

## Wake Forest High School PTSA Meeting

Apr 19, 2022

7:00 PM in MEDIA CENTER and via Zoom

MINUTES - APPROVED

Laura Bachinsky, Kristy Domique, Maureen Fortin, Melanie Gambone, Michelle Guardino, Karin Kuropas, Larissa Moore, Patti Hamler, Kris Jasany, Lisa Poplawski, Jen Rudolph, Kim Soden, Stephanie Spann, Alana Urban

Call to Order: 7:02PM

### I. Discussion Items

- A. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions - Karin Kuropas
  - 1. Volunteer Recognition Week - thanks to Senior Parents
  - 2. Welcome all visiting, we hope to see you again
  - 3. Giving Tree donation check picked up March 25 - thanks to all who shopped and donated - we were the top school for the third year in a row!!
  
- B. Principal's Report - Ms. Patti Hamler
  - 1. Thank you for supporting The Giving Tree fundraising.
  - 2. Prom - kids safety is the main priority.
  - 3. Tentative allotments for next year: 2135 attendance (down 3 staff positions)
  - 4. Collision Repair Motor Show 4/30
  - 5. Military Ball 4.30
  - 6. Teacher workday 5/2
  - 7. Band concert date TBD
  - 8. AP Exams - information to be emailed
  - 9. Senior Grad info - to be emailed (regarding dress code, rehearsal, etc.). Right now 8 tickets per senior.
  
- C. Staff Update - Laura Bachinsky
  - 1. The games have been popular!
  - 2. Would like to purchase a button maker.
  - 3. The exceptional child services immersion into the school has been going really well.
  
- D. Approval of Minutes - Maureen Fortin ([Draft Minutes 3/14/22](#))

Motion to Approve made by: Lisa Poplawski

Seconded by: Laura Bachinsky

In favor: all

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Motion Passes/Fails: passes

E. Budget/Financial Report - Larissa Moore

\*We have checks to deposit for Giving Tree (\$4,200), Culvers(\$273)  
Dairy Queen(\$75 ) PDQ (\$ 46.38) and Harris Teeter( \$643.59)  
9 new members since February. Fundraising exceeds budget items.

[March Budget 2022](#)

F. Other School Organizations:

1. Business Alliance - Larissa Moore

- a) Next Meeting is May 17 at 7:30am all are welcome
- b) College Fair was on April 1 -over 30 schools attended
- c) ASVAB test is on April 21
- d) There is a new program Digital Bridge through the DeBois Center- early registration for computer classes going on now
- e) Wake Tech has free tuition for next year if you graduate this spring

2. Athletic Boosters - Renae Hill

- a)

3. JROTC -

- a)

4. Band Boosters - Karin Kuropas

- a) Band received "SUPERIOR" rating and 1st place at Music in the Parks in Carowinds on 4/9
- b) Sat, May 14 -9 to 12 - Spring Band Camp - anyone interested in MARCHING in the fall - Musicians only
- c) Mon, 5/16 and Wed 5/18 - Color Guard Tryouts for FALL MARCHING
- d) Tues, May 24 - Band Concert and Lumpy's Spirit Day - ALL DAY
- e) Walnut Creek [volunteers](#) - 16+ can volunteer as "runners" to bring food to tables and get volunteer hours. 18+ can volunteer in stand that sells drinks and donate proceeds to band general fund. See the Sign up Genius for more information.

