

Wake Forest High School PTSA Meeting
April 8,2024
6:00 PM in the Media Center and via Zoom
AGENDA

I. Discussion Items

- A. Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions - Melanie Gambone

- B. Principal's Report - Mrs. Thomas
 - 1. Q3 ends tomorrow
 - 2. Report card April 18
 - 3. Social Media blast - QR code for Panorama survey
 - 4. Cap and Gown pick up - parents only, tried to make it easy but many still not picked up
 - 5. TOY banquet
 - 6. Teacher appreciation week schedule conformation
 - 7. Principal Advisory Council with students serving starting next month, meet during Cougar Paws

- C. Staff Update - Mr. Tacito George/ Amy Burger
 - 1. Multilingual activity at Millbrook
 - 2. Once a month hints for teaching ML in the classroom

- D. Approval of Minutes - (click on link for draft minutes)
 - 1. [February](#)
 - 2. [March](#)

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| Motion to Approve made | Nays: none |
| by: Melissa | Abstain: none |
| Seconded by: Chrissy | Motion Passes/Fails: |
| In favor: all | |

- E. Budget/Financial Report - Larissa Moore
[March 31,2024 Budget](#)

- F. SIT (School Improvement) -

- G. BAC (Board Advisory Council) -
 - 1. At the meeting in March, guest speakers from the county office presented on resources available for mental health support for students and staff.
 - 2. Thanks for hospitality volunteers for providing a meal to all BAC members at the March meeting hosted at WFHS
 - 3. Next meeting April 15

II. Committee Reports

- A. Advocacy - Gina Haines
- B. Student Health and Wellness- Claire Reigle - we are working on spreading awareness of some disabilities in March and April. First was dyslexia and we are now working on OCD and ADHD. We are trying to educate so people are more understanding and don't use these words carelessly. We are still working on getting the "amplified" art pieces out and set up a survey about people's cultural heritage to spread awareness. Several participants will be chosen at random to win tickets to Six.
- C. Communication
 - 1. Website - Karen Mallo
 - a) Updated, need to add triple points at Giving Tree
 - b) Looking for shadow/replacement
 - 2. Newsletter - Amy Reigle
 - a) Deadline for information: April 25th
 - b) Send updates and pics to Amyreigle@gmail.com
 - c) Sending push messages for Chipotle and Giving Tree
 - 3. Social Media - Melissa Gilmore
 - a) Keeping up with PTSA information as well as relevant school news from Ms. Thomas, the WFHS Counselors, and other school groups.
 - b) Will continue to publicize Prom ticket info periodically as well as Prom dress appts through April 10th..
 - c) Publicizing our open positions for the PTSA board and committees. Slate of officers needed for Apr 8 & Vote at May 13 General assembly meeting.
 - d) Health & Wellness committee information - will post what is in the newsletter.
 - e) Upcoming items to promote..., Cap & Gown pick up dates of 5/6, Senior Class of 24 Yard Sign sales close Apr 8th & pick dates 4/30, 5/1 & 5/2), Senior Picnic Planning Meeting 4/10, Juniorettes Spirit Night 4/17, Prom 5/4, Six Musical May 9-12 (will wait for Theatre dept to advertise first), Senior Awards Prep 5/22 & Awards 5/23, Senior Picnic 5/23, Graduation Practice 6/6, Finals Week June 6-12?? (might be moving some to 6/4-6/5), .. What else is on the radar?
 - f) NEED TO ADVERTISE CLEAR BAG FOR ALL SCHOOL EVENTS - sports, concerts, any event on campus (not graduation because it is offsite) Meet the Teacher is an event

- g) Publicise Giving Tree Triple Points week Apr 22-27th
- h) Exam week schedule will be posted
- i) Graduation tickets number will be published once decided

D. Fundraising

- 1. Spirit Nights - Kim Bailey
 - a) Discuss Zaxby's as a possible Seniors' Spirit Night for May

Motion by Gina

Second by Amy

Passes with all votes

- b) Awesome turnout for Culver's \$369!!!
 - c) Women's Club/Juniorettes Chipotle - April 17 4:00-8:00pm
We get 25% of sales!
- 2. Retail Rebates - Lisa Poplawski/Amy Reigle
 - a) Giving tree- congrats we were first place again and received a check for \$5400 from the giving tree in March. Let's keep it going strong by continuing to donate and shop. We had a lot of points for shopping last year that put us over the top! We are having a triple points donation week **April 22-27th**. Spread the word and bring donations every day that week if you can! There is no limit to how many times you can donate!
 - b) Grocery stores- no update yet about a Harris Teeter check
- 3. Cougar Challenge - Stacey Robinson
 - a) \$10 in donations

E. Hospitality - Melanie Gambone

- 1. We had a great staff luncheon, pics were provided to social media, newsletter, and website
- 2. Our next event will be the Cougar Dash on the 17th if anyone would like to help
- 3. May 6th is the start of Staff Appreciation week. We will be decoration all 3 entrances to the school on Sunday, and are looking for some friendly volunteers :-). Will also need volunteers to help set up Mrs. Faulkner's room and decorate. A sign up genius will be sent out asking for donations, and volunteer times for Sunday, Monday afternoon, and Tuesday.

F. Membership - Stacey Robinson

- 1. 2 new memberships

G. Nominating Committee - Karin Kuropas

- 1. Due to spring break and not being able to verify a full officer slate to present to the board for a vote, the nominating committee has

decided to postpone the voting process. A slate of 4 officers will be presented at the May 13th meeting and voted by general membership at the June 3 general membership meeting. Please make plans to attend the June 3 meeting to ensure we make quorum.

2. Contact Stacey, Christy or Karin if you are interested in an officer position (or any committee lead)
3. Advertising on social media and reaching out to current members to fill open/soon to be vacated board positions.

H. Senior Class Activities - Larissa Moore

1. Planning for a treat to go to all students in early May
 - a. May move back to report cards
2. There have been senior planning meetings for the picnic the next one is April 10 at 7:00
3. There has been discussion about a few items that the board needs to decide about...
 - a. Wake County has modified the policy about gift cards and our board needs to decide how to move forward with how to collect and what to distribute.
 - i. Gift cards - Chrissy will buy the \$20 gift cards so we can purchase new ones
 - ii. In the future - only accept "fast food/coffee" for gifts for students
 1. Motion - Chrissy
 2. 2nd - Amy
 3. Vote - all approve
 - b. There were some ideas about a senior week possibly during the picnic week. Most ideas would be during the school day but one is before the school day. The school has not given approval that it be held yet, and the PTSA need to decide if we want to sponsor it since all students do not have an equal opportunity to attend.
 - c. Spirit Night only for the senior events committee.

I. Senior Scholarships - - Celeste Stanley

1. Continue previous discussion - change budget for next year for 2 \$1000 instead of 3 \$500 awards
2. 32 applicants - currently in the hands of the judges, decision due on Monday, April 29th. Winners emailed and certificates printed by May 6th.

I. [Staff and Club Grants](#) - Karin Kuropas

1. Amy Burger sent reminder email to teachers on 3/21
2. All current applications have been delivered
3. Staff grants about \$2,000 left

4. Club grants about \$800 left
5. Email request from Connie Lawhorn - miscommunication with office turnover - needs money for \$360 - 700 in consumable foods for labs
 - a) Motion for purchasing consumable up to \$250 - Stacey
 - b) 2nd - Melissa
 - c) Vote - all pass

J. PBIS -Gina Haines

III. Other School Organizations:

A. Art/Drama

1. One Acts are this week! Student's written stories, acting, & directing. April 11-12, 6-9 You can purchase tickets ahead of time or there. \$5 <https://wfhs.ticketleap.com/>
2. Six is the big Spring musical! It will be May 9-12. Look for ticket sales opening soon!
3. The next Theater booster club meeting will be on April 30 at 7 PM in Ms. Rendina's room.

B. Athletic Boosters -

C. Band Boosters

1. Jazz at Renaissance Center - Sat, Apr 27

D. Business Alliance - Larissa Moore

Next event is April 18 -Employment Fair - 1st and 2nd period- all students are welcome to attend. There is a sign up genius.

May 2 -Save the date- Speed Networking Event - Sign up genius is coming this week, help needed all day.

Next meeting is May 7 at 7:30 am on Zoom

E. FFA-

F. JROTC -

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IV. Announcements/Closing Remarks

A. Announcements:

1. No Limits Dance Center - May 18 at 2 and 6:30
2. Next Meeting: May 13 at 6:00
3. MOVE to June 3 due to Monday, June 10 graduation

B. Q&A

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C. Meeting Adjourned 7:35

1. Motion - Melanie
2. 2nd - Gina
3. Vote - ALL

Adjourned: