

Wake Forest High School PTSA Meeting
03/14/2022
7:00 PM via Zoom And in the Media Center
MINUTES - APPROVED

Attendees: (7:05 Call to Order)

In Person:

K. Kuropus L. Poplawski
L. Moore L. Bachinski
A. Urban

Remote:

M. Gilmore M. Gambone
K. Mallo B. Neudecker
K. Dominique C. Johnson
K. Soden K. Jasney

I. Discussion Items

- A. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions - Karin Kuropas
 - 1. Tell me something good!
 - a) Senior Breakfast
 - b) Cougar Dash

- B. Principal's Report - Ms. Patti Hamler
 - 1. Senior Breakfast - March 30
 - 2. Theater - March 24-26 and March 31 to April 2
 - 3. Band
 - 4. Chorus
 - 5. Military Ball - April 30
 - 6. Keep it Real changing
 - a) Emails to parents going tomorrow
 - 7. Class Registration
 - 8. Teacher Hiring
 - 9. Plan to hire for Drafting

- C. Staff Update - Laura Bachinsky
 - 1. No input from staff
 - 2. National Achievers Society
 - a) Blue/Yellow - Wed Dress
 - b) Flowers
 - 3. Martin Luther King Wall
 - 4. Art show last Friday at Renaissance Center

- D. SIT/BAC - Karen Mallo

1. School Improvement Team - Met on February 22. Completed an ice breaker activity. Reviewed failure data for the first quarter (2021-2022 SY) and compared to the 2020-2021 school year. Very noticeable patterns / differences emerged. Greater failure rate in math this year. Greater number of freshmen failing. Obvious fact that in person is overall better than virtual learning based on overall trends.
 - a) Greatest changes
 - b) Math all levels
 - c) Trend for a few years
 - d) Freshman are failing

2. Board Advisory Council - Next meeting is April 25th at Neuse River Middle School

E. Approval of [Minutes](#) - Maureen Fortin (click on link for draft minutes)

Motion to Approve made by: Lisa P.

Seconded by: Alana and Laura

In favor: All

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion Passes/Fails: Passes

F. Budget/Financial Report - Larissa Moore

We did get the PDQ check and I will get deposited this month.

We are selling senior signs .Will work with Kristy D. about scholarship requirements over the next month. We earned \$79.17 from our last Amazon Smile Donation ! (These are done quarterly)

Giving Tree checks are coming ! We don't know the amount yet.

[PTSA February 2022 Budget](#)

3 Members

G. Other School Organizations:

1. Business Alliance - Larissa Moore

a) Next meeting, March 15 7:30 am.

b) We will have a college fair April 1st in the media center.

c) Looking for volunteers next year.

d) We are promoting the Wake Tech is free next year to graduating seniors.

e) Ms. Hamler commented that she appreciates what they do

2. Athletic Boosters - Renae Hill
 - a) No Update - Meeting just ended

3. JROTC -
 - a) No Update

4. Band Boosters - Karin Kuropas
 - a) Mattress Warehouse Sale last Saturday, thanks for support (Raised \$3,300)
 - b) Wed, March 23 - MPAs - Band gets "rated"
 - c) Sat, March 26 - Championship Winter Guard - look for a chance to see the preview show the week prior
 - d) Sat, April 9 - Wind Ensemble competing in "Music in the Park" at Carowinds
 - e) Sat, May 14 - Spring Band Camp - anyone interested in MARCHING in the fall
 - f) Tues, May 24 - Band Concert and Lumpy's Spirit Day - ALL DAY

5. Art/Drama - Maureen Fortin
 - a) No Update

6. Chorus - Maureen Fortin
 - a) No Update

II. Committee Reports

A. Fundraising

1. Spirit Nights - Melissa Gilmore

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%	

\$708.62 Total Earned 2021-22

 - b) Our next spirit night is at Culver's THIS Wed., Mar 16th. I will be attending a track meet so I will be unable to do any decorating for this event. But we do earn 10% of ALL sales during the 5-8 pm window. This was a big earner for us back in November, and we are hoping for another solid night! Lori E. has set up the spirit day email to go out to the PTSA email distribution at 8 am on 3/16.

- c) Culver's is our last planned spirit night hosted by the PTSA.
- d) Melissa needs to get the Dairy Queen check to Larissa this week.
- e) Marilyn Bonnett and the WFHS Juniorettes are hosting a spirit night at Chipotle on Wed. April 6th from 4-8 pm to support the PTSA Teacher Grants program! PTSA will begin advertising next week on our social media accounts. I'll also get the info to Lori E. so she can send out an email the morning of April 6th. Thank you WFHS Juniorettes!!

2. Retail Rebates - Lisa Poplawski/Heather Weidner

- a) Harris Teeter Together in Education Earnings. Earnings as of 3/14/22 are below. We should be on target to surpass 2020/21 total. No further sign-ups have been submitted.

