



**General In-Person Meeting
February 9, 2023
Minutes (Approved)**

Welcome: Jen Banowetz, Co-President

Called to order 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: November 3, 2022, minutes approved.

Officer Reports:

President Report - Melanie Bottom/Jen Banowetz, Co-Presidents

Melanie reported. We are kicking off the second semester and our spring events are going. Thanks again to everyone for all the hard work, we appreciate it and this is our second-to-last PAWS meeting of the year.

Vice President of Communication's Report - Maureen McBeth

We have a list of people that have agreed to serve on the nominations committee to put together the chairs for next year's committees, filling vacancies and open positions on the board. Anyone interested you are welcome to join or if you know somebody that wants to get involved, please let us know and we can reach out to them. Also try to bring in some freshman parents. Our newsletter continues to go out and the percentage of people viewing the newsletter is going up. If there is something that you would like added, reach out and we can make sure it gets out there. The biggest thing right now is getting info out about Operation Safe Celebration as they ramp up their efforts.

Vice President of Ways & Means' Report - Maureen Slaven

Still looking to leverage money allocated for ways to benefit the school; moving towards the PAWS grants process for next academic year. Starting in April we will start looking at requests from staff & looking at how to spend funds in the 23-24 school year.

Secretary Report - Rosie Buchalski

Nothing to report

Treasurer Report - Chris Pinne

We are a little halfway through the year, some things are completed. For sports passes we only wind up keeping about 10% of that number. For fall concessions, there were only three home games this year and although we knew that, the third game was a bit of a rainout, many left by halftime and we didn't sell all of our stuff but we still ended up

pretty good. PE uniforms are in now and it looks like we will receive two (2) checks a year, last spring and this fall. It is unclear when we will get that second check, whether it will be at the end of this year or beginning of next like they did this time. Tiger Wear, the year before last, we had kind of sold our inventory down to zero so they are building back up their inventory now we are selling inventory and doing well with the online sales.

Principal's Report - Scott McDermott

Recent highlights. Last Friday night celebration for Dr. Harold Burshtan who was the only principal at Wheaton Warrenville H.S. until they closed it and he went to Wheaton North. The district has policies about naming things and dedicating spaces and a year has to pass and we were able to have that deduction for him and his family were there. The fitness center, with help from PAWS, was redone on the weights side. We installed a new floor, new racks, new weights, and a couple new machines. The next step is to get cardio equipment updated as it's about 15 or 17 years old. Leah Chelist received a PAWS grant to innovate in her room in Social studies for white board tables for groups working together. Dr. Kyle, our Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services will be moving on to become the Superintendent in Burr Ridge. Business incubator class is our students working with mentors to form companies working with mentors from the community; today was pitch day. Nine groups presented today and there are eight more tomorrow. Fashion show is coming up on March 2 and is run out of fashion class and is student directed, they select the theme and select community beneficiary. Survey to all students about finals before winter break and 93/94% appreciated it being before than after break. We have hired a new treasurer and will have a full front office for the first time in eight or nine months in the next few weeks. For next year they are working on graduation with an end of the school year before Memorial Day and we should have a better idea by April of what that will look like. Eighth grade orientation was last week and that was well attended.

New Business

- Sponsor Appreciation Event - Maureen Slaven. Suggested for this year to host a small gathering with our sponsors to show them we are appreciative of their support and come to school and see the school and awesome things PAWS has been able to do with sponsorship support. So we will be planning on that.

Committee Reports

- Staff Appreciation - Maureen M. reported on behalf of Kristin Buck & Laura Malee They are in the planning process for staff appreciation.
- PTA Council Delegate - Alayne Fahrman
Council met in January & yesterday. Middle school has adopted a new math curriculum. Afaghee which is a new website and mass mail email communication that will be rolled out in the district sometime in early June. Will be beneficial for all the PTAs to push out information. Full-day kindergarten is looking to decrease fees. Illinois and national PTA dues will likely increase, Illinois by \$0.50 and nationally \$1.00. Middle school project looking to approve

capital and infrastructure. The DEI committee is hosting an event at Lu's on February 22 and tickets are \$40 per person.

