

Wake Forest High School PTSA Meeting
Oct 10 2022 6:00 PM in Media Center and via Google Meet

I. Discussion Items

- A. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions - Karin Kuropas
- B. Vote for TREASURER position
 - 1. Nomination (Jodi Stalfire)Motion to Approve made by: Melanie Gambone
Seconded by: Melissa Gilmore
In favor: all
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Passes/Fails: pass
- C. Principal's Report - Ms. Patti Hamler
 - 1. Homecoming week - theme days, powderpuff Wed, Dance Sat
 - 2. College Fair - Nov 3
 - 3. Free College application week
 - 4. Out of school every Friday of Nov except the 18th.
 - 5. Powder puff tickets on a link in the main banner on WFHS website
 - 6. Hoco tkts are assigned to student # and cannot be exchanged to another student. (Ms. Fields will have final say if that's possible) we have 822 students coming.
- D. Staff Update - Mr. Tacito George
 - 1. No report
- E. [August Meeting Minutes](#) - (click on link for draft minutes)
- F. [September Meeting Minutes](#) - **not ready yet**

Motion to Approve made by: Tracie Matthews
Seconded by: Chrissy Hetrick
In favor: all
Nays:
Abstain:
Motion Passes/Fails: passes

- G. Budget/Financial Report - Larissa Moore
There are Cougar Challenge Cash/Check deposit, needed
No expenses yet- writing grant checks and reimbursements for hospitality Cougar Challenge and membership.

[September PTSA Budget](#)

H. Upcoming events:

1. Oct 11 - 15 HOMECOMING WEEK
2. Oct 10 - 15 - Triple Credit at The Giving Tree
3. Oct 13 - PowderPuff Football Help
- 4. Oct 15 - Homecoming Dance Help**
5. October 19 Culver's -5:00-8:00
6. [Oct 20 - newsletter submission](#)
7. [Nov 1 - Newsletter Distributed](#)
8. [Nov 10 - early release - hospitality BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION, SENIOR quarterly treat](#)
9. [Nov 14 - PTSA meeting in Media Center at 6:00](#)
10. Nov 17 - 9 to 11 Parent Night
11. November 17 Dairy Queen- 4:00-9:00
12. [Nov 20 - newsletter submissions](#)

II. Committee Reports

A. Advocacy - Jennifer Rudolph (need shadow)

1. Look for #MindfulMonday / #MeditationMonday posts each week with a Mental Health related focus.
2. Backpack Buddies Food Drive to start Oct 17 with a collection box in the lobby for single serve items. A flyer was included in the last newsletter and hope to send a reminder email on the 16th. Collections will be for 2 weeks.
3. Poe Center for Health Education is hosting 2 events and asked us to share with our membership.
 - a) [Drugs Uncovered is on Oct 25 from 6:30-8pm.](#) This is a free VIRTUAL event where they set up a typical teen bedroom and identify areas and tips for understanding if a teen is at risk for drug use. For Parents / caregivers. They have provided a flyer for distribution via email or social. Online registration runs through Oct 23rd.
 - b) [PoeFest is Sat Oct 29 from 1pm - 4pm](#) at their location on 224 Sunnybrook Rd, Raleigh (off Six Forks). This is a health and wellness expo for families. They are looking for student talent to participate in 30 min blocks and asked us to put a request out. This could be any type of talent - music, dance, sport, etc. They are looking for student volunteers
4. WFHS PTSA is working with Poe again to host a virtual program for students called "Smart on Social" on Dec. 6th from 6:30-7:30pm. There is a cost associated which is \$7 per student, or a flat fee of \$175 for under 25 participants. It is open to all students 9th - 12th grades, and they can provide certificates of participation. We can discuss "hooks" to get students to participate if needed... Need to approve cost however. If we don't

do a fee based program we can just share various resources and event links from their center.

