

PTG MEETING MINUTES

Wilson Elementary School PTG

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 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

Welcome / Intro from Kendra – 1 min

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

Approval of Minutes -1 min

The June 2025 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Kendra Chapman; second by Lindsey Pursley, all in favor.
— Motion Passes

Celebrations, Kendra Chapman -3 min

- Pancake Breakfast: Thanks to the McLaughlins and all who volunteered
- New Family Welcomes: Kinder Open Houses, New Family Welcome Coffee: Thanks to Emily Allen and Sarah Rodgers with the Hospitality Committee and to the board
- Teacher Supply Grants: Generous supply checks have been given upfront to the staff. All full-time teaching staff received \$300 based on their FTE in the building
- Pizza in the Park: Thanks to Ana Ehrler, Kelli Olson and Mike Syron and to all the volunteers, including several Wilson alum, as well as the Wilson Green Committee

Principal's Update, Mike Syron – 4 min

- New school psychologist Angie McNaught-Davis; Dawn Valley is new art teacher while Kate Haase is on maternity leave. New resource teacher is Stacey Winkle. Ashley Kruger is here Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons for MTSS.
- Janae Passinetti is doing her administrative internship here with us this year.
- Wilson has committed to Generation Alive an organization that works with schools and churches to teach compassion, leadership, and recognition of community needs. 5th grade leadership team will work with Generation Alive and make meals for families in need. They are looking for a \$2500 sponsor for this program.

Treasurer's Update, Ana Ehrler, Treasurer -5 min

- **Budget Update—**
 - Last meeting we approved \$10,500 for this year
 - Committee Members need to confirm predicted budgets
 - Much of our upcoming budget depends on how Wildcat Walk goes this fall; hoping to raise \$55,000 to fund 2 school years

- We based these predictions on what has historically been spent
- Some income from Dine Out events has come in from last year as well as a few invoices from the district
- Goal is to go into the October meeting with a clear idea of budget needs for the rest of the year.
- Up to 5% of our budget can be utilized for community efforts in order to allow us to give to other non-profits. We want to be transparent for our donors. This allows us flexibility with our funds.

Information Items

- **DEI Subcommittee-** Janelle Klein (2 min)
 - Have been meeting/connecting with the teacher groups (Community Connections) focused on centering marginalized communities without speaking on their behalf. Best part is that it's very teacher-centered. Wanting to prioritize a travelling cart of diverse/inclusive books
 - Parent survey went out at the end of last year and next meeting will analyze the results and plan to share at next PTG meeting.
 - Meet at 6pm on the first Wednesday of the month.
- **Extracurricular Committee Update**—Jeff Klein (8 min)
 - Need a co-chair to work with Diana Costa
 - All extracurriculars are listed on the PTG website
 - Thank you to everyone leading extracurriculars
 - Still looking for support with coaches for robotics program.
 - Extracurricular volunteers do not have to be parents: can be grandparents, community members, etc.
 - Volunteers must be registered through the Raptor system
 - Bring any extracurricular ideas to the committee
 - Plug for Active for Youth: AFY raises \$160,000 per year to offer cross country in all the schools. Fundraiser will be a casual event at Iron Goat, likely in October.
- **CAC Report-** Tonja Brown. (6 min)
 - Starts in October
 - Meetings are on the 2nd Monday of every month
 - CAC is asking for people to be very aware of the Together Spokane bond/levy that's coming up
 - Looking for another Wilson representative to join: 2 in-person meetings; most on Zoom
- **Green Club Updates-** Bre Orcasitas (10 min)
 - Goals: Hoping to make school events more eco-friendly.
 - Ana Ehrler procured recycling and compost containers from the city for Pizza in the Park
 - Only had about 5 bags of trash for the entire event.
 - Provides Wilson Goes Wild morning announcements with fun nature facts and Thinking Green tips in the PTG newsletter
 - Green Club plans to meet once a month through extracurriculars. Each meeting will have a specific topic.
 - Last year they hosted some nature-based meet ups and plan to continue with those this year
 - Will have a link on the PTG website with clear information about Green Club
 - Trying to organize a field trip to the Waste To Energy facility for 2nd graders on the morning of Oct 9th and all 5th graders on the afternoon of Oct 9th. October 16th all 3rd and 4th graders will go. Holly Bozo shared what an impactful field trip this is.
 - Clarifying that each event chair purchases all the single use things for individual events and asks if it's possible to purchase more eco-friendly single use items in bulk for the school as a whole rather than event by event. Bre will research and submit a proposal with clear costs. \
- **Dine Out Event:** Ethan Wolcott (1 min)
 - First event is this Friday (12th) at Red Robin. Mention Wilson PTG fundraiser in order to be included. 20% of sales go back to Wilson.

New Discussion Items—Questions—Comments—Ideas

- Wellness Cart Funds Request: Sierra Campbell has requested \$300 to kickstart the wellness cart to care for our staff. Future restocking will be via request to the community to continue throughout the year. We do have the \$300 in our budget. Lindsay Pursley motions to approve. Jeff Klein seconds. All in favor; motion passes.
- Pizza in the Park After Action: Under budget and raised about \$150 more than we budgeted to raise. Thanks to all the volunteers and to Mr. Syron for making it happen in spite of smoky weather.
- Kinder Open House/Coffee After Action: Well-attended and successful in making new families feel welcome and comfortable. Covered PTG information and kindergarten basics. Great for establishing some familiarity with staff as well as with school procedures
- Monster Mash: Ashley Becerra is chairing and Bre Orcasitas is helping. Will be in touch with more information after they meet. Monster Mash has been moved from 10/31 to 10/24. Always looking for more help and committee members. Tonja Brown offers to be on committee. All committee/event chairs have their contact listed on the PTG website.
- Wildcat Walk Fundraiser: All information is listed on the PTG website. All kids will participate and receive a t-shirt. Registration is how we raise the funds but all students will be included whether or not they are registered. Our PTG breathes life into our school and we need these funds to contribute in the way we want: extracurriculars, field trips, teacher checks, free school events, etc. Traditionally a major fundraiser is held every 2 years with a \$55,000 goal to carry us through those 2 years. If we raise less, we will revisit the idea of an annual fundraiser. We accept corporate matches through PledgeStar. Also looking for business sponsors (link on website). We are aware that not all Wilson students are able to raise/contribute money to this fundraiser and this will be accounted for in class accounting. Goal is for everyone to feel included. Event is on September 26th. Last year's profit was just over \$50,000 and total income was just over \$55,000.

Meeting Adjourned

7:58 pm by Kendra Chapman — Attendance: (24 total in attendance— 14 in person — 10 online)