

Wake Forest High School PTSA Meeting
Nov 14, 2022 email updates instead of in person meeting

I. Attendees (): sent to all members

II. **Discussion Items**

- A. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions - Karin Kuropas
- B. Principal's Report - Ms. Patti Hamler
- C. Staff Update - Mr. Tacito George
- D. [September Minutes Draft](#)- (click on link for draft minutes)
[October Minutes Draft](#)

- E. Budget/Financial Report - Jodi Stalfire/Larissa Moore
[PTSA November Budget 2023](#)

- F. Upcoming events:
 - NOV 17 - 9 to 11 Night
 - Nov 17 - PTSA Spirit Night at Dairy Queen
 - Nov 20 - newsletter submissions
 - Dec 1 - Newsletter Distributed
 - Dec 12 - PTSA meeting in Media Center at 6:00
 - Dec 20 - newsletter submissions
 - Jan 1 - Newsletter Distributed
 - Jan 9 - PTSA meeting in Media Center at 6:00
 - Jan 20 - newsletter submissions
 - Feb 8 - SENIOR breakfast

III. **Committee Reports**

- A. Advocacy - Jennifer Rudolph (need shadow)
 - 1. Continuing "Mindful Monday" social media posts.
 - 2. Looking into a spring event hosted by POE

- B. Audit - need chair
 - 1. No update

- C. Communication
 - 1. Newsletter - Amy Reigle
 - a) November 1 Newsletter distributed
 - b) December 1 deadline - November 20 - *all committees please try to report something for the newsletter- anything you send to Amy at amynreigle@gmail.com and please copy the PTSA gmail account*

 - 2. Social Media - Melissa Gilmore

- a) Keeping up with PTSA news, school information and other relevant items. If you have upcoming posts, please email them to me at melissagilmore13@yahoo.com. I can schedule stuff to go out in advance for both Facebook and Instagram so a couple/few days heads up is appreciated if possible.
 - b) #MindfulMonday posts scheduled through the end of the year. Jen Rudolph looking into sending more content for posting in the new year.
 - c) I will be posting reminders approx 2x month for PTSA Scholarship applications.
 - d) No information received regarding the purchasing of prom tickets.
3. [Website](#) - Karen Mallo
- a) If there is anything you would like added from your committee, please email tkmallo95@gmail.com

D. Fundraising

- 1. [Cougar Challenge](#) - **OPEN** - executive officers covering
 - a) Cougar "One and Done" forms -There is still small amounts coming in ,we are at almost \$2,100 raised so far this year.
- 2. Retail Rebates - Lisa Poplawski/Heather Weidner
 - a) For Harris Teeter we have 324 participants and have earned \$540 so far this year.
- 3. Spirit Nights - **OPEN** (Melissa Gilmore covering)
 - a) PDQ 09/21/22 5-8pm 20% \$175.00 earned
Culver's 10/19/22 5-8pm 10% \$225.29 earned
\$400.29 Total Earned 2022-23
 - b) Melissa will pick up the Culver's check this week and drop it off to Larissa.
 - c) **THIS WEEK - Dairy Queen: Thursday, November 17th, 4 - 9 pm**, 12271 Capitol Blvd. WFHS earns 20% of ALL sales! Email sent to Amy requesting an email be sent at 8am Thursday (11/17) morning to our entire PTSA email distribution.
 - d) **Mod Pizza: Wednesday, December 14th, 10:30 am - 10:30 pm**, 2815 Rogers Rd. WFHS earns 20% of MENTIONED sales. Can also order using MOD app or at modpizza.com using Coupon Code: MODF14449.
 - e) Will look into scheduling a couple of spirit nights for possibly February, March and/or April 2023.

4. Giving Tree - **OPEN**

We had 19 credits for the Donation Drive we had in October. We are on target to be the top school for the FOURTH year in a row...please bring donations and shop this month so we can maintain our lead!! Double credit on Monday and Tuesday, 30% off Thanksgiving themed items until Thanksgiving (Wed - Sat)

E. Hospitality - Melanie Gambone

1. Planning a staff appreciation day of popcorn and hot chocolate on Thursday the 17th. Will also be handing out bus driver appreciation bags in December as well as a staff luncheon in December.

F. Membership - Stacey Robinson

We have 215 members- they are still coming in slowly. More Cougar Paws were handed out to staff .

