

**Wake Forest High School PTSA Meeting via Zoom  
September 14, 2020**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Laura Bachinsky, Timmy Baynes, Amy Burger, Kristy Dominique, Maureen Fortin, Melissa Gilmore, Jeanette Hartog, Elizabeth Hayes, Kris Jasany, Ollis Jones, Karin Kuropas, Lisa Leary, Karen Mallo, Laurie Moore, Larissa Moore, Alison Olwell, Jen Rudolph, Alana Urban, Nicole Wallace

**Call to Order: 7:38 PM**

**Items/Discussion:**

1. Larissa Moore welcomed everyone to the meeting, then gave the floor to Melissa Gilmore to discuss the Spirit Nights. So far there are 3 Spirit Nights set up. September 30 will be at PDQ, October 21 at Papa Murphy's and sometime in November at Chipotle. Papa Murphy's is also offering an online code where the PTSA will earn a percentage all year long.
2. Principal's Report: Mrs. Hamler could not attend the meeting so she sent her report:
  - a. Currently there are 2287 students
  - b. She is working with Lifetouch to set up the details and procedure for school pictures and more information will be provided
  - c. Links were sent out to the Junior and Senior classes to order rings, graduation supplies, etc.
3. Staff Updates: Amy Burger explained that the staff is in a transitioning phase where they are now coming into the building twice a week and clerical are there full time. Over the next few weeks they will be increasing their time in the building and around October 22nd or October 24th staff will be in the building full time unless they have a Covid-related exemption. Laura Bachinsky had no updates.
4. Minutes: The minutes were reviewed and approved with the following correction from Karin Kuropas: Charter School – "Joint Public Hearing with Planning Board and Board of Commissioners" on Thursday, 9/3 at 6:30. Amy Burger motioned to approve with the changes and Jen Rudolph seconded the motion. The motion passed.
5. Budget/Financial Report: Larissa discussed the Budget that was approved at the General Assembly meeting. She also provided the following details for the financial report to date: 155 PTSA members, Cougar Challenge \$465, Senior Committee \$510, Harris Teeter \$575.64 and Lowes Food \$260.79.

6. New Business:

- a. Elizabeth Hayes provided an update for the Business Alliance. There will be no Reality of Money in the fall. The College and Career program will be the 2nd Friday of each month and will be renamed "Ask the Expert". October will focus on scholarships. The Business Alliance is also offering a free ACT and SAT for Sophomores and Juniors in October and a Collegewise representative will discuss scores.
- b. Larissa reported on the Athletic Boosters. Stadium renovations are still scheduled to start in December.
- c. Larissa reported on the WRAP (theater program). They will be providing updated information, but they currently also have Spirit Nights set up for Papa Murphy's and Chipotle.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Website: Kristy Dominique is working on updating the website information to include minutes, Budget, Officer, Spirit Nights. She will get the link for the SAT and ACT from Elizabeth.
2. Fundraising-Spirit Nights: Melissa gave her report at the beginning of the meeting.
3. Fundraising-Retail Rebates: Lisa Poplawski and Kimberly Hutchinson are continuing to work on the grocery stores, including the Lowes off Capital Boulevard. Karen Mallo will be putting together a survey to link cards. October's focus will be the Cougar Challenge to "Be Part of the PRIDE"
4. Newsletter: Nicole Wallace has done 2 newsletters so far. The next newsletter will be sent out on September 21 so information is needed to her by September 18.
5. Membership: Ollis Jones has entered about 19 members into Member Hub. Larissa will be providing more for him to enter.
6. Grants-Staff/Club: Kris Jasany has four grants so far: one is for reusable boxes for the art department; one is for renewed subscriptions for Mrs. Tucker; one is for videos for the English Department and Media Center.
7. Senior Class: Karen Mallo reported that the senior parade was very successful. Other events are still undecided due to Covid restrictions; however the committee is forming and planning to meet for their first meeting on October 1 at 7PM via Zoom. Information is posted on the 2021 Facebook page.
8. Hospitality: Laurie Moore reported that she will work on organizing something for when the teachers return to school. Items need to be prepackaged.

9. Scholarships: Kristi Shaheen sent report to Larissa that 24 applied for the PTSA Scholarship in the Spring and 3 were awarded scholarships.
10. Social Media: Jen Rudolph will post information as needed. She also discussed Advocacy. She attended the meeting regarding the Charter School near Joyner Park so that she could request a location change and discuss the impact it will have on area schools. She also discussed that the Boys and Girls Club needs food for the weekends for 75 children to have 6 meals each weekend. Ideas were discussed to have a food raising challenge between classes, or collect food at the school picture days.
11. Fundraising-Cougar Challenge: Larissa reiterated what Karen had discussed about the Cougar Challenge being the focus of social media in October.

**Other discussions:**

1. Laura Bachinsky mentioned that the staff was given the list of social media locations to see if they had any additions. None of the teachers had any updates. Amy Burger asked her to check with Cindy Joyner to see if the Athletic Department had any updates before that list is posted. Laura also asked if library books and text books could be returned on the school picture days also.
2. Karen Mallo thanked everyone for the support they have given her as incoming President. She also thanked all previous Board members and Committee members for their hard work.
3. Timmy Baynes is interested in helping with the Audit Committee.
4. There is a Board of Education Meeting on Tuesday, September 15.
5. Next meeting will be October 12 at 7PM

**Adjourn: 8:40 PM**