



**General In-Person Meeting  
April 20, 2023 7:00 p.m.  
Minutes (Proposed)**

**Welcome:** Melanie Bottom, Co-President

**Called to order 7:01 p.m.**

**Approval of Minutes:** February 9, 2023, minutes approved.

**Officer Reports**

**Presidents' Report** - Melanie Bottom/Jen Banowetz, Co-Presidents  
Melanie reported.

**Vice President of Communication's Report** - Maureen McBeth

**Vice President of Ways & Means' Report** - Maureen Slaven

At this time of year we are focusing on budgeting for next year and what types of grants PAWS will fund for the 2023-2024 school year. We will work with Scott and his staff on their needs and best use of resources PAWS can provide. This year alone PAWS donated \$50,000.00 including additions to the weight room, desks, in the math classrooms and some in the social studies classrooms.

**Secretary's Report** - Rosie Buchalski  
Nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report** - Chris Pinne

Current report shows membership dollars that includes the money we pay out to the sports passes, which is about \$8,000.00 which will bring the total membership number down to about \$19,000.00. With fewer football games this year, outdoor concessions were a little bit lower but we will have more games next year. Expenses include all of the things done for the school, teachers, and students, not just the grants.

**Principal's Report**

Scott McDermott, WWS Principal

New website is coming that will be much easier to navigate and it should start rolling out about the middle of May. We have the talent show tonight and Wheaton North has students here as well. Math team goes to state on Saturday and students also attend the journalism and track State events this weekend.. Will be taking groups of kids to the middle schools to talk about what it means to be a Tiger.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. PAWS Scholarship, Sarah Czaplicki, Committee Chair. The PAWS scholarship committee, composed of 28 committee members of Freshman and Junior parents, read and scored the submitted essays. Ten students were selected, each receiving an \$800 scholarship. Congratulations to this year's winners:  
Elijah Berry  
Maya Bose  
Kendall Eddington  
Lauren Foster  
Evelyn Gheorghita  
Ella Gordon  
Leaheey Jamen  
Alyvia Klotz  
Grace Richmond  
Alisia Teneqexhi
2. Election of New Board Officers  
Thank you to the nominating committee Maureen McBeth, Sarah Burns, Mike Harbert, Jeanette Dato, and Rosie Buchalski. The following candidates were nominated for open board positions. Nominations were approved and candidates elected.

### **Terms ending June 2025**

Co-President: Maureen Slaven  
Vice President of Communications: Rachel Padron  
Vice President of Ways and Means: Mike Harbert  
Treasurer: Chris Preede

Thank you to all New, Returning and Outgoing PAWS Committee Chairs!

Thank you to our outgoing officers - Co-President Melanie Bottom, Vice President of Communications Maureen McBeth, and Treasurer Chris Pinne.

## **Committee Reports**

- PTA Council Delegate—Alayne Fahrman, not present  
Rosie reported. The Wheaton Warrenville PTA Council will have its scholarship breakfast on April 26. The next meeting is in May and they are still looking for a Recording Secretary for next year's board.
- Staff Appreciation—Kristin Buck and Laura Malee, not present  
Melanie reported. They did not have a report but they did send pictures to Melanie that showed the spring theme with balloons and food provided.
- Testing Day Snacks—Paige Nussbaumer, not present.

Rosie reported. Test snacks went very well this year and we are getting positive feedback. The total number of students was approximately 1,385 and ordered 1,440 of each of the three snacks (Welch's fruit snacks, goldfish bags, and packs of Oreos). Gum was also ordered but did not receive the entire order. Juniors were given first option on the gum and it was passed along accordingly, with a decent amount left over, along with some left over water. For next year, might want to look into reusable bags and perhaps putting PAWS stickers or flyers to let the kids know PAWS provides the snacks.

- Mother/Son Brunch—Michelle Winters

It is this Sunday and we have 185 people coming with 43 seniors and were able to sponsor three people for the event. Meg Moore has volunteered to speak. Senior moms will get a Riley & Wheat and Mion gifts and boys will get a 2023 t-shirt and we were able to get some sponsors for this year's event. Boys will introduce their moms and talk about where they are going to school. Did just receive recent news that there is a mandatory AP practice test but working with Scott on seniors having to attend this mandatory practice test. This year will also have some entertainment with a hypnotist attending.

- Father/Daughter Event—Jim Knasel

Event will be in a week and things are all set. It's from 10:30 to 12:30 and they will play golf and have a breakfast brunch buffet and we will also have a photobooth.

- Operation Safe Celebration—Janet Alman, not present

Jen reported. This is a post-prom event from 10:30-1:00 at Main Event with all Main Event activities and also raffles. It is open to seniors and juniors and guests of seniors and juniors. There are various rooms and a senior hallway with pictures from the year. PAWS also donates funds to this event.

- Senior Signs—Shannon Toler, not present

Jen & Melanie reported. Senior signs are for sale. They are \$25 and purchased from Alpha Graphics. This year we added a round element for the Tiger PAWS scholarship winners.

- Tiger Fest—Geri Julian and Donielle Semp, not present

Jen reported. New event to be held on August 18. Event will be during the traditional black and orange football scrimmage and will recognize other fall sports. There will be food trucks and fun events/activities. Next meeting for planning is April 26 at 7:00 in the library.

- Tiger Merchandise—Dawnelle Muff, Catherine Glover, Molly Korb

There are three in-school sales left for the year. Will also be at the Edison 8th grade graduation, which was very successful last year. Have marked down various items this week.

- Seasonal Activity Programs—Kelly Styrkowicz, not present

Rosie reported. The Spring activity programs will go to print within the next couple days once they've been approved. We are printing 542 copies and they will be distributed to teams once they have been printed. The Seasonal Activity Programs will have a new chair next year.

●Academic Achievement Awards—Angie LaFratta

Everything is on track with awards. Academic achievement awards are given to all students that receive a 3.8 weighted gpa each semester. They receive for this Fall semester and last Spring semester. First time they receive a letter, and following awards are a pin. Everything is being organized by class period with South Staff to distribute.

●Outdoor Concessions—Tim Hertz and Janelle Oehrlein, not present

Rosie reported. For outdoor concession volunteers, the majority of slots are filled for the track meet tomorrow with two key club members attending. For the 4/25 track meet there are several slots still needed and continuing to send out sign-up invites. For the 4/28 track meet the sign-up invites have been sent out and another round will go out tomorrow and continue for the May events. Melanie reported for outdoor concessions. Menus are getting updated for Spring as it's different from the Fall concessions with a different mix of things.

●Landscaping/Beautification—Katie Potts and Janet Kurinsky

Hoping to do the Spring planting in the next several weeks. Need list for bricks for traditions trail. Funds are budgeted separately, not part of landscaping.

●Membership—Sarah Johnson, not present.

Rosie reported. This year's membership drive has closed. Final membership count for the 22-23 school year was 393 members, 155 member only and 238 with sports pass. The budget goal for membership, donations, and sale of sports passes has been met and exceeded this year. PAWS sells Sports Passes on behalf of the district and we retain 10% of the sales plus the expenses associated with selling the passes. Sports pass sales totaled \$9,930.00 with PAWS keeping \$993.00 plus \$559.10 for related expenses; total amount sent to the district is \$8,377.90.

**Old/Unfinished Business**

None

**Announcements**

Tentative PAWS General Meetings for 2023-24:

September 7, 2023

November 2, 2023

February 8, 2024

April 18, 2024

**Adjournment of Meeting: 8:33 p.m.**

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