School Year	\$ Raised to Date	Participants to Date
2021-2022	\$1410.98	351
2020-2021	\$1632.62	318
2019-2020	\$1386.53	277

We are doing well!!

3. Cougar Challenge - Larissa Moore

- a) No change

B. Communication

1. Website - Karen Mallo - redesign/Larissa Moore - current

- a) Current-We have the spirit night and scholarship information on website. We also have the senior sign on our product page.If there is anything to add please email Larissa.
- b) Redesign-Not much of an update, just a few more pages worked on.

2. Newsletter - Lori Eitel

- a) Deadline for information: 20th of each month for the upcoming month
- b) Special Senior News Letter

3. Social Media - Melissa Gilmore/Jennifer Rudolph

- a) Keeping up to date sharing school news, info from other school groups, and PTSA Info such as: Legally Blonde

musical tickets; PTSA Culver's Spirit Night; PTSA Scholarship; Wake Works Youth Apprenticeship; Yearbook order deadline; Keeping It Real Parenting Expo; Spring Sport Parent Meeting; Teacher and Staff appreciation with "Cougar Dash"; ACT Test Prep; FAFSA workshop; Young Women's Summit; Spring Band Concert & Spirit Day; Band Mattress Sale; Winter Guard Performance; Gown Giveaway; 4th Annual Alumni Q&A Session; Free Tuition Opportunity for Class of 2022; Tar River Volunteer Opportunities; Class of 2022 Yard Sign Sale; PTSA Meeting; Class of 2022 Senior Picnic Committee Planning session; ..

- b) Will keep posting periodic reminders about PTSA scholarship before the deadline of April 1st.

C. Nominating Committee - Larissa Moore

Will send out emails to current board about staying on to help next year. If you have anyone interested in helping next year please email me. Do we want to do "Bring a Friend " to the April meeting? (Yes - Advertise and need to find people)

D. Membership-Available

- 1. There were 3 new members ,should see a few more as scholarship applications are due.

E. Staff and Club Grants - Kris Jasany (\$1,500 remaining)

- 1. Grant from Visual Arts Dept - clarifying some items, some we cannot purchase. Working with Arts Dept.
- 2. Grant from ECS Dept. for money calculators for teaching IEP goals and life skills.
- 3. Grant from Music Dept. for Soundtrap software for creating/editing/composing music.
- 4. All 3 should be approved with exception of 2 items for Art Dept.

F. Senior Class Activities - Kris Jasany/Melanie Gambone

- 1. Senior Breakfast is on track for March 30th.
 - a) Ms. Hamler - More details
 - b) 8:15-8:49 with 8am Start
 - c) 2 Line stations
 - d) Set up start at 7:15
 - e) Virtual Students can come
- 2. We will be stuffing 3rd Qtr treat bags on 3/23.
- 3. Interest Zoom meeting for Sr. Picnic to be held on 3/22 at 7:00.
- 4. Melanie & Kris will be meeting with Asst. AD about field details etc.. Will also meet with Sr. Class Advisors for assistance.

5. Sr. Newsletter going out with all pertinent Sr. Information.
6. Pre-orders on Yard Signs going well. Approx. 50 sold in just a few days of opening online purchasing. Cut off date is 4/8.
 - a) Cap and Gown Pick Up on May 5, 2022
 - b) Flyers for Senior Signs

G. Hospitality - Larissa Moore/Melanie Gambone

1. We did a Cougar Dash for all staff in February, where we took a snack and drink cart to every staff member
2. Planning a treat in the mail box for St. Patrick's Day
3. Working on a treat in the mailbox and a lunch in April

H. Advocacy - Jennifer Rudolph

The Keeping It Real Parent Expo is scheduled for Sunday, March 20th at 1:30pm. This is a presentation and discussion with parents of older teens on Substance Use and Mental Health. Due to the low in person registration we have shifted the event to virtual only via Zoom. The POE Center will provide the Zoom link which we will email to all registered participants the day before, and they will also share a resources folder with us which we can distribute throughout our school network, in the newsletter, on the website and through social media. Please help by sharing this flier broadly! We have close to 30 registered participants now.

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I. Scholarships - Kristy Dominique

1. Have yet to receive any scholarship applications in spite of the sharing on social media. I reached out to student services via direct message and asked that they post and remind students to apply!

J. Student Achievement - Jeanette Hartog/Larissa Moore

1. We are working with PBIS to do 3rd quarter treats and will help with an end of the year breakfast. The date for the breakfast is TBD.

III. **Announcements/Closing Remarks**

A. Announcements:

1. Next Meeting: April 19, 2022

- a) In WFHS Media Center
- b) Zoom option
- c) Need Juniors - Senior Interest

B. Q&A

1.

C. Meeting Adjourned

Adjourned: