

# PTG MEETING MINUTES

Wilson Elementary School PTG

*Tuesday, January 14, 2025 7:00 pm | Wilson Library | Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 pm by Kendra Chapman*

*Minutes Submitted by Krista Kautzman*

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## PTG Officers in Attendance

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Kendra Kimball Chapman, President  
Kelli Wright, Vice-President  
Gretchen Cleveland, Treasurer  
Ana-Maria Ehrler, Treasurer Elect  
Krista Kautzman, Secretary

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## Welcome / Intro from Kendra -2 min

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## Approval of Minutes -1 min

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The November 2024 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve Kendra second by Ana, all in favor. — Motion Passes

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## Celebrations, Kendra Chapman, President -2 min

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- Kendra Chapman took the time/opportunity to acknowledge and recognize Sarah and Emily- staff holiday breakfast and January Wildcat Wakeup.
- Thank you to robotics coaches: Darci Smulkowski and 4 parent volunteers. Both teams won multiple awards at the December competition and were invited to compete in the state event this coming weekend.
- Ana Ehrler who has volunteered to serve as Wilson's Volunteer Coordinator for the entire school.

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## Treasurer's Update, Gretchen Cleveland, Treasurer -2 min

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- **Budget Update—**
- Most recent expenses have been related to hospitality, closing out art night items and monster march residuals.
- Raised over \$600 for the book sale community fund to help kids whose families were unable to purchase books. Ensured all students could purchase a book.
- We should end the year on target to have the funds to last until the next Wildcat Walk.
- Ana asks about how teachers are doing with field trip budget. Gretchen waiting to hear back from district but as far as she knows we are on budget with the requests we've received and still have funds available for those who have not yet requested field trip funding. Total field trip budget is \$5000

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## Information Items

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- **DEI Subcommittee**-Tonja Brown (2 min)
  - Having monthly meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at Klein home
  - This month will be on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January in the Wilson Library at 6pm
  - Opportunity to connect with others in the community over inclusion.
  - Focus on Jan/Feb meetings is a parent survey to go out this spring.
  - See PTG website for more information about DEI
- **CAC Update**—Stephanee Newman—(3 min)
  - Nikki Lockwood re-elected by the board to serve as president
  - District recently purchased new site in the U-District for office space and for The Community School
  - Plan to sell current district office and plan to net 3-4 million dollars
  - December meeting topic was preschools. Pre-K program in all 44 elementary schools this year.
    - At least 1 half day program for 3-year-olds in each feeder pattern.
    - Registration will open on or about April 1<sup>st</sup> this year.
  - Option School programs. Each will host an open house within the next 2 months and more info is available on the district website.
  - Question about balanced calendar only being implemented in middle and high school, but Mr. Syron denies that being the case. If a balanced calendar happens it would not be until the next teacher contract negotiations – 2026-27 school year.
- **Winter Extracurriculars**—Jeff Klein—(5 min)
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade opportunity coming up for Sacajawea art program.
  - Art After School for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders with two parents who are artists leading it. Lots of space still available.
  - Goal is for events to be posted 4 weeks before upcoming trimester—first week of March for spring activities
  - Potential garden group with custodian Trish.
  - Need volunteers to make pickleball happen.
- **Wilson Skate Night**—Kendra Chapman—(3 min)
  - Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6-8pm
  - \$10/person
  - Roller Valley donating 20% of sales to the Wilson PTG
- **Book Bingo**—Kendra Chapman—(1 min)
  - Coming up next Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Open house style so come and go as you can. Only need a few volunteers
- **Dine Out Jan 15<sup>th</sup> @ Caruso's**—Tonja Brown (1 min)
  - Tomorrow night. Donating 20% back to PTG.
  - Spread the word to people to mention Wilson or write Wilson in notes section of online orders.
- **Volunteer Recognition**—Ana Ehrler (2 min)
  - How can we better recognize our volunteers?
    - Have nominations come from parents/staff for volunteer recognition
    - Recognized in emails/Paw Prints/Syron's emails
    - Monthly nominations
    - Goal is to bring more people on by recognizing just how many people are participating and showing gratitude.
- **New Event Chairs Page**—Kendra Chapman (1 min)
  - On PTG website
  - Lays out all the details involved in each event chair role

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### Principal's Update- Mike Syron 13 min

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- Been getting into the school budget a lot this year, at about \$1100 that the PTG is going to reimburse.
- Thank you to PTG for supporting the school with field trip funds and especially with the transportation aspect.

