibit
 - Guest speaker from the Spokane Riverkeeper's office
 - Next meeting for committee members will be Monday, March 23rd and Wednesday March 25th, both from 3-4
 - Next Green Club meeting will be on Earth Day, April 22nd
 - Potentially going to have an Earth Day assembly for the whole school
 - Tentatively planning to have a "Difficult To Recycle" drive; partnering with Staples

- Started a conversation with about 10 other schools to partner with any other existing Green Clubs or to act as support to help schools start their own
- Would love to connect with chairs for upcoming events to help implement green practices
- Looking for someone to take over Green Club next year as Ani is graduating this year.
- **Extracurricular Committee**—Kelli Wright (3 min)
 - Registration starts next week
 - Limiting factor is always whether or not we have a program lead or sufficient volunteers
 - LEGO robotics in particular is in danger; reach out to Darci Smulkowski to offer to take this on
 - Extracurricular guide is on our PTG website. Makes it very easy to start/run extracurricular programs
 - Open to connecting with community partners for extracurricular opportunities
 - Please complete the extracurricular survey to help plan for next year

New Discussion Items—Questions—Comments—Ideas

- **Guest Speaker:** Girls on the Run—Zoë Divelbiss, program director (15 min)
 - After school opportunity for 3rd-5th grade girls
 - Teams meet 2x per week for 8 weeks (April 13th-June 6th)
 - Season culminates in a celebratory 5k
 - Switching to a 'pay what you can' model ranging from \$0-\$120
 - Hoping to make it more accessible for all eligible students in the city
 - Running community at Wilson is very strong but that makes it challenging to add a new running extracurricular
 - Community coaches available if school cannot provide coaches
 - School would distribute flyers but not much else is required
 - Jillian McFarland adds that it's about so much more than running: building confidence, healthy habits, goal setting etc. Thinks it could pair well with/complement our morning run clubs
 - New curriculum launching this year called BoldHeart and provides wholistic lessons
 - Carlos asks about possibility of integrating GOTR with Bloomsday Training
 - Program requires longer practices (60-90 min); possibility to have everyone run at the same time but to pull the GOTR group out to run separately
 - Sarah Rodgers notes that offering it with Bloomsday could increase participation. Kelli Wright points out that some children might be more interested in GOTR because it's an afternoon offering
 - Tonja Brown recommends connecting with Diana Costa to put GOTR on the Spring Extracurriculars flyer
- **STEM Night After Action**—Kendra Chapman (3 min)
 - Ana Ehrler notes that communication about the Science Fair projects/expectations doesn't always reach the parents

- Bre Orcasitas asks about why we switched from STEAM to STEM.
 - Could be reincluded next year; as a showcase rather than participatory art
 - We also offer Art Night art activities
- **Drama Club**—Raederle Swanson (4 min)
 - Going so well
 - The Legend of the Blue Sapphire
 - Thursday, April 2nd: 1:45 school performance, 6pm friends and family performance
 - Run time is about 45 minutes
 - Inspired by Green Club to be intentional with use of resources
 - Still need help with hair and make-up for dress rehearsal and both performances
- **Schedule Change Survey**—Carlos Lozano (5 min)
 - School district needs to change bus schedule and therefore school schedule
 - Government contracts must meet efficiency guidelines in order to keep out funding
 - Biggest issue is figuring out which schedule change is the least disruptive
 - Many factors contribute to opinions on schedules
 - Best if we can give as much input as possible in order to guide the district to make the best decision for the most people
 - Please take the survey to be sure your input is accounted for
- **Flower Basket Sale**—Kendra Chapman (1 min)
 - Available on our website until right before Spring Break
 - Hanging baskets and patio pots available
- **Movie Night**—Tonja Brown (1 min)
 - April 24th—Doors at 5:30
 - Debating between two movies: Zootopia 2 and K-Pop Demon Hunters
- **Dine Out Event**—Kendra Chapman (1 min)
 - Red Robin this Friday, March 13th

Meeting Adjourned 8:04 pm by Kendra Chapman — Attendance: (16 total in attendance— 13 in person —3 online)