

## Wake Forest High School PTSA Meeting

August 9, 2021

7:00 PM via Google Meet

### MINUTES - APPROVED

Attendance: Laura Bachinsky, Alison Burell, Lori Eitel, Maureen Fortin, Patti Hamler, Jeanette Hartog, Karin Kurpoas, Karen Mallo, Lisa Poplawski, Jen Rudolph, Kim Sloan

Call to Order: 7:04PM

#### I. Discussion Items

- A. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions - Karen Mallo
- B. Principal's Report - Ms. Patti Hamler
  - Currently there are 2282 students enrolled with 168 in Virtual Academy. The VA this year will be totally separate from the in-person classes. Central Admin is doing the scheduling for VA. Some teachers might be from WFHS, but the majority of the teachers will be from other schools.
  - There are 4 new Counselors at the school.
  - This year the staff theme is "Good Vibes Only".
  - No Covid updates. There will be a principal meeting that could have more information.
  - Schedules will be on PowerSchool on 8/13/21 and change forms will be accepted from 8/17/21 until 8/23/21.
  - The WFHS Resource Officer retired. The assignment of a new SRO is TBD.
  - Staff breakfast will be 8/17/21 in the cafeteria. PTSA is invited to speak.
- C. Staff Update - Laura Bachinsky
  - I put in a request with the county Help desk for a PTSA google account to use for meets. Initial response was positive, waiting for the final answer.
  - Media Center will be distributing student chromebooks early - August 16th and 19th, as well as the first week of school. Info posted on the school website. There are no hot spots this year.
  - Media Center will be open as in previous years, before/after school and lunchtime. Yay! We also rolled out a new website, with a lot of useful info: <https://sites.google.com/wcps.net/wfhsmmedia/home>. Chromebooks don't print on school computers, we will have computers set up for printing in the media center for students who need them.
- D. Approval of the [Minutes](#) - Maureen Fortin

Motion to Approve made by: Laura Bachinsky

Seconded by: Lisa Poplowski

In favor: all

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Motion Passes / Fails: passes

- E. Discussion on Upcoming Summer / Back-to-School Events
  - Yearbook distribution has been added for 8/12/21
  
- F. Budget / Financial Report - Larissa Moore  
[Budget June 2021\(draft\)](#)
  
- G. Other School Organizations:
  - 1. Business Alliance - Larissa Moore
  
  - 2. Athletic Booster - Renae Hill
    - Fall sports meeting 8/9/21 at 6PM
    - Boosters are selling ticket cards for all events
  
  - 3. JROTC -
    - Finished 8th in National Competition
  
  - 4. Band Boosters - Karin Kuropas
    - Working to get volunteers for Walnut Creek.
    - Mattress Sale date set for Mar 12
    - Trying to plan "home football" games
  
  - 5. Art/Drama -

## II. Committee Reports

- A. Fundraising
  - 1. Spirit Nights - Melissa Gilmore

PDQ	09/15/21	5-8pm	20%
Papa Murphy's	10/13/21	11am-8pm	33%
Culver's	11/10/21	5-8pm	10%

    - PDQ & Papa Murphy's earn cash back through mentioned sales. Culver's is 10% of all sales. Looking to set another spirit night up for early to mid December at MOD Pizza.
  
  - 2. Retail Rebates - Lisa Poplowski/Heather Weidner

- August 1st is the turnover date for Harris Teeter Together in Education. Names/numbers have been submitted to begin accumulating rewards but take a few days to fully post. We have received 10 responses from QR code cards as of today. Hope that will pick up as people get into “Back to School” mode. Names/numbers will be manually entered into Lowes Foods’ Cart to Class program. We are - as always - awaiting feedback from the management at the Gateway Commons store for more support, dates and times when we can set up tables, etc.
- Please consider putting the QR code for retail rewards Google survey on our social media periodically. Think we are doing a sandwich board for carpool line with the QR code so parents can sign up while they wait in line.

3. Cougar Challenge - Kristi Shaheen

- Putting together a postcard and adding membership opportunity to it

B. Nominating Committee - Larissa Moore

C. Communication

1. Website -

2. Newsletter - Lori Eitel

- Please have any newsletter submissions emailed to me by the 20th of each month. Thanks!

3. Social Media - Melissa Gilmore/Jennifer Rudolph

- Been keeping up to date with all of the upcoming school year announcements on FB, Instagram and Twitter. Also advertised this meeting on all of our social media pages and outlets. Will start advertising our spirit nights after the kids are back in school.

D. Scholarships - Kristy Dominique

NO REPORT

E. Membership - AVAILABLE

- Still looking for a new chairperson. We have advertised on website and in mailings from Ms. Hamler, as well as at Cougar Camp. We

have approximately 23 memberships thus far. Please remember to join!!! We need all our Board to be current members for voting purposes!

- F. Staff and Club Grants - Kris Jasany
- Updating grant forms and letters for the year. Will get ready to publish before the start of school. Will reach out to ECS for subscription services that we generally purchase at the beginning of the year.
- G. Senior Class Activities - Karen Mallo (for now)
- We had our first meeting on July 14th. We had seven senior parents in attendance. Reviewed what has been done in the past and then what was done during COVID. Threw out a few ideas for moving forward. Will have a sign-up prior to next meeting. Plan to have meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. Will discuss Deck the Deck and other return to school activities.
- H. Hospitality - Lauri Moore & Alana Urban
- Staff breakfast will be 8/17. Will provide pre-packaged items. Looking for volunteers.
- I. Advocacy - Jennifer Rudolph
- I will be attending the NCPTA Advocacy Seminar on Aug 14th from 10-2pm in Brier Creek, to network and learn about advocacy opportunities in Wake Co.
  - I am also attending the NCGA Public Education Advocacy Day hosted by EveryChildNC on Wed 8/11 at 9am to learn about state budget issues, funding for the Leandro ruling, and speak with legislators about supporting public education issues. Here's a sign up link if anyone wants to join me!  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScveDNtiU5XBY4NSo5yvw6M9EPxJ8ZpwlUQVBRHvduWx0YQ8Q/viewform>
  - The Backpack Buddy program coordinated by WF Pres Church is collecting donations on Aug 22 and throughout the year - we worked with WFHS clubs last fall to encourage students to have a porch drop off collection in their neighborhoods, so if we can do that again this fall that would be great! I can gather everyone's collections to deliver to WFPC.
- J. Student Achievement: Jeanette Hartog
- Nothing until November

### III. Announcements / Closing

A. Announcements:

- Cougar Camp - August 11 for freshman and sophomores
- Walk Through for juniors and seniors - August 16
- Staff first day - PTSA to provide breakfast - August 17
- Fall Meet the Teacher - September 9 from 6-7:30PM
- Parent Night for Seniors - September 15 from 6-7:30PM
- Parent Night for 9th - 11th grades - November 18 from 6-7:30PM
- Curriculum Fair - February 3, 2022 from 5-6PM; Spring Meet the Teacher after from 6:15-7:30PM
- Yearbook distribution, Thursday 8/12/21
- Next meeting, September 13, 2021 at 7PM

B. Q&A

C. Meeting Adjourned: 8:07PM

Motion to Adjourn made by: Lori Eitel

Seconded by: Lisa Poplawski

In favor: all

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Motion Passes / Fails: passes