5. Will send Lori newsletter info with 2 flyers from Poe for their in house events, a reminder for the food drive with the flyer image, and a monthly #Mindful image / mental health post.
6. Post was shared with youtube links to school board candidate forum hosted by Wake Co PTSA.

B. Audit - still looking for a chair

1. No update

C. Communication

1. Newsletter - OPEN

2. Nominate - Amy Reigle - Melanie Gambone

Vote - all pass

- a) Oct 1 Newsletter distributed
 - b) Nov 1 distribution -deadline to submit is Oct 20 - *all committees please try to report something for the newsletter*
 - c) Asked Mr.George to send out to the staff and he said that he would
3. Social Media - Melissa Gilmore
 - a) Keeping up with PTSA news, school information and other relevant items. Sent reminder for Giving Tree triple points week today. Will also send a reminder for senior treat bags donations this week.
 - b) Started posting #MeditationMonday posts which will now be called Mindful Monday outlined by Jen Rudolph on 10/10. They will be posted every Monday.
 - c) 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.
 4. [Website](#) - Karen Mallo
 - a) If there is anything you would like added from your committee, please email tkmallo95@gmail.com She asked for more pictures for the website, can you please upload pics in google pictures to her.

D. Fundraising

1. [Cougar Challenge](#) - OPEN - executive officers covering
 - a) Cougar "One and Done" forms - membership, retail rebates, donations

- b) Raised over \$2,000 so far but short of the goal, placed in newsletter and posted on social media again last week giving an update about how much has been raised so far.
 - 2. Retail Rebates - Lisa Poplawski/Heather Weidner
 - a) Started input of numbers on Aug 1, adding as they are submitted.
 - b) Harris Teeter raised so far ...\$328.16 with 321 linked
 - 3. Spirit Nights - **OPEN** (Melissa Gilmore covering)
 - a) **Culver's: Wednesday, October 19th, 5:00-8:00pm**, 2819 Rogers Road. WFHS earns 10% of ALL sales!
 - b) **Dairy Queen: Thursday, November 17th, 4:00 - 9:00pm**, 12271 Capitol Blvd. WFHS earns 20% of ALL sales!
 - c) No response from Papa Murphy's so decided to go with MOD Pizza for December. Request was sent today to **MOD Pizza**, 2815 Rogers Rd., for spirit day on **Wednesday, December 14th, 10:30am - 10pm**. Waiting on approval. We will earn 20% of MENTIONED sales online (with special code) or in store.
 - d) Our first spirit night of the school year was at **PDQ** on Sept 21st, and I am still waiting to receive the results. Store mgmt finally responded today, and I should have the results tomorrow. I'll ask if they are mailing the check.
 - 4. [Giving Tree](#)- TRIPLE POINTS THIS WEEK!! (10/10-15)
Placed in newsletter and posted on social media last week.
Put a sign up in staff mailroom
- E. Hospitality - Melanie Gambone
 - 1. Decorating for Powder Puff game on Wednesday with SGA students
 - 2. Will be doing a hospitality area for all volunteers at the dance.
 - 3. Planning a treat in October. Melissa asked if we need a sign up genius for treats to get to her as soon as it's available.
 - 4. Culver's and Chick-fil-a Did meal vouchers for staff to have a raffle during Homecoming week (Larissa)
- F. Membership - Stacey Robinson
 - 1. Currently we have 185 members between staff/students/friends and family. More are coming in each week.
 - 2. Cougar paws, a note thanking them for joining and a fortune cookie were delivered to staff classrooms by Lisa Leary and her students. Teachers display the cougar paws on their doors year after year.

