

Wake Forest High School PTSA Meeting
August 7 6:00 PM in Media Center and via Zoom Meet

- A. Call to Order 6:00
1. Welcome/Introductions - Melanie Gambone
 2. Fill out [Code of Ethics](#)
 3. Fill out [Conflict of Interest](#)
 4. All Board members need to be [members](#)
 5. **Help is needed for Cougar Camp THURSDAY morning session**

- B. Principal's Report - Ms. Thomas
1. Cougar Camp Thursday - still taking sign ups
 2. Staff starts 21st - PTSA providing breakfast
 3. Students start 28th
 4. Open House - Sept 13 6:00 start
 5. Graduation Date TBD date/time/location
 6. Mostly staffed - few open positions - math
 7. New teachers - working on setting up support
 8. New bell schedule - to be announced soon

- C. Staff Update - Mr. Tacito George/Mrs. Amy Burger
1. Working on getting teachers to become members
 2. Helping to support PTSA with website/contacts

- D. Minutes from June Meeting- Jodi Stalfire
[June Minutes 2023](#)

Motion to Approve made by: Melissa

Seconded by: Gina

In favor: all

Nays: none

Abstain: no

Motion **Passes**/Fails:

- E. Budget/Financial Report - Larissa Moore
1. Present 23-24 Budget to Board vote in Sept meeting before General Membership after Meet the Teacher
 2. We have checks from the Women's Club and Harris Teeter to deposit this school year. Need to make contact with Lowe's food to see if there is a check.

[June 30,2023 Budget](#)

II. Committee Reports

A. Advocacy - Gina Haines

1. Working with Claire on the Student Health and Wellness program.
2. Researching topics for this school year and looking to partner with clubs on food or clothing drives

B. Audit - need chair

1. The year end audit for the 2022-2023 school year will be completed by August 30. Report will be given at September meeting

C. Communication

1. Newsletter - Amy Reigle please get all info to me by the 25th of the month.
You can send it as soon as you have it though, no need to wait. I always keep info in the newsletter until the event passes, no need to send me the same info each month unless there is a change.
Thanks. Amyreigle@gmail.com

2. Social Media - Melissa Gilmore

- a) Class of 2027 FB Page has been created. Class of 2024 FB Page email is now listed as the Senior Events email. Class of 2022 FB Page has been deleted.
- b) Take note that FB only allows us to schedule things up to 29 days in advance now.
- c) A few people have asked if we plan to keep up the Motivational Monday posts so we may want to consider this.
- d) Keeping up posting about upcoming events (Parking Passes, Lunch Passes, Cougar Camp, Deck the Deck, Senior Portraits, Early Release Eligibility, ..)
- e) We need dates/information regarding Senior Fall Portrait dates at the WFHS, 9-11 Fall School photos, Meet the Teacher Night, and Senior Night.

3. [Website](#) - Karen Mallo

- a) All facebook pages have been updated and new senior information is posted
- b) Please email any information about programs or events to be posted

D. Fundraising

1. [Cougar Challenge](#) - Stacey Robinson

2. The one and done form will be on hand at Cougar Camp on 8/10 to capture any cougar challenge donations
 - a) A Cougar Challenge form will go home with students the first week of September to try to get donations.
 - b) Working on a large “thermometer” poster to display at carpool and other events to show where the Cougar Challenge stands.

3. Retail Rebates - Lisa Poplawski/Melanie Gambone
 - a) Harris Teeter- One download was done to start the year. We have 213 people linked.
 - b) Please post and spread the word about linking to Harris Teeter earnings started on August 1
 - c) Lowe’s needs to be manually updated- working on that
 - d) Publix each person needs to register

4. Spirit Nights - Kim Bailey
 - a) Kim and Melissa Gilmore met for the official hand-off on Friday 7/28. Kim will be scheduling the fall spirit nights over the next couple/few weeks.
 - b) **We will have our first Spirit Event of the year at PDQ on Wednesday, Sept. 20th from 5-10. We do need to mention that we are with WFHS.**
 - c) I sent an email to Culvers asking for a spirit event on Oct. 18th. I will let you know when they respond. Hopefully that date will work for them.
 - d) I will investigate opportunities for an event at Jeremiah’s.

5. Giving Tree- Amy Reigle
 - a. We will have items from Giving tree at Cougar Camp
 - b. Working on when we will do a donation drive to earn triple credit. Looking to have our drive the week of October 2-7 or the week after.

E. Hospitality - Melanie Gambone

1. We will be providing the staff breakfast again this year for the teacher’s first day of school (8-21) A [sign up genius](#) has been sent out requesting items for that...looking for volunteers to help that morning and also the day before as we cut up fruit and veggies for the platters and egg casseroles.
2. Will also be providing a lunch through Mrs Filauro and Ms. Pontrelli for our new teachers and mentors on August 24th. Will be looking for volunteers for that as well.

F. Membership - Stacey Robinson

1. We will be at Cougar Camp trying to capture membership from both parent sessions
2. We will be at the staff meeting on 8/25 to capture staff membership
3. Since dues did not increase as much as we anticipated, we would like to consider giving \$5 target gift cards (charge \$5 membership for staff)

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Seconded by: Gina

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Nays: none

Abstain: no

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4. Cougar Paws will once again be delivered to all staff to display. Working on a new fun way to thank them for joining with a small treat attached.

G. Nominating Committee - Karin Kuropas

1. We will continue to recruit members and discuss future leadership as the year progresses.

H. Scholarships - Tracie Matthews

1. Need to discuss timeline and possibly opening application period in September instead of Nov 1.

Discussion about increase the scholarship amount or how many we have

Motion to open application Oct 1 to Feb 1 - Tracy, Melissa/passed

I. Senior Events - Jodi Stafire

*Deck the Deck is August 27 3-5 pm has been advertised on social media and in newsletter. This has been advertised on social media, and there is a [signup genius](#) for volunteers.

*Senior Parent interest meeting August 15 at 6:00 location TBD

*Senior Treat on Sept.8 in homeroom

J. Staff and Club Grants - Kim Keith

1. Kim will be our staff and club chair this year
2. She has updated the [form](#) and will be working to have the document ready for the beginning of teacher work days.

K. Student Achievement - Gina Haines

1. Working with Kristen Rendina on plans for PBIS this year
2. Will be supplying snacks for Cougar Camp this year

L. Student Health and Wellness- Claire Reigle

1. My goal is to spread awareness on different mental health topics. A different topic is dedicated to each month.

Sep: Body/self image

Oct: Bullying

Nov: Anxiety/Stress

Dec: Toxic relationships

Jan: Mental illnesses/ disabilities and service animals

Feb: Black history

March: Drugs/alcohol

April: Autism, OCD, ADHD, etc.

May: Depression

June: Diversity and LGBTQIA+ Awareness

We want to put out information for students as a QR code so they have access to different information and resources on the subject.

III. Other School Organizations:

A. School Improvement Team - Melanie Gambone

No update

B. Art/Drama - Kim Bailey

1. Wed. Aug. 30th Theater Ice Cream Social to announce the 2023/24 shows and events 2:30-3:30

C. Athletic Boosters - Robin Lester

1. Fall Sports Parents Meeting is Aug. 7 in the Gym.
2. We will also be at Cougar Camp on Aug. 10 selling Cougar passes and apparel. It will also be another pick up opportunity for passes sold online.
3. On Aug. 12, the Booster Club is hosting the High School OT Football Jamboree. We are looking to fill all our volunteer spots for the evening. Volunteers can sign up on the Booster Club website, www.wakeforestcougars.boosterhub.com/calendar/897

D. Band Boosters - Martel

1. This year's Marching Cougars will perform at home football games and 5 competitions throughout the fall. We have already been hard at work during our annual band camp!
2. Our Fall Concert is Tuesday, October 17th at 7pm. All concert days are also Band Spirit Days at Lumpy's Ice Cream! Visit Lumpy's at any time on concert days to support the band.

3. This year's Mattress Warehouse Spirit Day is Saturday March 9th. If you need a new mattress or bedding this year, please shop at Mattress Warehouse on March 9th to support the band!
4. Do you have a guitar sitting in a closet? Our guitar program is seeking donations of used acoustic guitars. If you would like to donate an acoustic guitar, please email Mr. Martel (bmartel@wcpss.net).

E. Business Alliance - Larissa Moore

1. We will be at Cougar camp to answer questions.
2. Our next Meeting is September 5.
3. We are proofing college essays for any student that wants help.

F. JROTC

1. Sept 27th -JROTC Activation Ceremony in the Main Gym 6-7:30PM
2. Sept 29th -(T) JROTC Meeting/Tailgate In the courtyard by back parking lot 6-7:30PM

G. FFA

1. No updates

IV. Announcements/Closing Remarks

A. Announcements:

1. Sept. 11 at 6pm will be our next meeting
2. Sept 13 will be Meet the Teacher 6:00
3. Sept 13 - General Assembly after Meet the Teacher
4. Sept 14 will be Senior Parent Night time?

B. Q&A

- 1.

C. Meeting Adjourned