

# PTG MEETING MINUTES

Wilson Elementary School PTG

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*Tuesday, June 10, 2025 7:00 pm | 3111 S High Drive | Meeting Called to Order at 7:10 pm by Kendra Chapman*

*Minutes Submitted by Krista Kautzman*

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## PTG Officers in Attendance

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

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## Welcome / Intro from Ana – 1 min

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## Approval of Minutes -1 min

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The May 2025 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve by Kendra Chapman; second by Kelli Wright, all in favor. — Motion Passes

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## Celebrations, Kendra Chapman -6 min

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- Retirees: \$100 to Baba for Polly Milholland (pre-K para) and a donation to the GoFundMe for Elizabeth Coyote as well as a framed painting of Wilson
- Thanks to Gretchen Cleveland for serving on the board and turning our budgeting/financial practices around.
- Graduating Families: Hunts, Gilberts, McLaughlins, Kovariks, and Clevelands
- Carnival: HUGE thanks to Kate Smith and Sarah Rodgers
- \$50 Amazon giftcard to Ms Haase to help welcome her new baby and to Ms Perry to celebrate her wedding

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## Principal's Update, Mike Syron – 3 min

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- Excited to be back at Wilson next year; very grateful for the parents, families, and kids at Wilson
- New assessments coming next year
- Staffing still in limbo for next year. Kaelynn Perry moving to Roosevelt 2025-26. Exploring staffing options for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- Big thank you to the parents, especially those here tonight
- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> grade test scores are back and we're around 80% for math and ELA
- Carnival lived up to its expectations

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## Treasurer's Update, Gretchen Cleveland/Ana Ehrler, Treasurer 6 min

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- **Budget Update—**
  - Revenue has come primarily from yearbook sales and carnival
  - Yearbook sales \$300 ahead compared to last year
  - Event revenue is about \$4000 lower than last year; reflection of people's budgets? Taco truck at carnival? Lack of extra funds donated from families?

- Expenses are still coming in for the carnival, pancake feed, and a few administrative costs
- Expenses posted since last meeting include: drama club, teacher appreciation, library funds
- Carnival expenses are under from last year this far (about \$6500 so far)
- Total expenses for the year will likely be just under \$50,000; last year was right around \$67,000
- Proposal to donate \$500 to Active4 Youth. Motions to donate that amount from the extracurricular budget. Ana seconds. Motion passes.

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## Information Items

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- **DEI Subcommittee-** Janelle Klein (5 min)
  - One of the goals for this year was to connect with the teachers. Met with them in person at the end of the year to assess their vision for next year. Teacher group is called Community Connections.
  - Goals are to foster inclusion and also to highlight people from the communities that are being celebrated.
  - Plan to use books to incorporate voices from marginalized communities.
  - Sierra Campbell wrote and received a foundation grant of \$1000 for an equity library.
  - Developed and sent out a survey regarding inclusion with PTG events; 33 responses
  - District has goal of having a multicultural club in each school; 80% of survey responses indicated interest in participating in club
  - Diversity resources will be readily available for any staff who wants to use them.
- **Spring Extracurriculars**—Jeff Klein (4 min)
  - Diana Costa is the new extracurriculars chair.
  - Still looking for a co-chair.
  - Thank you to all those who have stepped up to run various extracurriculars.
  - Acknowledged what a privilege it is to carry on the Wilson tradition of a strong community
- **Volunteer Coordinator Updates**—Ana Ehrler (1 min)
  - Everyone has to register in raptor in order to volunteer. May have to renew registration yearly, but it also may only be a renewal rather than a full re-registration.
- **Carnival After Action-** Sarah Rodgers and Kate Smith (9 min)
  - So grateful to all the amazing volunteers who filled all the spots and lent so much support.
  - Slightly unsure about taco truck if it took away from overall revenue.
  - Dave Allen asks about what was different about getting volunteers this year from past years. Kate and Sarah reached out personally to ask people to help.
  - Kate Smith asks for the opinion about middle school helpers and the consensus was that perhaps its best to pair the Wilson alum with an adult volunteer.
  - Gretchen Cleveland notes that it was very helpful to have Mr Syron at the door to help with crowd control
  - Mr Syron expressed how great everything felt and how impressed he was with the parent participation.
  - Rich Davis comments on how helpful the security situation was.
  - Tonja Brown relays that a few cakes were stolen from the cake walk.
- **Open Leadership Positions-** Kendra Chapman (3 min)
  - Dine Out (brought in \$800 this year)
  - Talent Show
  - President Elect (join this year and step into the president role for the 2026-27 school year)
- **Alumni Scholarships-** Laura Baumgartner (3 min)
  - We gave 3, \$500 scholarships to Danny Post, Maile Quisano, and Tyler Geffkin

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## New Discussion Items—Questions—Comments—Ideas

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- **2026 Budget Vote—Ana Ehrler (28 min)**

- \$10,500 initially set aside to fund the upcoming Wildcat Walk.
- Many of the upcoming expenditures depend on the amount generated from the Wildcat Walk.
- Ana moves to approve fall expense including Wildcat Walk (\$7500), teacher checks (\$7500), Pizza in the Park (\$1500), Kindergarten Jumpstart (\$150), extracurriculars (\$1500). This was planned for and we do have the money to support this.
- Sarah Rodgers asks what happens to funds remaining in various budgets. Conversation will happen this fall to plan spending for the 2025-26 school year. Some of the funds do roll over but some act as a buffer.
- We're also holding 5<sup>th</sup> grade leaderships funds that were initially intended for the buddy bench.
- David Allen expresses concerns about spending such a significant amount of our budget so early in the school year.
- Gretchen notes checking account has around \$10,000 and money market has around \$32,000. This will help offset any potential lack of revenue from the Wildcat Walk.
- Kendra Chapman notes that this is only our 3<sup>rd</sup> Wildcat Walk. Previously we did an auction every other year. Hope is to generate more revenue from a fall fundraiser rather than a spring one.
- Tonja Brown suggests providing two "extracurriculars options" that will depend on how much funds are raised from the Wildcat Walk.
- Alex Brajcich suggests having an annual Wildcat Walk rather than an every other year option based on how other schools fundraise. Kendra relays that the survey showed that about 60% of respondents wanted to keep the every other year schedule. Always an option to change in the future. We keep more of the money by doing it only every other year due to cost to put it on.
- Jake Rodgers echoes Alex's sentiments and Alex offers to chair the Wildcat Walk. Expresses that it's worth trying to do every year.
- Tonja Brown notes that there is stability in planning a 2-year budget rather than being reliant on a yearly.
- David Allen comments on cloudiness of budget and hopes to have more transparency. Thanks to Gretchen and Ana for all they have done to restore the budgeting process from where it used to be.
- Ana motions to approve the 2025-26 fall budget. Lindsay Pursley seconds. Motion passes.
  
- Regarding the Calendar: Ana needs all info for reservations for events/activities in order to book the school spaces by the end of the school year (June 17<sup>th</sup>). After next week, outside parties can reserve the space.

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Meeting Adjourned

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8:20 pm by Kendra Chapman — Attendance: (23 total in attendance—23 in person)