

**Laura Ingalls Wilder PTSA  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 16, 2010**

**Call to Order/Welcome**

Co-President Deb Zimmerman called the Board of Directors Meeting of the Laura Ingalls Wilder PTSA to or on Sept. 16, 2010 at 9:06 AM. The attendance sheet is attached to the Secretary's copy of the minutes.

**Secretary's Report**

The minutes were approved as written from the May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting. There were two correspondences, read and acknowledged.

**President's Report**

Co-President Deb Zimmerman introduced new and returning Executives, the Board of Directors, and visiting regional PTSA members, as well as the school principal Steve Roetsisoender.

**Thank You's**

Volunteers and their chair persons are posted in the hall on a designated "Thank You" wall of fame. The following People were thanked by the volunteer committee:

Financial Review: Sara Smith, Kris Opprecht, Heather Lund

Logo Wear: Melissa Rogers

Membership: Sara Smith

Parent Organizer: Cara Torrey

Welcome Committee: Deb Zimmerman

Summer Mailings: Sara Smith, Joy Arnquist

Back to School Open House: Deb Zimmerman

Supply Sale: Sara Smith, Lana Stein

Wilder Web Site: Su Chang

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Kim Allen gave the Treasurer's report. The latest report is attached to the secretary's copy of the minutes. The budget got a thorough

going over this summer and everything has been accounted for and there are no concerns. Thanks Kim! The Wilder PTSA Treasurer Report can be found on the PTSA link on the Wilder Website.

### **Staff Report**

Karen Cosme wanted to thank the PTSA for their continued support of the staff and the school. Everyone continues to be very pleased and teachers are coming up w/ a plan, as well as a curriculum, for the Weather Bug.

### **Principal Report**

Steve Roetcisoender, the principal of Wilder, noticed a smooth, 'crisis-free' transition to the school year. Wilder has seen some welcomed upgrades and improvements over the summer. The new field is nearly complete, with a new sand mix to help slow erosion, new bleachers, and new soccer goals. The 20 year old carpets have been replaced with relatively few problems. A new projector is ready to be installed in the gym, which should make group presentations easier. The new math curriculum is a work in progress for both teachers and students. Sept. 20, 2010 is the projected date that the program will be up and running on line so both students and parents will be able to check the curriculum from home. The Weather Bug install is almost complete. Once the weather station/rain gauge is hooked up to the computer system all the information will be displayed both in the school and on line. The Steamroller in the OT room has been a success for calming. He also thanked the PTSA for the welcomed grants for the school and teachers. There were also four new staff hires over the summer that have been welcomed. A 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Safety Net, Music, and in the Pre-1 program. Enrollment to Wilder has gone down slightly from 490 last year to 472 this year. A continued decline is expected within the Wilder boundary. 1,000 new students are expected in the Lake Washington school District in the next 5 years. The new 4-year high school should help with some of these students for now. There were an unexpected 400 extra enrollees for the Lake Washington School District this school year. More info. will be going out on this topic in the Parent Organizer.

### **Legislative Report**

This is an important election this year with a very tight State Senate and House race. Jason Rothkowitz worked tirelessly over the summer to get the candidates, both incumbents and opponents, running in our district together for a two hour long forum, where they will answer questions. We are lucky

enough to be hosting them at Wilder Elementary on October 12 from 7-9pm. Open to the public and press. This will be moderated by a former PTA member. More information on this topic and the ballot measures can be found on the Wilder PTSA website or talk to Jason for further info.

### **Committee Reports**

Fall carnival needs volunteers. The carnival will be held on September 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8 pm.

Parent Organizer has hit a few snags with the “system upgrades” but most seem to have been resolved in the first week of school. Most are getting daily emails. Newsletter has been a success in the past and is set to start up again. This is a great way to personalize the people as well as the school.

Fundraising has been receiving many requests from outside groups to set up tables at PTSA events and at this point a motion has been made and passed that NO outside group will fund raise at the Fall carnival. Future rules similar to this one will be discussed at future meetings.

Special thanks to Su Chang for the maintenance of the Wilder website and updating the information BEFORE school started! Online registration and enrichment classes all available on the school website.

Co-President adjourned the meeting at 10:44 am.

Joy Glassberg  
PTSA Secretary

Deb Zimmerman  
PTSA Co-President