General In-Person Meeting
Thursday, January 22, 2026
Minutes (Approved)

Welcome: Jen Banowetz/Co-President

Call to Order: 7:23 p.m.

Attendance and Approval of Minutes: November 13, 2025, minutes approved.

Officer Reports:
President Report
Happy 2026 and welcome to Emily and Amy.

Vice President of Communications Report - Rachel Padron
Nominating Committee has been established and email sent with names for positions. Nomination of Emily Synal as Co-President for a 2-year term; additional committee chair positions will be open for next year.

Vice President of Ways & Means Report - Mike Harbert.
Have a few more receipts for sponsorships and just sent out Spring requests; which are due before Spring break.

Secretary Report - Rosie Buchalski
Bylaws finalized & posted to the website

Treasurer Report - Sridevi Mallu
Total Revenue is $77K, membership is around $31K. Concessions is about $18.6K including expenses and a little less than previous but had 1 less game. Sponsorship around $22K.

Principal's Report
No events tomorrow due to weather. 2nd semester is off to a good start. District morale survey came back and parents survey responses are welcomed. AP recognition - lots of students who take it; the number of tests given and how well they perform. Lots of senior nights coming up and playoffs coming up. Wrestling tournament and MLK basketball tournament. New committee of teachers - TLC (Teacher & Learning Collaborative). Looking at all things teaching & learning at what we are doing well and what does that look - defining the best type of engagement/assessments. What are the "look fors" to be used for institute days next year. Also meeting with a diverse student

group in March to address same topics. Tiger tours with teachers opening their classrooms to other teachers.

New Business

- Nominating Committee
- Incoming Freshman Orientation & Course Selection Night - February 4th
- Hello College - February 24th
  Link in PAWS newsletter. No obligation informative session for WWS students and their parents considering their collegiate journey.

Committee Reports

- Achievement Awards - Rachel Padron for Brook Faulstich
  Waiting on numbers & then will order.

- Father/Daughter Outing (February 12th) - Leslie Chall & Alayne Fahrman
  Hosting at VFW this year, keeping a little more casual. Ticket price is $25 pp/$50 per couple. No food but more activities, candle vendor, dessert bar, flower bar, and bags.

- Beautification - Rosie Reporting for Katie Potts & Jen Holstein
  No updates.

- Media - Rosie reporting for Traci Kantowski
  Kudos to Maureen for posting about the band at the Thanksgiving parade; most popular post with 27,000 views. Weekly athletics schedule and notable happenings continue to do well. Will be doing an all sponsor acknowledgement post the week of January 26 and then individual recognition posts. Will be pushing dance and scholarships. Have 1,038 Instagram followers and 1,700 followers on Facebook.

- Mother/Son Brunch (April 26th) - Lesley Landin & Michelle Winters
  April 26 11:00-2:00 at Medinah Country Club. $55 per person. Registration is capped at 200 with a waitlist and will open around the same time as last year.

- Outdoor Concessions - Tim Hertz
  Nothing to update but consider updates to support & staffing.

- Operation Safe Celebration - Allison Ioli & Janetl Alman
  No report

- PAWS Scholarship- Julie Prestegaard
  Talking with South counseling. Have list of volunteers that Julie Player put together and has reached out those that offered to volunteer to read essays. Will be including an attestation statement that students will need to sign confirming they did not use AI in completing their essay.

- Activity Program Chair - Kristi Macholl
  Winter program has been completed and existing QR code takes you to current version with prior versions archived.

- Sponsorships - Mike Harbert, Sean McCumber & Suzie Weber
  Looking for committee chairs to replace Sean & Suzie. Sub-committee under VP Ways & Means. Still looking at hosting an appreciation event.

- Senior Signs - Michelle Winters
  Do the same as last with Name/Graduate/Siempre Tigeris. They did go up to $27 & $22.

- Tiger Merchandise - Catherine Glover & Molly Korb
  No report. Tiger Wear donation for Bowl for the Torch.

- Website - Traci Kantowski
  No report.

- WWPTA Council Delegate - Alayne Fahrman
  Nothing to report

Old/Unfinished Business

- None

Announcements

Next PAWS meeting April 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in this room.

Adjournment of Meeting: 8:16