

**Wake Forest High School PTSA Meeting**

**May 9, 2022**

**7:00 PM in media center and via Zoom**

**MINUTES - APPROVED**

**I. Discussion Items**

- A. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions - Karin Kuropas  
All are welcome to stay for Board Meeting
  
- B. Principal's Report - Ms. Patti Hamler
  - 1. No parking on Juniper
  - 2. Thank you for all staff treats during staff appreciation
  - 3. Exam schedule June 6-10 posted on website
  - 4. June 10 last day of school
  - 5. No virtual option for fall
  - 6. Senior information- May 25th practice, May 27 awards
  - 7. Coverage issues with staff out
  - 8. June 9th Grad rehearsal
  - 9. All school were warned from the town about sign violations
  
- C. Staff Update - Laura Bachinsky
  - 1. Thank you for treats
  - 2. Waiting for new games
  
- D. [Approval of Minutes](#) - Maureen Fortin (click on link for draft minutes)

Motion to Approve made by:Laura Bachisky

Seconded by:Melissa Gilmore

In favor: 16

Nays: 0

Abstain:0

Motion Passes/Fails:Passes

- E. Budget/Financial Report - Larissa Moore  
[April 2022 Budget](#)  
We just paid the check for the senior signs in May so that expense will show next month.  
Heather picked up a Lowe's food check, waiting for the Women's Club check. There should still be one Harris Teeter check but not sure if it will come this school year or next.
  
- F. Other School Organizations:

1. BAC (Board Advisory Council)- Karin Kuropas
  - a) A presentation of the proposed 22/23 budget was reviewed. Currently Wake County is 98th of 115 counties in NC for our per student spending (\$9,400 vs \$14 - 16K).
  - b) VERY high vacancy rate in Bus Drivers, Nutrition, Maintenance (hiring contractors), Special Education.
  - c) NC does NOT allow for Board of Education taxing (1 of 4 states). Combination of Federal/State/Local to fund schools. About 89% of the budget is at the school level.
  - d) Proposed BOND for facilities
  - e) Special meeting to provide input on STRATEGIC PLAN for next year. All stakeholders are invited to participate.  
**Tejoin.com - code 534-371-217.** Can rate importance of ideas proposed by others. Committee will review and develop a plan of a top 5 - 8 goals.
  
2. Business Alliance - Larissa Moore
  - a) Next meeting is May 17 at 7:30am Zoom call
  - b) Planning for events next year- anyone is welcome
  - c) Digitalbridge flier offers information about computer training and certification for upcoming grads and community members.
  
3. Athletic Boosters - Renae Hill **OPEN 2022-23**
  - a)
  
4. JROTC - **OPEN 2022-23**
  - a)
  
5. Band Boosters - Karin Kuropas
  - a) Saturday, May 14, 9 to noon - Spring Marching Camp
  - b) Monday, May 16/Wednesday May 18, 4:30 to 6:30 - Color Guard
  - c) Monday, May 16, 7 - Interest meeting and Booster Meeting
    - (1) Elections for next year officers (nominations open until Sunday)
    - (2) 2022 Marching Section Leaders announced - Adelaide Siegars (drum major), Mirabelle Scheuerle, Adrian Ortiz, Ethan Langley, Kaleb Enright
  - d) Tuesday, May 24 - Concert and LUMPY'S
  
6. Art/Drama - Maureen Fortin
  - a)

## II. Committee Reports

### A. Fundraising

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

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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 \$431.53 - \$201.53 from WFHS Juniores and \$230 from WF Women's Club!**

- b) Marilyn Bonnett and the WFHS Juniores hosted a spirit night at Chipotle 4/6 raising \$201.53 PLUS the WF Women's Club donated another \$230 of direct donations for a total of \$431.53!! Check should arrive soon.
- c) No more spirit nights planned for 2021-22 school year.

