

**Wake Forest High School PTSA Meeting**  
**January 16, 2024**  
**6:00 PM in the Media Center and via Zoom**

**AGENDA**

**I. Discussion Items**

A. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions - 6:01

- Melanie Gambone

\*On Thursday, Feb 8, PTSA will be providing a meal for the teachers and then have a table to provide information at Curriculum Fair/Meet the Teacher night. If you are able to help with any time this evening, please reply to let us know. Help needed would start near 2:00 and go until 7:30. so any time you can give would be appreciated!

\*Upcoming meetings- February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10  
(March 11 is a teacher workday- do we still want to hold a meeting?)

Attendance: Melanie, Chrissy, Stacey, Diana, Christy, Melissa, Mrs. Thomas, Karin, Mr. George (online), Larissa.gina

B. Principal's Report - Mrs. Thomas

- Might have a 2 hour delay due to weather - still take exam
- Exams start tomorrow
- Report cards - 2/2
- Meet the teacher 2/8
- Office staff filled and fully trained
- AP on staff
- Asked about Prom tickets - discount dates are ready but don't have it on hand - May 4 for the dance

C. Staff Update - Mr. Tacito George

- 3 teachers want to join - need to pay without using the school network

D. Approval of [November Minutes](#) - (click on link for draft minutes)

No quorum

E. Budget/Financial Report - Larissa Moore

\*no new checks for December but I do have the Jeremiah's check to deposit this month.

[December Budget 2023](#)

## II. Committee Reports

### A. Advocacy - Gina Haines

### B. Communication

- Website - Karen Mallo
- Newsletter - Amy Reigle - please send me updates by the 25th each month. Maybe we can think about making up a distribution list for the people who are most likely to need to send me updates so I can remind people?
- Social Media - Melissa Gilmore
  - a) Keeping up with PTSA information as well as relevant school news from Ms. Thomas, the WFHS Counselors, and other school groups.
  - b) PTSA Scholarship reminders are going out a couple times a week at this point as the deadline is 1/31.
  - c) A Prom save the date was published months ago, and we will post ticket info as soon as the school makes it available.
  - d) Upcoming items to promote...Curriculum Night/Meet the teacher 2/8, Teacher Dinner signup 2/8, Senior Breakfast 2/14, Business Alliance Job Fair?, Arts Festival 3/7, .. What else is on the radar?
  - e) Is there any information I need to share about our next General Assembly meeting on Feb 12 @ 7pm?
  - f) It is also about time to publish important dates for seniors and their parents.
  - g) We should start publicizing open positions for the PTSA board and committees soon.

### C. Fundraising

- Spirit Nights - Kim Bailey
  - a) We raised \$65 at the Jeremiah's Ice Spirit Night. They were sorry it was a slower day.
  - b) I will be investigating some Spring Spirit Night options. We usually have a Culver's night in March.
- Retail Rebates - Lisa Poplawski/Amy Reigle - nothing new for giving tree
  - a) Triple points this week
  - b) Check coming soon

- Harris Teeter- no new earnings from the new program
  - a) In the past, gotten about \$2,000 and with the change of program could lose that income
- Cougar Challenge - Stacey Robinson
- No change in December- Reunion money was deposited

D. Hospitality - Melanie Gambone

- We will be preparing pizza and salad for Meet the Teacher Night and will be sending out a signup genius for help with drinks, desserts, and volunteering.
- The BAC meeting has been postponed, so will be looking for help on set up and break down when we learn the new date

E. Membership-Stacey Robinson

No new members in December

F. Nominating Committee - Karin Kuropas

- Checking to see needs for positions next year. Please invite anyone you think might be interested in joining PTSA to come to the general membership meeting on 2/12.
- If you might be interested in taking on an elected position in addition to the committee that you serve on, please let me know.

G. Scholarships - Kelly and Celeste

- Working with transition from Tracie. Need to secure judges and process of getting the applications to the judges. Deadline for scholarships is January 31

H. Senior Class Activities - committee

- Planning Meeting for all senior parents after general membership meeting on Feb 12 -7:15 start
- Breakfast on Feb 14- there is a sign up genius for donations and volunteers <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B48ACAF23A6F49-47220765-senior#/>

I. Staff and Club Grants - Karin Kuropas

- Following up with applications and ideas. Sending email to let teachers know Karin will be on campus on 2/2 to discuss and they can talk with hospitality as well

J. Student Health and Wellness- Claire Reigle -

- December was anxiety and coping skills. We put up posters in the media center to prep people for holidays and finals anxiety.
- January is toxic relationships. Also putting up posters and hoping to get small versions up in bathrooms and common areas

K. PBIS- Gina Haines

Heard from Rendina - semester, cougar pride celebration 2/2, would like to use our snow cone machine for about 120 students, need 1 - 2 volunteers 12:15 - 2 PM

III. Other School Organizations:

A. BAC (Board Advisory Council) - Karin Kuropas

January meeting canceled. WFHS was going to host. Waiting for update for future meetings.

B. Business Alliance - Larissa Moore Our next meeting is February 6 at 7:30 am, all are welcome to attend! Our next large event is our Pathways to Success Fair on February 15. This will focus on trades, certification programs, Community college and on the job training programs

C. Athletic Boosters -

We are promoting our Reverse Raffle Fundraiser right now.

Date: Feb. 15, 2024

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Location: The Corner

Details: Tickets are \$100 each and sold on the BoosterClub website. Must have a ticket or be a ticket holder guest to attend. Tickets include entry into the raffle, 2 drink tickets, hors d'oeuvres provided by The Butcher's Market.

There is also a Wine Pull Game - \$20 per pull

Grand Prize Winner get \$3000

D. JROTC -

- Earned 128.82 during Jan 10th Spirit Night
- Upcoming events:
  - a) Jan 10th: MLK Parade
  - b) Feb 2nd: 1st Semester Dance
  - c) Feb 9th: Meet the Teachers - still correct date?
  - d) Feb 15th - Dodgeball Tournament
  - e) April 27th - Military Ball
- Also working with Wake Forest Elementary to hold a School Supply Drive later this year (May).
- Investigating Spirit Night Options for March

E. Band Boosters -

F. Art/Drama -

- Theater students participated in an Improv Competition at Cary High School this past weekend. They did an amazing job, but just missed placing.
- TAP Booster meeting is also on 1/16/24, so more updates will be forthcoming.
- The Annual Winter Arts Festival that was scheduled for Tuesday, January 9th in the WFHS Auditorium has been moved to March 7th due to weather.

G. FFA

H. SIT (School Improvement Team) - Melanie Gambone  
Focus on ESL students, getting them involved and improving proficiency  
(suggested getting volunteers to help with classes with ESL students)

#### **IV. Announcements/Closing Remarks**

A. Announcements:

- Meet the Teacher, Thursday, Feb 8 - need help serving dinner to teacher and giving information during meet the teacher
- Next Meeting: Monday, Feb 12 - Board at 6, General Assembly at 7, Senior at 7:15

B. Q&A

- Angel Fund - donate money to help students who can't purchase food - fund is very low right now. Donate to Wake Forest High, we don't touch the money

C. Meeting Adjourned 7:19

Adjourned: