

**Wake Forest High School PTSA Meeting**  
**Aug 8, 2022 6:00 PM in Media Center and via Zoom**

- I. Attendees (20): Karin Kuropas, Melanie Gambone, Larissa Moore, Patti Hamler, Tracie Matthews, Maggie Molpus, Shannon Field, Stacey Robinson, Karen Mallo, Lisa Poplawski, Jen Otto, Lisa Remsburger, Kim Bailey, Celeste and Brian Stanley, Megan Murphy, Jennifer Ellsworth, Kathleen Henig, ZOOM: Christy Johnson, Jennifer Kaplan, - Lisa Poplawski, Mark Robinson, Sara Agris

**II. Discussion Items**

A. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions - Karin Kuropas

1. [22-23 Code of Ethics](#)
2. [22-23 Conflict of Interest](#)
3. [Cougar Connections](#) (email and retail rebates)
4. All Board members need to be [members](#)
5. Many start of school events that we need volunteers:
  - a) Aug 11 - Cougar Camp
  - b) Aug 13 - Jamboree [volunteers](#)
  - c) Aug 22 - Staff Breakfast [donations & volunteers](#)
  - d) Aug 23 - Senior Pass Pick Up
  - e) Aug 24 - Junior Pass Pick Up
  - f) Aug 25 - New Student Walk Through
  - g) Aug 28 - [Deck the Deck/ Decorate Entrances](#)
  - h) Aug 31 - [Senior Treat Breakfast](#)
  - i) Sept 13 Senior Parent meeting
  - j) Sept 15 - Meet the Teacher Night

B. Principal's Report - Ms. Patti Hamler

1. Currently have 2128 students enrolled - 2135 students required to not lose a teacher position, current open positions: 3 math teachers, 2 english teachers
2. Sept 7 - JOSTENS on campus
3. Welcome back to Trentini on August 26
4. Dexter Lawrence jersey retirement Sept 2

C. Staff Update - Mr. Tacito George

1. No update

D. [July Meeting Minutes](#) - (click on link for draft minutes)

Motion to Approve made by: Tracie Matthews


Seconded by: Melanie Gambone

In favor: all

Nays: none

Abstain: none

Motion Passes/Fails: PASS

- E. Budget/Financial Report - Larissa Moore
1. *Present 22-23 Budget to Board Sept 12 to be voted on and to General Membership after Meet the Teacher on Sept 15, Increased the expenses for multiple line items because of increased costs.*
-  *Proposed PTSA Budget 2022-23*

### III. Committee Reports

- A. Advocacy - Jennifer Rudolph (need shadow)
1. Oct - food drive
  2. Feb - wake up and read book drive
  3. Spring Health and Wellness event
- B. Audit - OPEN
1. Last year's audit will be completed by August 31 and a report given to the board in September's meeting.
  2. Looking for new people to serve on audit committee for this school.
- C. Communication
1. Newsletter - OPEN
    - a) [Aug 1 Newsletter](#) distributed
    - b) Sept 1 deadline - August 20 - *all committees please try to report something for the newsletter*
  2. Social Media - Melissa Gilmore
    - a) Keeping up with PTSA news, back to school information and other relevant items.
  3. [Website](#) - Karen Mallo
    - a) Website has been updated and is LIVE! Please review. Feedback / Suggestions welcome!
    - b) If there is anything you would like added from your committee, please email [tkmallo95@gmail.com](mailto:tkmallo95@gmail.com)
- D. Fundraising
1. [Cougar Challenge](#) - OPEN - executive officers covering
    - a) We will have the new form at Cougar Camp and pass pickup, plus all other parent events
    - b) There will be an envelope that will go home on the first day with all students that will have the form
    - c) Communication will be through newsletter and social media and website

2. Retail Rebates - Lisa Poplawski/Heather Weidner
  - a) Started input of numbers on Aug 1, adding as they are submitted. We ended 2021/22 strong with the Harris Teeter TIE program. Heather Weidner stopped by Lowe's Foods recently for an update and they did not yet have a final check to wrap up 2021/22.

School Year	Earnings	Participants
2022-2023	\$15.55	213
2021-2022	\$2019.64	355
2020-2021	\$1632.62	318
2019-2020	\$1386.53	277
2018-2019	\$854.64	185

3. Spirit Nights - **OPEN** (Melissa Gilmore covering)
  - a) **PDQ: Wednesday, September 21st, 5:00-8:00pm**, 11690 Northpark Drive. Tell your waitstaff you're with WFHS, and we'll earn 20% of your purchase!
  - b) **Culver's: Wednesday, October 19th, 5:00-8:00pm**, 2819 Rogers Road. WFHS earns 10% of ALL sales!
  - c) Waiting on a response from **Papa Murphy's** for a November spirit night as I've reached out to our contact a couple of times. Contacted the local restaurant and was given a new contact email, [events@pm-nc.com](mailto:events@pm-nc.com). I sent the fundraiser request for a spirit day/night on Wednesday, November 16th.
4. Giving Tree- We posted in the newsletter to support Giving Tree, we will also have it be part of the poster at parent events. In the process of setting up a drive where we can earn triple credits. We still earn double credits every Monday and Tuesday for donations.

E. Hospitality - Melanie Gambone

**1. Staff Breakfast Aug 22**

- a) Sign up genius to donate or volunteer  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4AADA82EA1FF2-wfhs3>
- b) We are working with Lisa Leary on a new staff birthday project and their class will help participate

- c) Something planned for EVERY MONTH! Watch for sign ups for items as well as volunteers. Bus Drivers will be recognized twice this year.

F. Membership - Stacey Robinson

1. 30 members so far this year- mixture of staff, student and parents
2. Stacey and Larissa will be going over membership training this week
3. Will confirm a date to hold staff drive during a work day

G. Nominating Committee - Melanie Gambone

1. Thanks to Stacey and Christy for volunteering to serve on this committee - keep recruiting members and bring a great slate of new officers in the spring!

H. Scholarships - Tracie Matthews and Maggie Molpus

1. Announce at Senior Parent night, advertise in end of first quarter announcements, open Nov 1 - Feb 1
2. Will have paper forms available for distribution on Senior Parent Night
3. Will advertise at all start of year functions

I. Senior Events

1. **Aug 23:** 8 - 11 and 1 - 3 - Parking/Lunch Pass Pick Up - Shannon
  - a) Working on making poster, scheduling volunteers
2. **Aug 28:** 3 - 7ish - Deck the Deck/Decorate Entrances - Kristy
  - a) Deck the Deck/Decorate Entrances event planning is coming along, we've had a couple volunteers for making multiple posters.. Anyone feeling artistic and/or crafty is welcome to still contribute. We've had a handoff of leftover decorating supplies for cars and parking spots, and Sign Up genius is live. Will plan on keeping tabs of materials dropped off at the parking permit and lunch pass events 8/23 and 8/24.
3. **Aug 31:** time TBD - Welcome Back Treat Bags - Jen and Lisa
4. **Sept 13** - Senior Parent Night - Stacey

J. Staff and Club Grants - **OPEN** covered by Melanie

1. We have updated the grant form for this year and will have them available for staff at breakfast and during work days.
2. Will get an email sent to staff with grant form attached
3. There will be a poster at Cougar Camp to show parents a sample of past grants

K. Student Achievement - Jeanette Hartog

1. Working with Ms. Rendina about ideas and schedule for this year

#### **IV. Other School Organizations:**

- A. Art/Drama - Maureen Fortin
  - 1.
- B. Athletic Boosters - Robin Lester
  - 1.
- C. Band Boosters - Karin Kuropas
  1. In second week of band camp, currently 40 members
  2. still working at [Walnut Creek](#) to fundraise
  3. Will play at Jamboree on Saturday and home football games this month
- D. Business Alliance - Larissa Moore
  1. We are working on plans for fall- next meeting is Sept.6 at 7:30 am- all are welcome to attend
  2. We plan to offer help to seniors working on college essays
  3. Have a committee to work on financial literacy program with staff if anyone would like to join

#### **V. Announcements/Closing Remarks**

- A. Announcements: Thanks for coming out tonight, it is great to see so many new faces. We look forward to working with you this year. Please see Larissa, Melanie or Karin after the meeting to discuss how you can help.
  1. Next Meeting: Sept 12 at 6:00 in Media Center
- B. Q&A
  1. Ms.Hamler- How do we get our information on the school calendar?
- C. Meeting Adjourned 7:30