- Check in with mid-year report on school improvement goals. IRL goal was 75% of student body would participate in extracurricular activities. As of today we are at 65.7%, based off rosters from activities.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade lowest participation numbers but hoping to see that jump as some of the winter/spring extracurriculars include that grade level.
- Mostly attributed to PTG Extra Curricular Committee as well as awareness from weekly newsletter and daily announcements.
- Lifeskills/School Climate survey and our kids scored 3.9 and 4.0 respectively, out of 4.0 total.
- Average math growth per student is 2.8 for math and 4.6 months for literacy of growth (according to Dreambox/Lexia).
- As of this morning 93% of parents signed up for this week's conferences.
- Thank you to parents who were able to attend Rubber Chicken feeder event.
- Grant Drummers and Dancers coming tomorrow.
- About 20 kids will participate in MLK Jr assembly at 9 am on the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Character assembly on January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Choice requests need to be turned in by February 15<sup>th</sup>. Especially important for 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents.
- Proud of robotics teams headed to state on the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Hoping to do something for the staff for February 14<sup>th</sup> PLID. Wondering about budget available to feed them.
- Tonja asks about any areas from Lifeskills/School Climate surveys that stand out for improvement. Answer: No.
- Building Bridges to Beloved Community: 3 days of training (staff only, staff/parent only, staff/parents/kids combined). Times not solidified for Thursday night. Tuesday slated for 6pm. Should we move Thursday meeting earlier so that dinner isn't served so late? Discussion of 5:30 as the most ideal time for Thursday meeting. Childcare will be provided on both parent nights. Best of parents can attend both, but one is alright as well. Kendra requests that we help spread the word.

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### New Discussion Items—Questions—Comments—Ideas

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- Girls on the Run – Lindsay Box 13 min
  - Executive director of Girls on the Run Spokane
  - Social-emotional learning program for girls in 3-5 grades
  - Learn about self and helping others shine bright and how to contribute to your community
  - Use running/movement/games over 8-10 weeks to teach these habits and skills
  - Volunteers needed and help cultivate relationships with adults outside of their family
  - Make exercise super accessible. Exercise is not for pain/punishment but is something to enjoy.
  - 2015-2019- 40 participants at Wilson. Tapered since COVID. 195 Wilson students in all.
  - Hoping to get a strong staff connection and parent involvement to help bolster participation and impact.
  - Starts week after spring break and ends in June.
  - Tonja Brown asks for early notice so working parents can try to plan to volunteer.
  - Activity bus available if needed.
  - Tiered registration fees.

- Kendra asks if we can integrate sign up into PTG website to make it even more accessible.
- Asking for someone from Wilson to be the lead person.
- Childcare Stipend Funds Request – Kendra Chapman 5 min
  - 4 events coming that we would like to provide childcare for
  - Tues/Thurs (2/4 & 2/6) evenings of Building Bridges to Beloved Community -Mike offered to pay a paraeducator out of building budget but we would like to offer more people (high schooler perhaps, paid out of PTG budget)
  - Screenagers film and discussion 3/25
  - Book discussion around Anxious Generation in 4/22.
  - Proposed amount is \$400 (\$100/event). Kendra moves to fund it. Gretchen can provide insight on where the funds can come from, about \$1600 unallocated funds available. Ana seconds the motion because it takes away a barrier for those with younger children. Motion passes unopposed.
  - What time is best for 80-90 minute event?

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Meeting Adjourned

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8:02 pm by Kendra Chapman — Attendance: (20 total in attendance— 12 in person —08 online)