General In-Person Meeting
September 3, 2026
Minutes (Proposed)

Welcome: President/Co-President

Call to Order: 7:04 Maureen Slaven

Attendance and Approval of Minutes: April 9, 2026, minutes approved

Officer Reports:

President Report - Maureen Slaven
Thank you to all returning chairs and welcome new chairs

Vice President of Communications Report - Rachel Padron
341 PAWS members; still need volunteers for F&D and Teacher Appreciation if you know anyone. Chairs do have to be members

Vice President of Ways & Means' Report - Mike Harbert
Football parking sold out @$7K; at $23K but will get to $25K; meeting tomorrow to discuss O&B signage. Fall grant email on its way; need by Friday before Thanksgiving

Secretary Report - Rosie Buchalski
Nothing to report

Treasurer Report - Sri Mallu
Review of last year's budget; was great - hit a lot of our numbers with strong sponsorships and we expect that again this year. Last year other with some grant income. Tigerwear is a net. 2026-27 Proposed budget. New line item tracking outdoor scoreboard capital campaign that is being led by Mike Healy with all engagement from all sports team; PAWS is not leading that or taking ownership, just a pass through. Also now tracking matching grants & increase to student support. This provides students with things like prom, senior t-shirts with engagement from counseling/social services. Rachel moves, Mike second, unanimous approval.

Principal's Report
Great start to the school year. The theme this year is building the best year yet. Again this year upperclassman meet with an underclassman and introduce each other to Principal/staff, get a t-shirt, & this fill out a brick on how they will make this the best year.

Continue with belong, believe, achieve for students and parents to make sure every student feels that they belong, that we believe in them. Last year from teachers and staff for the Tiger standard on those topics for every single staff member. 96-98% trusted adult for our students. Spotlight on staff new year this in newsletter, celebrating work happening in our classrooms. Surveying with staff about things happening in our buildings; celebrate every month with our staff. Last year - top 10% in comparables for 5 essentials; #1 in our comparables in Dupage area; Speech national champions; ELA scores up 26%; 29 teachers 424 hours of curriculum work this summer "great school trying to be great"; 64 coaches did summer camps 2000 kids; activities 74 to 83% ; 83% to 90% not truant; 62 college/career certificates; trusted adult from 90% to 96%; AP scores 86% who take get a 3 or higher - 841 in 2023; 1200 tests being taken; from 73% to 86%. Parade kick-off - Spring celebrations; Fall kick-off. Curriculum night great turn-out; activities fair for Freshman today. Four National Merit semi-finalists with announcement on September 9.

New Business

- Alumni Association. Inquiry about if there is an Alumni Association. We used to have a committee for Homecoming tied to Alumni but the committee eventually ended given lack of interest in leading.

Committee Reports

- Achievement Awards - Brook Faulstich
  No report provided.

- Activity Program - Kristi Macholl
  No official report at this time. Still in the midst of taking pictures for Fall teams. Request to re-check for sponsorships

- Beautification - Katie Potts, Jen Holstein
  Six planters were set for the beginning of the school year & will update to Fall theme later this month. On 9/25 which is an institute day doing a clean-up in the courtyard from 11-3. Several volunteers who expressed interest during membership sign-up but also welcome anyone else that is interested. New plantings probably not feasible as it's difficult to get a routine access to the Courtyard but will at least clean it up and reassess if anything can be done. Per Lorie, looking at opening that back up for students to have access but want to get cameras in that area; also exploring access for outdoor learning space.

- Directory & Membership - Kellie Mowinski
  Directory reached out to Jen for file and hoping to have this week; question on if students that opt-out are scrubbed from list. Can check with Jim; Goal to have out as soon as information is provided from the district. Registration volunteer list in Google Drive Kellie created; will send to Rachel to share with committee chairs.

- Father/Daughter Outing - IN NEED OF A CHAIR

- Football Parking - Mike Harbert
  Sold out; 100 spots with 10 to coaches

- Freshman Orientation - Shaifali Ray
  Pizza - 2 slices per person; based on # expected to attend (cut by 10%), about 12 boxes leftover; did overlap with Younglife camp that week. Did get a request and had gluten-free; had small water bottles instead of cups; $100 more this year for pizza but came in under budget; volunteer schedule adjusted this year.

- Media & Website - Traci Kantowski
  Website basic updates with info that needs to be up there; social media engagement has been really good; 36K views about 1500 followers on Facebook & IG each, will share info with sponsors. Last year split post/stories 50-50; more on post v. stories; new format for game schedules; biggest engagement this year with Hertz Hut post; if you have pictures from events, share with Traci for publicizing. Have also added activities to the weekly post of events

- Mother/Son Brunch - Lesley Landin, Michelle Winters
  Looking at April 25 as potential date working out with Medinah.

- Operation Safe Celebration - Allison Ioli, Janet Alman
  No report.

- Outdoor Concessions - Tim Hertz, Amy Graham
  Going pretty well. Scrimmage did not go well. Are getting volunteers but some are coming last minute; usually have enough. Apple Cash is not compatible with PAWS POS.. Will no longer be accepting Apple Cash and communicating out via social media and potential signage at the hut & ticket booth. Tim will not be at the Football game on 9/11 and will need someone to fill-in. Need to also look into getting someone to shadow Tim.

- PAWS Scholarships - Julie Player
  Nothing to report at this time.

- Senior Signs - Michelle Winters
  No report.

- Sponsorship - Mike Harbert, Jen Banowetz, Lory Gallagher
  Report under Ways & Means.

- Sport Passes - Judi O'Connell
  285 households; passing out at events and games; ordered 500 and likely will need more. Jodi Yorke taking over next year.

- Staff Appreciation - IN NEED OF A CHAIR
  Lesley Landin volunteered.

- Test Day Snacks - Barbara Goclan

- Tiger Merchandise - Rosie Buchalski on behalf of Amy Stern, Trina Poquette
  Tiger Merch sales for Fall are steady and strong. Our clearance sale continues to be popular and is helping move older inventory, while several new items - including the black and orange T-shirts, light gray mock-neck sweatshirt, and cream women's tunic—are also selling extremely well. Orange items were in high demand following promotion of the Orange Out. We plan to continue promoting theme nights to drive awareness and sales of related merch. We are closely monitoring inventory levels and adjusting reorders based on demand. We have recently reordered (in smaller quantities) orange and black T-shirts and the women's tunic to maintain availability while being mindful of inventory levels. In the Works: We are partnering with a local vendor in Carol Stream to launch an online Tiger Merch site featuring pink and camo-themed merchandise. Customers will be able to select their preferred logo and apparel item, with options for home delivery or local pickup. The site is expected to launch by September 4, providing fans with additional options for the upcoming Pink Out and Camo-themed games. We are working to reconcile the sales from last week and online sales this week.

- WWPTA Council Delegate - Alayne Fahrman
  No report

Old/Unfinished Business
- None

Announcements
Next PAWS meeting November 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in this room.

Adjournment of Meeting: 8:37 pm