5. Art/Drama - Maureen Fortin

- a) Theater program had a very successful run of Legally Blond!
- b) March 17 was the Matinee performance of Honey's Smile

- c) April 7 was the Matinee performance of The Bully Plays
- d) May 5 next Booster meeting - all welcome
- e) May 7 One Act Showcase (written, directed and produced by Troupe members) 3-8PM
- f) May 20 Dance Concert and Pieces of Gold performance
- g) June 3 Drama Awards Ceremony

6. Chorus - Maureen Fortin

- a) April 21 Chamber Auditions
- b) May 4 Booster meeting - all welcome
- c) May 14 Carowinds Festival of Music competition
- d) May 26 Spring Concert
- e) May 28 Chorus Banquet

**II. Committee Reports**

A. Fundraising

1. Spirit Nights - Melissa Gilmore - OPEN 2022-23

a) PDQ	09/15/21	5-8pm	20%	\$151.25 earned
Papa Murphy's	10/13/21	11am-8pm	33%	\$77.18 earned
Culver's	11/10/21	5-8pm	10%	\$304 earned
MOD Pizza	12/8/21	10am-10pm	20%	\$54.81 earned
Dairy Queen	1/13/22	4-9pm	20%	\$75 earned
PDQ	2/9/22	5-8pm	20%	\$46.38 earned
Culver's	3/16/22	5-8pm	10%	\$273.00 earned

**\$981.62 Total Earned 2021-22**

**\*\*plus an additional \$201.53 from WFHS Juniores!**

- b) Dairy Queen and Culver's checks were delivered to Larissa.
- c) Marilyn Bonnett and the WFHS Juniores hosted a spirit night at Chipotle on Wed. April 6th from 4-8 pm to support the PTSA Teacher Grants program. It was a very successful spirit night that raised \$201.53! Thank you WFHS Juniores!!
- d) Not planning any more spirit nights for the 2021-22 school year.

2. Retail Rebates - Lisa Poplawski/Heather Weidner

- a) Heather Checking on Lowe's for check
- b) Harris Teeter sent a check for \$643.59.  
353 participants as of 4/19/22. Estimated to get another check for \$600 at the end of the year.

<i>School Year</i>	<i>\$\$ Earned</i>	<i>Participants</i>
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2021-2022	\$1699.72	353
2020-2021	\$1632.62	318
2019-2020	\$1386.53	277
2018-2019	\$854.64	185
2017-2018	\$494.12	140

- c) We will be submitting a story about the funds used to purchase games in the library to enter a Harris Teeter TIE contest to earn extra \$\$.
- d) Additional entries for the contest can be submitted using the following instructions. I will be handing out 3"x5" cards at the meeting tonight with envelopes and stamps.  
PLEASE DO THIS!!!

*"In lieu of electronic entry method, you may also enter simply by hand-printing your school name, coordinator name, and TIE code on a single 3" X 5" card (the "Mail-In Entry") and mailing it to: TIE Tell Us Your Story, Harris Teeter, Inc., P.O. Box 10100, Matthews, NC 28106. No purchase is necessary to enter by mail. Schools are limited to one (1) Mail-In Entry per envelope. Only original hand printed Mail-In Entries are eligible. Mechanically reproduced Mail-In Entries will not be accepted. Each Mail-In Entry must be placed in a separate outer mailing envelope. Any Mail-In Entry received in excess of the one request per household and/or the one request per envelope will not be entered into the drawing. All Mail-In Entries must be postmarked by April 30, 2022 and received by noon on May 5, 2022 in order to be eligible. All Mail-In Entries become the exclusive property of Harris Teeter and will not necessarily be acknowledged or returned."*

**HAND write on 3"x5" card:**

School Name: Wake Forest High School  
Coordinator Name: Lisa Poplawski  
Tie Code: 5403

**Send to:**

TIE Tell Us Your Story  
Harris Teeter, Inc.

P.O. Box 10100  
Matthews, NC 28106

3. Cougar Challenge - OPEN
  - a) Plan over summer and kick off in August then taper off
  - b) \$10 donation in March

B. Communication

1. Website - OPEN
  - a) Larissa- updated website to be current- if anyone has items to be added please email me
  - b) Karen Mallo working on a redesign. Need someone to take over and keep up to date with current information
2. Newsletter - Lori Eitel - OPEN 2022-23
  - a) Information due by the 20th of the month, distributed on 1st of the month
3. Social Media - Melissa Gilmore
  - a) Keeping up with sharing PTSA news, school news and information from other groups.
  - b) Special thank you for Juniorette's fundraiser posted to our social media pages on Monday 4/18.

