

**Wake Forest High School PTSA Meeting**  
**September 13, 2021**  
**7:00 PM Immediately following the General Membership Meeting via Zoom**  
**MINUTES - DRAFT**

Attendance: Kristy Dominique, Lori Eitel, Maureen Fortin, Melissa Gilmore, Patti Hamler, Kris Jasany, Christy Johnson, Karin Kuropas, Lisa Leary, Karen Mallo, Larissa Moore, Laurie Moore, Jen Rudolph

Call to Order: 7:58PM

**I. Discussion Items**

- A. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions - Karen Mallo
- B. Principal's Report - Ms. Patti Hamler
- This year there is a 20 day count (instead of 10 day) for attendance
  - As of the meeting date, enrollment was down 112 students, which equals 4 staff positions
  - Waiting on the state projection of teachers for this year
  - Senior portraits for the yearbook September 29 & 30
- C. Staff Update - Laura Bachinsky
- Our Media Center has handed out over 1200 Chromebooks, and are encouraging all students to get one.
  - We are welcoming many new teachers and administrators.
  - The first shipment of books from the PTSA Media Center grant has arrived and is on the shelves! We are so excited to replace the high-interest books which have been lost during the Covid situation. Thank you!
  - Meet the teacher night was last week, and Senior Parent Night is Wednesday, 9/15 from 7-8. Counselors will meet individually with seniors starting next week.
- D. Approval of the [Minutes](#) - Maureen Fortin  
Motion to Approve made by: Larissa Moore  
Seconded by: Karin Kuropas  
In favor: all  
Nays: none  
Abstain: none  
Motion Passes/Fails:
- F. Budget / Financial Report - Larissa Moore
- To deposit in Sept--- \$23.43 Amazon,\$ 246.94 Lowes, \$508.43 Harris Teeter

[Proposed Budget 2021-2022 August](#)

G. Other School Organizations:

1. Business Alliance - Larissa Moore
  - Next Meeting Sept 21 7:30 am all are welcome
  - Will offer a practice ACT/SAT this fall
  - Jump Start Your Future-first Friday in Oct. Essay tips
2. Athletic Booster - Renae Hill
3. JROTC -
4. Band Boosters - Karin Kuropas
  - Will only attend Knightdale (10/1) Wakefield (10/8) and Rolesville (10/22) "home" football games.
  - Competitions 9/25, 10/2, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30
  - Tuesday, Oct 5 - band concert - go to LUMPY'S (fundraiser all day)
  - Welcome volunteers at [Walnut Creek](#), [PNC](#) to raise money for general fund
  - Welcome to buy scripts (face value cards for numerous vendors). <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/> and click on "Join a Program". Our enrollment code is 5CF783FL51163.
  - March 12 Mattress Warehouse Sale
5. Art/Drama - Lauren Manfreda
  - Troupe just completed two performances of Bystander 9/11 this past Friday and Saturday.
  - WFHS Theater is actively seeking volunteers to help with concessions and ticket sales for the fall play, Puffs, on 10/13, 10/14 and 10/16. Please email [laurenmanfreda@yahoo.com](mailto:laurenmanfreda@yahoo.com) if you can help.
  - Everyone is invited to see Puffs, a Harry Potter spinoff comedy - tickets go on sale in October!

**II. Committee Reports**

A. Fundraising

1. Spirit Nights - Melissa Gilmore

PDQ	09/15/21	5-8pm	20%
Papa Murphy's	10/13/21	11am-8pm	33%
Culver's	11/10/21	5-8pm	10%
MOD Pizza	12/8/21	10:30am-10:30pm	20%

- I will email Lori Eitel this evening with info to send out to our email distribution for Wed 9/15 morning at 8/9am for the upcoming spirit night.
2. Retail Rebates - Lisa Poplawski/Heather Weidner
- *Huge thank you to Heather Weidner!* She was able to validate/input all numbers for Lowe's Cart to Class program. This is a manual process because of the Lowe's system. This should bolster our earnings with Cart to Class exponentially.
  - We currently have 290 participants in Harris Teeter's Together in Education program and have earned \$182.36 since 8/1/2021. A few more parent numbers/rewards codes have come in from the QR code that links to a parent survey. We hope to meet and exceed our participation and earnings from last year (2020-21 - 318 participants, \$1,632.62 in earnings).
3. Cougar Challenge -
- Have advertised in newsletter to donate plan to post on social media week
- B. Nominating Committee - Larissa Moore
- Still looking for Senior Committee lead, website and membership
  - In communication with two parents one for website and one for membership
- C. Communication
1. Website - Available
- Website is updated, will add another product code for Membership and a larger donation, if you have anything to add to website please email Larissa..if you take pictures please email
2. Newsletter - Lori Eitel
- Please submit newsletter items to Lori at [mommytomy3@gmail.com](mailto:mommytomy3@gmail.com) by the 20th of the month for the next month.
3. Social Media - Melissa Gilmore/Jennifer Rudolph
- Been keeping PTSA FB, Instagram and Twitter accounts up to date with relevant information such as picture day, daily

schedule, meet the teacher night, Giving tree donations, virtual senior night, PTSA monthly meeting and the upcoming spirit night.

- D. Scholarships - Kristy Dominique
- E. Membership - AVAILABLE
  - Still looking for a new chairperson.
  - We have 140 members
  - Plan to do paws for staff members that join and try to get a treat to them for joining...possible being there for a work day to be present
- F. Staff and Club Grants - Kris Jasany
  - Please see the presentation that I will be providing this evening. I will also email a copy.
- G. Senior Class Activities - Karen Mallo (for now)

School Info:

Senior Year Nuts and Bolts

Wednesday, September 15 · 7:00 – 8:00pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/qac-jxvz-sgx>

- The Senior Committee met in August and made plans for Deck the Deck, which was held on August 22nd. We had over 75 spaces decorated by Seniors, friends, and family. The Senior Committee was also able to pull off a breakfast treat for our seniors with VERY little notice. Thank you to all who donated. Each senior received a bag with a piece of fruit, a bar or pastry and a bottle of water. We will have our next meeting on September 22nd at 7:00 on Zoom.
- H. Hospitality - Lauri Moore & Alana Urban
  - Welcome back breakfast for staff took place August 17. Other hospitality events to be determined.
- I. Advocacy - Jennifer Rudolph
  - Update on NCPTA Advocacy Training Workshop 8/14/21
  - Will create flyer for Backpack Buddy donations by next week
  - Leandro/School Funding Presentation opportunity
  - Resilience Online [Screenings](#) and [Resources](#)
  - Student and Family Personal Counseling services available via [CCERC](#) at a sliding scale cost
- J. Student Achievement - Jeanette Hartog
  - There was no new report

### III. Announcements / Closing

A. Announcements:

- Parent Night for Seniors - September 15 from 7-8 Live sessions
- Parent Night for 9th - 11th grades - November 18 from 6-7:30PM
- Curriculum Fair - February 3, 2022 from 5-6PM; Spring Meet the Teacher after from 6:15-7:30PM
- Next meeting, Monday October 11, 2021 at 7PM. This is a teacher workday; kids will not be in school but we will still have a meeting.

B. Q&A

C. Meeting Adjourned at 8:49

Motion to Adjourn made by:Larissa Moore

Seconded by:Karin Kuropas

In favor: 8

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Passes / Fails:passes