

**Wake Forest High School PTSA Meeting**  
**January 12, 2026**  
**6:00 PM in the Media Center and via Google Meet**  
**AGENDA**

**I. Discussion Items**

A. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions - Amy Reigle  
Call to Order: 6:06 PM

- MOY training for officers, advocacy, audit chairs in Jan/Feb.  
General Assembly in Feb - do we need to adjust the budget?  
T-shirt order should be ready in a couple weeks. We are ordering from Steve's Tees.
- Upcoming dates: **Jan 26th** - Chili Cookoff (~11:30 am), **Jan 29th** - Mid-year Graduation 7pm, **Feb 9th** - principal chat/general assembly/board mtg, **Feb 11th** - Meet the teacher/curriculum night (provide dinner), **Feb 18th** - Senior Breakfast

B. Principal's Report - Melissa Thomas

1. Exams begin this Friday. Students do not need to show up unless they have exams.
2. Prom will be on March 21st at Raleigh Union Station. Tickets go on sale January 20th. Madhatter Theme.
3. Pieces of Gold dance act from WFHS on March 4th at Raleigh Memorial.
4. 9 People for Chilli and 10 for Cookies cook off at 11:45.

C. Staff Update - Ansley Fondow

1. No updates from staff
2. Newsletter goes out this week to staff

D. [Approval of Minutes](#)

Motion to Approve made  
by: Jill B  
Seconded by: Kim B

In favor: 12  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Motion **Passes**/Fails

**II. Committee Reports**

A. Advocacy - Tara Ayers

Working on a newsletter about winter blues, walking your own walk.

B. Student Health and Wellness - Spencer Wright

In the process of creating a calm corner in the Media Center. Will be creating a kind note chain/tree.

### C. Communication

1. Website - Kiara Pond
  - a) Everything is updated on the website
2. Newsletter - Amy Reigle
  - a) Deadline for information: Jan 25th
  
3. Social Media -Jill Backstrom - will post about Cap and Gown pick up, exam schedule, senior fees, scholarships, Principal chat(2/9), Meet the Teacher/Curriculum (2/11)

### D. Fundraising

1. Spirit Nights - Kim Bailey and Amanda Taylor
  - a) Amanda was able to successfully reach Alpaca and they are sending us a check for our September Spirit Night! We should receive \$52.02.
  - b) Red Robin Spirit Event is tomorrow!. It's an all-day event. "Wake Forest High School PTSA will receive 20% of fundraiser sales\* during this fundraiser. Participate on Jan 13, 2026 during the scheduled fundraiser time by showing the flyer below to your server at this Red Robin location, or by ordering online at [redrobin.com](http://redrobin.com) or on the Red Robin mobile app. For online and mobile app orders you must add the fundraiser to your cart before you check out for the sales to count towards the fundraiser. Flyer [here](#)."
  - c) The Juniorette fundraiser for PTSA Teacher Grants will be at Chipotle Mexican Grill, [11700 Retail Dr. Wake Forest](#), from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18. We will receive 25% of mentioned sales! Customers may order online or in person at the restaurant, using a PROMO Code that Chipotle will set up for us. Any customers who order for delivery will need to have their orders delivered during the set time (4 to 8 p.m.)
  - d) Amanda is working on our February event at <https://milazzosristorante.com/> Feb. 10 possibility
  
2. Retail Rebates - Giving Tree - Amy Reigle
  - a) We need to promote this at meet the teacher/curriculum night. Looking to do a double points week in the spring.
  
3. Cougar Challenge and Membership -
  - a) We would like to have a large membership/cougar challenge for meet the teacher we will need volunteers to help that evening–February 11th
  - b) Also possibly a cougar challenge drive during carpool in the afternoon.

### E. Hospitality - Melanie Gambone and Chrissa Wood

1. Hot Chocolate and Popcorn was a huge success! We had lots of donated sweet treats, popcorn, and hot chocolate with all the fixin's! Special thanks to our volunteers and to the booster club for letting us borrow the popcorn machine.
2. Upcoming dates that we will need volunteers/donations for is the Chili/Baked Goods Cook-off on January 26th and February 11th for Meet the Teacher. On the 26th we mostly provide support by setting up in the media center, accepting the food to judge, Staff provide the food and they vote for best chili and cookies! The hospitality team will be looking for volunteers to help set up, and make a few salads before the judging starts. We will be providing pizza, salad, and drinks for staff prior to Meet the Teacher on February 11th.

F. Nominating Committee - Chrissa Wood

Start thinking about if you plan to keep your role next year, or would like a new one, or if you know someone who may like a role! We need some new volunteers to take committee roles. Cougar Challenge, Membership, Scholarships, Secretary

G. Senior Class Activities - Jill Backstrom

Graduate Breakfast - reached out to Chick fila, Bojangles, McD's for breakfast sandwiches - will follow up this week (official number of Seniors?)

? google form to seniors about allergies for us to account for how many students we might need other items for?

Feb 18th (exact time after grad meeting?? (Volunteer times? 6:30-8am, 7:45-9:15am)

Decorations Feb 17th - help times? (3-5 and 5-7 slots?)

Will make sign up genius with items/volunteers

Graduate Picnic Meeting end of Feb.... date/time??

H. Senior Scholarships - Stacey Robinson

1. We have 7 current applicants. Of the 7, only 3 have fulfilled all the requirements.
2. I have reached out to the students who are incomplete to follow up with their teacher recommendations and/or essay portion. We will advertise again on social media that the deadline of February 1st is coming up.

I. Staff and Club Grants - Larissa Moore

1. We received a grant request for art supplies for our new teacher Ms. Patrick and got those delivered to her classroom last week.
2. Ms. Ray and Ms. Klasendike thanked us for the supplies. Both clubs having been using them
3. Mr. Cofield's class has been growing vegetables :)

4. New grant request from Mr. Hawley and Ms. Pontrelli.
5. Need to follow up with Mr. Styers about a club grant
6. Ms. Lawhorn is also working on a list of kitchen equipment.

I. Budget/Financial Report - Nicole Weeks

[Budget](#)

J. SIT (School Improvement) - Chrissa Wood

1. No Updates

K. BAC (Board Advisory Council) - Melanie Gambone

No updates

**III. Other School Organizations:**

A. Art/Drama

1. The art department is looking to paint a mural in the main hallway of the school, with the help of a professional muralist - Junior Gomez. The Renaissance Center is sponsoring it, paying for the help of the muralist. Sarah Roberts is asking if we can fund the paint from our school improvement/beautification budget, as art students and art honor society will be doing the painting with the muralist. It would be about \$300-400. The proposed date is March 23-24th.

B. Athletic Boosters -

C. Band Boosters

D. Business Alliance - Larissa Moore

All are welcome to the next meeting on February 3 at 7:30 am virtual. We have finished wrapping up the semester and starting to plan dates for spring. If any students would like to have scholarship essays reviewed we will help with that.

E. FFA-

F. JROTC - Spirit Nights: Char Grill - Harris Crossing: January 13th 4-8pm.

Moe's Spirit Night - March 24th

Mod Pizza - May 13th (most likely - still finalizing)

**IV. Announcements/Closing Remarks**

A. Announcements:

1. Next Meeting: Feb 9th 6pm

B. Q&A

1. How many graduation tickets are given out per student?
  - a) Normally around 8

C. Meeting Adjourned

Adjourned: 7:11 P