C. Nominating Committee - Larissa Moore

1. 2022-23 Slate of Officers
  - a) President - Karin Kuropas
  - b) Vice president - Melanie Gambone
  - c) Treasurer- Open
  - d) Secretary- Larissa Moore (until filled)

Motion to Approve made by: Laura Bachinsky

Seconded by: Kris Jasany

In favor: all

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Motion Passes/Fails: passes

2. We have lots of open committee positions for next year, combination of open slots this year, parents graduating out and role changes requested- If anyone has contacts please let us know.

D. Membership - OPEN

1. Lead tracks membership and ensures dues are paid and list is kept current for general membership meetings (quarterly). Busy at the start of the year then maintenance.
  2. 9 New members in March
- E. Staff and Club Grants - Kris Jasany - OPEN 2022-23
1. Received math calculators for ECS Department.
  2. Working on new grant request.
  3. Sending additional update to staff reminding them of funds available.
  4. Looking for Chairperson for next year.
- F. Senior Class Activities - Kris Jasany/Melanie Gambone - OPEN 2022-23
1. Senior Breakfast and 3rd quarter treat bags were a big hit with the students. Received many thank you's from the kids. Lots of volunteers came to help, including Sr. Advisors (thank you).
  2. We ordered 200 yard signs from pre-sales. Should have within next 2 weeks. Planning to distribute as soon as they come in.
  3. Senior Picnic planning underway.-May 27
    - a) Still need a Food Committee chair. Some of the initial legwork has been done. Entails coordination of donations, setup. Chicken is being donated. Will pay for pork butts.
    - b) Next Zoom meeting is Wednesday April 20 at 7:00.
    - c) We need lots of volunteers for setup, shifts during event, clean up.
    - d) Signup genius is coming.
    - e) Anyone willing to get involved with planning please let Kris or Melanie know.
    - f) We are looking to recruit parents of underclassmen so they can see how it all works. It will make it easier for them next year, etc.
    - g) Next meeting 4/20 7PM
- G. Hospitality - Larissa Moore/Melanie Gambone
1. Planning for Staff Appreciation May 2-6
  2. Help needed- May 1 decorating the outside of school, May 2 after school set up for breakfast, May 3 breakfast help, May 4 lunch help
  3. Stress kits in mailboxes beginning of June -count down to summer
  4. Need 4-5 student volunteers to help with senior awards. Also need parent volunteers (of junior students).
- H. Advocacy - Jennifer Rudolph

1. No new updates; looking into local primary election information and will update if school board candidate forums / related activity is available.
- I. Scholarships - Kristy Dominique - OPEN 2022-23
    1. Application period has closed
    2. All essays have been submitted to judges for review/scoring. We had six applicants for the three scholarships that will be rewarded.
    3. Online application has been updated to streamline the process for next year with clearclut instructions. This has been a work in progress due to the fact students used to submit applications and reference letters in person to student services and all this had to be amended during the pandemic.
    4. Planning to present the three recipients with their scholarships at the Senior Awards Day May 27.
  - J. Student Achievement - Jeanette Hartog/Larissa Moore
    1. Planning for a May 20th PBIS breakfast for students recognized by staff. More details at May meeting.

### **III. Announcements/Closing Remarks**

#### A. Announcements:

1. Next Meeting: May 9th at 7:00 on zoom and in person - General Assembly meeting (need 20 voting members for elections) and then Executive Board meeting.
2. Cougar Motor Show 10:00-1:00 April 30

#### B. Q&A

- 1.

#### C. Meeting Adjourned

Motion to Approve made by: Larissa Moore

Seconded by: Laura Bachinsky

In favor: all

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Motion Passes/Fails: passes

Adjourned: 8:34PM