



**General In-Person Meeting  
February 8, 2024  
Minutes (Approved)**

**Welcome:** President/Co-President

**Call to Order: 7:01pm**

**Attendance and Approval of Minutes:**

Meeting sign-in confirms we have a quorum. Minutes for September 12, 2023 and November 2, 2023 meeting minutes have been approved with no changes.

**Officer Reports:**

**President Report**

- Introduced PAWS to all the new 8th graders and incoming parents on January 31st.
- Implemented a new thank-you program for outgoing PAWS board members. Donated a book on the librarian's wish list in each of their names.
- On February 12th, Hello College will come to WWS for a free presentation on college planning and preparation. The invite was also extended to incoming freshman families. High school students are welcome to attend with their parents. This is also a fundraising opportunity for Tiger PAWS as well.

**Vice President Report**

- As of today:
  - 2,450 people receiving our newsletters
  - 450 Tiger PAWS members
- Initiating a nominating committee for next school year. The Secretary position is the only position open for election.
- There are a number of committee slots to fill for next year. If committee chairs are planning to transition next year, please inform ASAP
- Need chairs for Senior Signs, Freshman Orientation, Father/Daughter, Website, Testing Day Snacks
- Proposed grants include over 20K toward 5 projects requested by the school:
  - Soccer goals (funded 25%)
  - 16 new microphones and monitors for performing arts department
  - New euphonium
  - Conference center conference room refresh
  - Emotional wellness meeting room refresh

- Last year, new electronic scoreboard was purchased. Tiger PAWS will be trained to use the new functionality and add sponsor logos. Possible idea next year may include a different fee for adding logo to scoreboard.

### **Secretary Report**

- No report this meeting.

### **Treasurer Report**

- Filed 2022 taxes.

### **Principal's Report**

- No report this meeting

### **New Business**

- Turnabout Dance - Is there a chance that PAWS would support it? Colleen will ask the juniors to initiate the conversation with Dr. Stellwagen to explore the possibility.
- TigerFest will be Friday, August 23rd.

### **Committee Reports**

- Staff Appreciation
  - Cyndi B is the new contact for Staff Appreciation Lunch since Dan moved to Wheaton North.
  - Typically during the testing week, which is scheduled for second week of April, exact date TBD.
- PTA Council Delegate
  - Meeting is Monday, 2/12 at 11AM. Two people from BoE will be speaking.
  - Most of the Executive Board is returning, Vice President will be vacant.
  - PTA Council Scholarship Breakfast is Wednesday, April 26th at 9:30AM.
    - Need volunteers for set-up. Can high school parents help since it is difficult
  - Donated to Operation Safe Celebration
- Membership
  - No report
- Mother/Son Brunch - Michelle Winters & Colleen Brocius
  - Sunday, April 21st, 11-2ish at Medinah Country Club
  - Reached out to volunteers. There is someone willing to co-chair next year.
  - Registration will open on March 11 for seniors, then everyone else will open the following week. Registration will close April 3.
  - Survey indicated majority wants to go to Medinah.
  - Maureen S will set up Square for registration by 2/29.
  - Confirm budget
- Father/Daughter Event
  - TopGolf event
  - Looking at the last weekend in April (April 28)

- Tiger Merchandise - Catherine Glover
  - Great pre-Christmas sales through the online store.
  - \$4,000 sale at the 8th grade orientation.
  - Added item (Junk Armor) compression shorts that are being sold by the winning Business Incubator team last year as a fundraiser for seed money for production.
  - Need two new iPads to replace broken or breaking ones. Catherine will send Chris Preede a note with the specifications.
  - Sales events are planned for band concerts and track meets this spring. Discussing how to handle Edison and Hubble sales for graduation.
- Seasonal Activity Programs
  - Winter programs have been completed
  - 325 programs were distributed
  - Spring pictures are March 4th and 13th
  - Starting next year, program will be digital only
- Operation Safe Celebration
  - First fundraiser is February 24th at Klein Creek - Battle of the Bands event.
  - Needs someone to chair for next year.
  - Post Prom is Saturday, May 11th at Main Event from 10:30PM to 2AM.
- PAWS Scholarships
  - Collecting applications until the end of February
  - 35 volunteers for readers (non-senior parents)
  - Need chair for next year
  - Scholarship winners will get yard sign
- Senior Signs - Melanie Bottom
  - Using Alphagraphics
  - \$13 if we sell over 150, \$14 if between 100-150 and \$15 for less than 100
  - Website will be ready before spring break.
- Testing Day Snacks - Paige Nussbaumer
  - Parents would prefer to have an evening packing day.
  - Order will be placed after basketball is finished.
  - Confirmed budget is \$2,200.
  - Considering reusable bags for heavy items like water, but will need to figure out how to get them back.
  - If we pack individual bags and pack in the evening (more parent help), could add Tiger PAWS sticker or some label.
  - Discussed idea of buying reusable Tiger PAWS bags
  - Last year there were 70 classrooms. Each classroom would need two reusable bags.
  - Catherine will reach out to R&M to get a quote (grocery bag size-ish).
  - This is Paige's last year, need new chairperson next year.
- Academic Achievement Awards - Angie Lafratta
  - Weighted GPA of 3.85 or higher
  - Angie will place order once list is finalized
  - Students will get pins and letters

- Concessions
  - Concessions are planned for 3 track meets as of now
  - Discussed Crumbl Cookie offering on a trial basis.

### **Old/Unfinished Business**

- Bylaws
  - Key revisions:
    - Each position is a two-year term and at board's discretion can be extended for one year at a time.
    - Added spring cycle for grants. (Two cycles per year, one in fall and one in spring.)
  - Moved and seconded that TigerPAWS Bylaws and Standing Rules have been approved as presented.

### **Announcements**

Next PAWS meeting is April 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in this room.

**Adjournment of Meeting: 8:09 PM**