#### 2. Retail Rebates - Lisa Poplawski/Heather Weidner Harris Teeter-

School Year	Earnings	Participants
2021/22	\$1847.24	353
2020/21	\$1632.62	318
2019/20	\$1386.53	277

Lowe's Food -Heather picked up a check for \$186.08

#### 3. Cougar Challenge - Larissa Moore **OPEN 2022-23**

- a) \$4.00 in April

### B. Communication

#### 1. Website - Karen Mallo/Larissa Moore - **OPEN 2022-23**

- a) Current website is updated. Adding the sign up genius link for the senior picnic to the front page. If there is anything else to add to the website please let Larissa know.

#### 2. Newsletter - Lori Eitel - **OPEN 2022-23**

a) Deadline for information May 20 for summer newsletter. If something comes up later, please still send it, and she'll do her best to include it!

3. Social Media - Melissa Gilmore/Jennifer Rudolph

- a) Keeping up with sharing PTSA news, school news and information from other groups.
- b) Sending out lots of senior information as the end of the school year draws near.

C. Nominating Committee - Larissa Moore **OPEN 2022-23**

We have a slate for elections- Karin Kuropas- President  
Melanie Gambone-Vice President  
Open - Treasurer  
Larissa Moore - Secretary

\*\*\*\*need help in Committee positions if you know someone willing to help please let Larissa or Karin know.

D. Membership **OPEN 2022-23**

- 1. No new members in April

E. Staff and Club Grants - Kris Jasany **OPEN 2022-23**

- 1. There are 4 new grants for May so far
- 2. Looking for person to transition to

F. Senior Class Activities - Kris Jasany/Melanie Gambone **OPEN 2022-23**

- 1. Planning for picnic May 27
- 2. Meeting right after board meeting

G. Hospitality - Larissa Moore/Melanie Gambone

- 1. Celebrated Staff Appreciation Week May 2-6.  
Had decorations outside school to greet them on Monday,  
Breakfast on Tuesday, Lunch on Wednesday and Ice cream treats  
on Friday.

H. Advocacy - Jennifer Rudolph

All,

I wanted to make you aware of a **school funding issue** that will be a hot topic in the next few weeks and share ways you can advocate for school funding as it proceeds.

Background:

Yesterday, the Wake County Commissioners were presented with a budget by County Manager David Ellis, which would provide \$38 million more to schools than last year. Today, the Wake County Board of Education voted to ask our

commissioners for \$56 million more to meet the needs of our schools. This means **there is an \$18 million discrepancy between the two budgets.** [Here is a WRAL article](#) going into greater detail on the various areas of discrepancy. Bottom line: there is a possibility that our schools in Wake County may not be fully funded in the next academic year.

How you can advocate:

If you would like to help advocate for a fully funded budget for WCPSS this year, there are three ways you and your PTA can help.

1. [Email the Commissioners.](#) Let them know that you support a fully funded budget for WCPSS as proposed by the School Board.
2. AND [file a public comment by clicking here.](#)
3. AND if you can, attend a public meeting or work session ([click here for the meeting and hearing schedule](#)). We know that Spring schedules are quite busy for families, but attending and/or speaking at these hearings and meetings are powerful testaments to our commitment to supporting public schools. If there is interest in organizing groups to attend I am happy to facilitate that effort.

Note, the Commission will take a **final vote on this budget on June 6**, so if you would like to take action, please keep in mind that **time is of the essence.**

Thank you!

- I. Scholarships - Kristy Dominique **OPEN 2022-23**
  1. The judges are evaluating the applications now
  2. Name will be announced at the awards ceremony
- J. Student Achievement - Jeanette Hartog/Larissa Moore
  1. There is a PBIS breakfast planned for May 20 working with the PBIS committee on help needed.

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

A. Announcements:

1. Next Meeting: **FIRST MONDAY, June 6th at 7:00**
2. Bring your calendar so we can set individual meetings for check ins over the summer
3. First meeting of 22-23 year - Monday, Aug 8?

B. Q&A

- 1.

C. Meeting Adjourned 8:06

Motion to Approve made by:Laura Bachinsky

Seconded by: Melissa Gilmore

In favor: 10

Nays: 0

Abstain:0

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