General In-Person Meeting
Thursday, April 9, 2026
Minutes (Approved)

Welcome: Jen Banowetz,Co-President

Call to Order: 7 p.m.

Attendance and Approval of Minutes: Jan. 22, 2026, minutes approved

Honoring the 2026 Tiger PAWS Scholarship Recipients
Congratulations to this year's winners:

- Noah Nau
- Grace Rodakowski
- Namie Bacheller
- Elizabeth Flores
- Aslin Czaplicki
- Simon Bratt
- Andrew Shah
- Victoria Croll
- Zach Rogers
- Margaret Romanovich

Scholarship report: Julie Prestegaard led the committee of volunteers to read and select this year's winners: 34 essays were submitted, 21 people helped score, every essay had 7 total readers. Positive feedback on the new scoring rubric that was introduced this year. No AI red flags noticed. Next year we would like to have the PAWS Scholarship application distributed and collected independently, not through the general local scholarship application, which has too much personal info (financial) collected that we should not have access to.

Officer Reports:

Presidents' Report—Maureen Slaven and Jen Banowetz

- BIG thank you to all our committee chairs this year
- Co-President transition from Jen Banowetz to Emily Synal
- WWS counselor Jack Healy contacted PAWS this spring to request support for seniors who needed financial help covering the cost of prom tickets and other end-of-the-year activities. The PAWS Board agreed to donate $1,500 to help students cover these expenses.

Vice President of Communication's Report—Rachel Padron

- Open committee chair positions for 2026-27
- Board positions with shadows for next year

Vice President of Ways & Means' Report—Mike Harbert

- Update on grant funding for 2025-26:
  13 requests granted overall, $40K total? (Fall and Spring)

Secretary's Report—Rosie Bulchalski

Successful event with Hello College in February with 29 families attending the workshop resulting in a $580 donation to PAWS.

Treasurer's Report—Sri Mallu (report attached)

Principal's Report—Lorie Campos, WWS Principal (absent, notes shared)

A big thank you for the generous allocations

We celebrated our winter success! So many!!

We were proud to host the board meeting and highlight south and our connections with families, students, teachers and community

We had a great special games and a wonderful Pickleball tournament

Hosted our first ever incubator showcase, which was awesome and we welcomed our incoming eighth grader marching band students

Our drafting team is going to state this weekend

We have already begun planning for next year with our teaching and learning collaborative and our leadership team.

We met with more than 40 students to hear what's working well for them and what we could do to serve them better.

We will continue to focus on: Clarity, consistency, engagement, and feedback and helping our students become self-directed learners to achieve!

Committee Reports

- Achievement Awards—Brook Faulstitch
- Director—Christina Preede
- Football Parking—Michael Harbert
- Father/Daughter Outing—Leslie Chall & Alayne Fahrman
- Freshman Orientation—Shaifali Ray
- Beautification—Katie Potts & Jen Holstein

  Beautification doesn't have anything to report. Just waiting on freeze threats to end soon before spring plantings!

- Media and Website—Traci Kantowski

Continuing to see almost equal views/engagment on posts and reels so will continue doing both. Had dips in views in Feb and March, but back up this month.

Instagram (they added new reporting features which make the numbers below easier):

current: 8,600+ views (1,061 followers)

March: 3,900+ views, + 11 followers

Feb.: 6,300+ views, +9 followers

Jan.: 7,600+ views, +13 followers

Dec.: 11,000+ views, + 11 followers

Final exam and sports posts have been the most popular

Facebook

Engagement much less on Facebook - possibly bc of the parent group.

3,400+ views in last month.

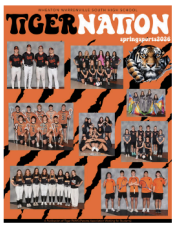
1711 followers

Website

Have been doing basic maintenance. Would love more images to share on the site...

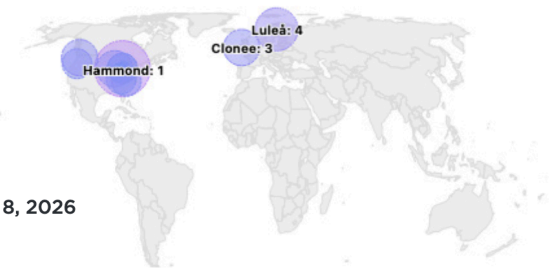
- Membership—Christina Preede
- Mother/Son Brunch—Lesley Landin & Michelle Winters
- Outdoor Concessions—Tim Hertz & Amy Graham
- Operation Safe Celebration—Allison Ioli & Janel Alman
- PAWS Scholarship—Julie Prestegaard (see above)
- Activity Program Chair—Kristi Macholl

Tiger PAWS 2026 Digital Spring Athletic Booklet Report



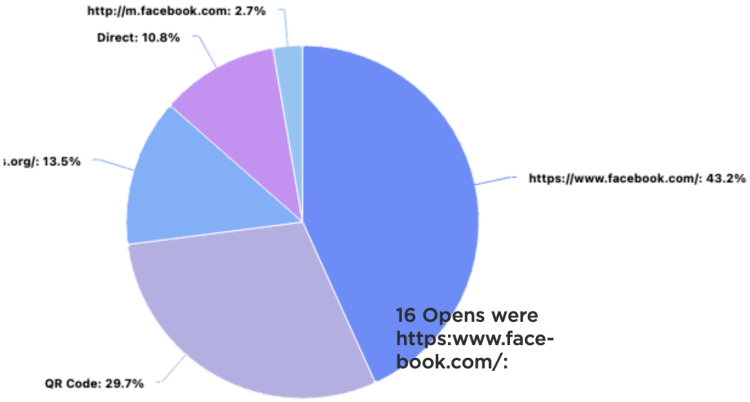
Live on Feb 11, 2026
37 Views as of April 8, 2026

Views by Location



14 Illinois
2 Oregon
3 Washington
1 Missouri
5 Iowa
1 Indiana
1 Wisconson
2 Tennessee
2 North Carolina

Audience Referrals



14 views from Illinois

2 Chicago
7 Naperville
1 Rockford
2 Parkridge
1 Orland Park
1 Grayslake

- Sponsorships—Mike Harbert, Sean McCumber & Suzie Weber
- Senior Signs—Michelle Winters
- Sports Passes—Judi O'Connell
- Staff Appreciation—Maureen McBeth
- TigerFest—WILL DISCUSS WITH HEALY
- Tiger Merchandise—Catherine Glover & Molly Korb
- Testing Day Snacks—Barbara Goclan
- Website—Traci Kantowski

- WWPTA Council Delegate—Alayne Fahrman

  WWPTA Council Scholarship Breakfast is April 29. Jen will attend.

New Business

- Paperless meetings next year—agenda and budget on an overhead screen, minutes for approval from prior meeting available via a QR code
- Offering Tiger PAWS Membership scholarships next year

Old/Unfinished Business

Announcements

- Next PAWS General Meeting will be after the start of the 2026-2027 academic year. Stay tuned for dates!

Adjournment