

**Wake Forest High School PTSA Meeting**  
**April 13, 2026**  
**6:00 PM in the Media Center and via Google Meet**  
**AGENDA**

**I. Discussion Items**

Call to Order @ 6:04

- A. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions - Amy Reigle  
It's Volunteer Appreciation Month! We appreciate you all and what you do for this group! You are all amazing! We would love to have a recruiting event for PTSA! Thoughts? Just a hang out meet and greet someplace casual?

Possibly Thursday at Strike and Barrel? April 30th at 6:30

- B. Principal's Report - Melissa Thomas

1. AP Testing starts May 4th and lasts for about two weeks
2. About 200 graduates who have not paid dues. Unpaid dues means no graduation tickets! Deadline of April 30th
3. Total of 9 graduation tickets for each graduate

- C. Staff Update - Ansley Fondow

1. No updates

- D. [Approval of Minutes](#)

Motion to Approve made  
by: **Melanie G**  
Seconded by: **Chrissa W**

In favor: 14  
Nays: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Motion Passes

**II. Committee Reports**

- Advocacy - Tara Ayers/Andrea Wright - May is mental health awareness month! We will focus on mental health tips
- Student Health and Wellness - Spencer Wright
  - ADHD articles posted.
  - Met with Mrs. Pike and students on what the Cougar Corner area should look like. Waiting for feedback from everyone.
  - Positive messages from NHS/Psychology Club
  - Coloring Books
- Communication
  - Website - Kiara
    - Nothing new
  - Newsletter - Amy Reigle

- Deadline for information:  
April 25th. I'm willing to keep covering, but if someone wants to take this that would be helpful so I can cover other things. It takes about an hour or so once a month.
    - Social Media -Jill Backstrom  
Nothing new to report :)
  - Fundraising
    - Spirit Nights - Kim Bailey and Amanda Taylor
      - Our Zaxby's Spirit Event will be on **Tuesday, May 12** from 5-8 PM. They donate 10% of **all sales** during that window!
      - Milazzo's-Our February event brought in \$96 🎉
      - Culver's-Our March event raised \$351.77 🎉 (Kim picked up the check and will deliver it to the school.)
      - Chipotle raised \$192.18 🎉 (Thank you, Junioresettes!)
    - Retail Rebates - Giving Tree - Amy Reigle
      - We came in 1st place again this year and earned \$4550, which is awesome. We want to work on promoting this more at school, our numbers were down from last year.
    - Cougar Challenge and Membership -
      - National PTA dues are going up \$1 for next year. No need to increase our \$10 dues, we knew this was coming and increased ours already to cover it. We are currently working on getting info out to the middle schools about joining our PTSA, to see if we can get interest from 8th grade parents now! We may go to one of their meetings or send info in their principal message.
  - Hospitality - Melanie Gambone and Chrissa Wood
    - Bus driver appreciation treats, and staff mailbox treats will be handed out this Wednesday (the 15th)...we are also planning our Staff Appreciation Week coming up the week of May 4-8. We generally provide a lunch and continental breakfast and ice cream during this time as well as decorate! Definitely looking for volunteers to help the Sunday before!
  - Nominating Committee - Chrissa Wood
    - We would like to present our slate for next year's leadership team to the board. Since we are now doing 2 year terms, Amy, Nicole and I stay in our positions for next year. Ms. Bhatti has already done 2 years, so we are electing a new secretary. Proposing Stacey Robinson as secretary. For Committees, please let us know if you are interested or know someone who might be! If you would like to lead or co lead a committee please let Amy Reigle

know. We are in need of some new leads who can learn next year so when our senior parents leave there is someone to take their place!!

- Establish Board Quorum and vote on Stacey Robinson for secretary nomination. She will do this position for only 1 year, not 2.
- Motion to approve Stacey as our nominee for secretary: 1st- Jill B 2nd- Mrs. Thomas All In favor: 6 Any Opposed: 0
- Senior Class Activities - Jill Backstrom
  1. Duck hunt starts tomorrow for seniors (email went out today) - Ms Kiger needs help handing out gift cards on Wed and Friday (15th and 17th). Can anyone take a shift/cover an hour? ~9:50-12:35 each day.
  2. Cap and Gown pick up during lunches on Wed, April 22nd. Last day to order Cap and Gown is April 15th
  3. Graduate Picnic meeting is Wed, April 22nd 6-7pm. If you can come early, (5ish) we will be packing treat bags which will be delivered later to our Seniors later this month. Graduate Picnic is on April 28th

Amazon wishlist for senior treats linked here...

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/EKG667P8CEKY?ref=cm\\_sw\\_em\\_r\\_un\\_un\\_HZDNIVufnfKNO](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/EKG667P8CEKY?ref=cm_sw_em_r_un_un_HZDNIVufnfKNO)

4. \*\* help needed for the Senior Picnic - especially underclassmen parents! We have fun - I promise!
  5. \*\*Graduation Tickets – Each graduate will receive 9 tickets for graduation. Dues must be paid in full and students must attend graduation practice
- Senior Scholarships - Stacey Robinson
    - All judges are in the process of judging. I will reach out on 4/15 with a check in. Score sheets are due back to me by 5/15.
  - I. Staff and Club Grants - Larissa Moore
    1. We have multiple grants in process-  
Classroom Grants-Ms.Bentley for the Yearbook class, OCS classrooms,Ms.Suits,Mr.Callihan and Ms.Lawhorn,Ms.Kiger  
Club grants- Book Club, D and D, Collision Repair
  - Budget/Financial Report - Nicole Weeks
    - We have extra \$ in student assistance budget and would like to give the media center an extra \$500 to purchase books to support classes like finance.
    - We have \$27,805.14 in our bank account.
    - We have a carryover of \$2,789.61 for senior events from last year.
    - [Budget](#)

- SIT (School Improvement) - Chrissa Wood
  - Next meeting April 21
- BAC (Board Advisory Council) - Melanie Gambone Final meeting will be April 27 at Neuse River Middle School

### **III. Other School Organizations:**

- A. Art/Drama
  - 1. Come see Something Rotten the next 2 weekends! 4/17 at 7pm, 4/18 at 2 and 7pm, 4/24 at 7pm, 4/25 at 7pm and 4/26 at 2pm.
- B. Athletic Boosters -
- C. Band Boosters -
- D. Business Alliance - Larissa Moore
  - 1. Next meeting is May 5 at 7:30 am -all are invited
  - 2. Our Speed Networking Event is May 8 all day- [Link](#) Lots of help is needed..there will be approximately 250 students participating
  - 3. Other volunteer opportunities to help in the classroom
- E. FFA-
- F. JROTC -

### **IV. Announcements/Closing Remarks**

- A. Announcements:
  - 1. Next Meeting: May 11th General Assembly at 6pm followed by board meeting at 6:20pm. Principal chat tomorrow at 9:30 am - spread the word.
- B. Q&A
  - 1.
- C. Meeting Adjourned

Adjourned: 7:18

Attendance:

- Elizabeth Lee
- Samantha Lee (not a member)
- Melissa Thomas
- Andrea Wright
- Nicole Weeks
- Courtney Tillman
- Chrissa Wood
- Larissa Moore
- Celeste Stanley
- Jill Backstrom
- Stacey Robinson
- Robyn Beer
- Amanda Taylor
- Amy Reigle
- Zainab Bhatti