G. Nominating Committee - Melanie Gambone

1. Still looking for Spirit Nights LEAD, Advocacy Shadow, Senior Events LEAD, Audit

H. Scholarships - Tracie Matthews and Maggie Molpus

1. Have started receiving some applications. Window opened Nov 1 and application, essay and recommendation letter should be sent to wfptsascholarship@gmail.com by midnight Feb 1, 2023.
2. Flyers were added to Senior treat bags last week.

I. Senior Events - **OPEN** covered by Karin Kuropas

1. Core group organized donations, assembling and handing out Q1 treats to all of the seniors in their homerooms with report cards
2. Planning the Semester Breakfast
3. Starting to plan Senior Picnic/Carnival

J. Staff and Club Grants - Kim Bailey

1. It was exciting to be able to provide a Cricut to Ms. Raye for her Entrepreneurship classes with a grant from us! See the November newsletter for details.
2. I am currently researching the possibility of having 2 yearbook cameras repaired for Ms. Crouse. I have been in touch with 2 camera shops and will make a trip out to see what can be done. They cannot do the repairs in house but could possibly send them off for repair. Hoping the estimate will be less than the cost of a new one. Purchasing a camera would be beyond the \$250 grant limit, so we are hoping this will be a good option. I found a few for \$300 for purchase, though.

3. Also, Ms. Crouse has some beautiful pictures she'd like to have printed and framed to put up in the halls. We are hoping to get approval under "Campus Beautification" (rather than grants) to be able to get them printed and framed. She has a website she has used before and could get 5 printed and framed for around \$500. Is this something we have the budget for?

K. Student Achievement - Jeanette Hartog

1. At last week's staff meeting, the PBIS committee/team asked all teachers present to nominate the name of a student who exemplified all 5 Cougar PRIDE traits: Punctuality, Respect, Integrity, Determination, and Excellence. The PTSA provided pretzels, fruit snacks, candy, and treat bags for the committee to assemble and distribute at some point this week. 82 students will receive these 1st quarter treat bags.
2. At the end of November, teachers will nominate students who exhibit the Cougar PRIDE trait of Respect. There will be a drawing and one student will be able to choose from a variety of prizes provided by the PTSA.

IV. Other School Organizations:

A. School Improvement Team - Melanie Gambone

The meeting was focused around the 22 TWC (teacher working conditions) survey results. The team looked over data points and identified areas of concern and possible solutions.

Art/Drama - Jeanette Hartog

1. **The Advanced Theatre Troupe** competed at the regional NCTC competition in Reidsville, NC on November 4 & 5. They won the Adjudicator's Choice Award for "The Complete History of Theatre (Abridged)." They will be attending and competing in the State competition this Thursday and Friday @ Greensboro College - Nov 17 & 18. Go Cougars!
2. **Fall Arts Festival** Wednesday Nov 16th 6:00-7:30pm
The different performing arts departments (theatre, dance, chorus, band, etc) will participate in the festival. Visual art pieces will also be displayed.
3. **Fruitcakes:** Friday, December 2nd, several classes from a local school will attend the performance by our Matinee class.
Saturday, December 3rd, performance open to public:
10:00am crafts and either donuts, cookies or cupcakes;
10:30am show time.

B. Athletic Boosters - Robin Lester

1. Help is needed for concessions. Winter sports will be starting soon. Can still buy sports passes.

C. Band Boosters - Karin Kuropas

1. WON FIRST at Cary Band Days (one of the most competitive competitions)
2. Had end of season banquet catered by The Olive Garden. Due to miscommunication, the original order was incorrect but their customer service was EXCELLENT and issue was resolved!!
3. Auditions for Winter Guard 14th and 16th - plan on Varsity and JV teams.
4. Nov 19 - Wake Forest Holiday Kick off, Dec 4 - Rolesville Parade
5. Thursday, Dec 8th - Lumpy's Spirit Day ALL DAY, concert at 7
6. Mattress Warehouse Sale Saturday, March 11

D. Business Alliance - Larissa Moore

1. We had a College Fair in November and had over 500 students visit the colleges
2. Stop by at 9-11 Grade Parent Night if you have any questions about what we do.
3. Next Jump Start Your Future Presentation is December 2
-Personal Branding
4. Next Meeting is December 6 7:30 am everyone is welcome to attend

V. Announcements/Closing Remarks

A. Announcements:

1. Next Meeting: Dec 12 at 6:00 in Media Center and on Zoom

B. Q&A

C. Meeting Adjourned