G. Nominating Committee - Melanie Gambone

1. Jodi Stalfire for treasurer
2. Amy Reigle for newsletter

H. Scholarships - Tracie Matthews and Maggie Molpus

1. **Nov 1** - application period opens. Team is contacting judges and will contact social media reps with info.
2. Would like for paper copy of application to go home with Senior treats on Nov 10. Tracie will get copies made, Maggie and husband are covering the cost to print. Tracie will place either a \$ sign or piggy bank on either side of the fold to catch the attention for scholarships.
3. Melissa will post on social media about this on Oct 20th, Oct 31st, and every month thereafter

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

1. Pulling out raffle names each day during homecoming week for senior gift cards that were donated
2. **Have an opportunity to sell concessions at the dance to help raise donations for Senior events. If anyone can help contact Larissa. Will set up on Friday and need help Saturday 6:00-10:30.**
 - a) *Concern about students knowing that snacks will be available. Chrissy is blocking out Saturday morning in case we need to run out to buy items (if boosters run out of food at the other events during the week)*
3. Had a committee lead meeting and planning was done for first quarter treats and started planning for Senior Breakfast on Feb 8th, just have to send an email to Mrs. Hamler to verify that is a good day.
4. **NOV 10** - early release - [SENIOR quarterly treat](#) - candy is already coming in and lots of volunteers have signed up. There is a sign up genius in newsletter and social media for treat.

J. Staff and Club Grants - Kim Bailey

1. We were able to award our first Grant to Ms. Brautman. A check for \$204 will be put in her mailbox Wednesday to reimburse her for Kahoot Premium (\$108) and Quizziz (\$96) memberships. We are also awaiting a few applications from teachers who have reached out to us.
2. *Mr. George proposed a math department grant for Delta Math - needs to go through Mrs. Hamler first but the board agrees that providing a grant for 14 teachers at one time is OK and if we need to increase the grant funds mid year and are able to, we will.*

- K. Student Achievement - Jeanette Hartog
 - 1. PBIS is pulling the first monthly winner for the new year. Each month there is a character trait that the staff can nominate students for and then there will be one winner. In Sept there were 62 nominations. (Ms.Hamler kudos to your staff !)
 - 2. They will be posting the winner on the website, and we would like to make sure we also post.
 - 3. Planning for the first quarter treat is in progress

III. Other School Organizations:

- A. School Improvement Team - Melanie Gambone
 - 1. Discussed a new plan which has to be redone every two years. The goal for graduation rate is 95%, actual rate from last year was 87/89%. The mission and values stay the same within Wake County. For our school we will focus on Cougar Pride. P-punctuality, R-respect, I-integrity, D-determination, and E-excellence.
- B. Board Advisory Council - Karin Kuropas
 - 1. Discussed Safety in Schools. A study has been completed and Central Office is looking into a timeline for implementing. This is why we now have to show id **every** time we enter the school. Working on building safety and new safety procedures.
- C. Art/Drama - Jeanette Hartog
 - 1. Fall play *The Man Who Came to Dinner* October 20 @7pm and 22 @2pm and 7pm
 - 2. November 16 Art Festival
- D. Athletic Boosters - Robin Lester
 - 1. Please let Roybn know if you would like to be added to the Booster Club email list. They have a big week coming up. Powder Puff,hosting a middle school game and homecoming
 - 2. Robin is also looking to have a volunteer to come to our meetings who can give us an update on Athletic Boosters
- E. Band Boosters - Karin Kuropas
 - 1. Band swept first places in every category at their first competition. Second was canceled due to the hurricane. Will play after the Homecoming Game and will be at competition at Fuquay Varina during the homecoming dance.
- F. Business Alliance - Larissa Moore

1. Next meeting is November 1 @7:30am and everyone is welcome. Next event is November 3 College Fair in the media center during 3rd period and lunches. Over 35 schools have already said they will be there plus CFNC and Ms.Taylor who helps with filling out the FASFA

IV. Announcements/Closing Remarks

A. Announcements:

1. Next Meeting: Nov 14 at 6:00 in Media Center
2. Nov 7th 9am-11am meeting to pack the Senior treat bags.

B. Q&A

1. None

C. Meeting Adjourned 7:04

MEETING ATTENDEES

(board)

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