- Membership - Rosie reported on behalf of Sarah Johnson
As of Feb. 1st 2023: 392 Members, 155 member only (39%); 237 with Sport Pass (61%). The budget goal for membership has been met and exceeded this year. A membership update was provided to the Directory Chair in January. Volunteer lists have been sent to the Scholarship Chair(s) and Achievement Awards chair(s). Sarah will be sending volunteer lists to the other Spring committee chairs no later than early March. Once this year's membership drive is officially closed in April, Sarah will coordinate with PAWS Treasurer regarding payment of Sports Pass receipts to the District.
- Mother/Son Brunch - Michelle Winters
This year will be April 23 at Medinah Country Club. Unfortunately prices will go up to \$45 per ticket; last year was \$40. We are working through the menu. Registration for Seniors before Spring break, everyone week after Spring break. Looking for a senior mom to speak. Looking for t-shirt design; Jen volunteered and Michelle will send last year's design. Also working on sponsors to donate funds to be set-aside for those who would like to come but cannot afford to attend. Also looking at how to identify those families.
- Father/Daughter Event - Melanie reported on behalf of Sean McCumber
No official report. Sean has some ideas and will finalize location and dates and then details.
- Tiger Merchandise - Rosie reported on behalf of Dawnelle Muff, Catherine Glover, Molly Korb
The sale at the 8th grade orientation was super busy and one of the top three sales of the year. There will be fewer sale dates in the second semester with only 2 lunch sales per month. The online store is open! The link is on the TigerPaws website. Orders will be available for pickup during the lunch sale or an email will be sent out with special pickup instructions. Local delivery on Fridays are available for a small fee. The online store has generated \$5400 in sales since October. Thank you to Jim Knasel for making the Friday deliveries. Will be placing a reorder soon for black and white PJ pants, black baseball caps and white visors.
- Seasonal Activity Program - Rosie reported on behalf of Kelly Styrkowicz
Winter programs went out to teams last week. They were delayed a couple weeks due to printer problems. 230 programs went out and I have about 30 extras if anyone needs a copy. Spring pictures are scheduled for March 6 and March 15. Melanie reported that we have a new graphic designer to replace Amy and their first action will be the Spring program.
- Operation Safe Celebration - Janet Alman

No report provided. Jen reported the newsletter includes the Pickleball tournament fundraiser. Melanie reported that it will be back at Main Event. Joint committee of North & South together and split funds. This year prom will be local; next year unsure.

- PAWS Scholarships - Sarah Czaplicki
The Tiger PAWS scholarships are awarded to students that demonstrate exceptional school spirit through participation and commitment toward Wheaton Warrenville South. Applications include a 500-word essay titled "What it means to be a Tiger." There will be 10 - \$800 scholarships awarded this year. The scholarship application is due on February 16th by 12:30pm. No late applications will be accepted. Completed applications are to be turned in to the Counseling Office Secretaries. Last year we received 40 applications. The applications will be distributed to the Scholarship committee and each committee member will read and score the essays. The top 10 students with the higher scores will receive a scholarship. The scholarship winners will be recognized at the April meeting. The deadline is not a PAWS deadline; the counselors office sets time.
- Senior Signs - Shannon Toler
Met with alphagraphics and they have done a refresh on the graphics. We will open two weeks prior to SB and will stay open until May 1 though they will be flexible if someone goes to order after it. Orders through store run by Alphagraphics. Same pricing @ \$25 per sign.
- Testing Day Snacks - Paige Nussbaumer.
Everything is on track for testing day snacks. So far just waiting to hear back from Dan with the snack approval list. Looking to purchase before Spring break for set-up and will store in indoor concessions. Have stickers on the snacks "compliments of PAWS" or just put them on water bottles?
- Academic Achievement Awards - Angie LaFratta
Working with South staff member for Angie to place order for pins. Jostens has information for South from last year. Once all product is delivered; South staff will print certificates and envelopes and then stuff envelopes for delivery. Award kind of like honor roll for academic by semester; 3.8 GPA weighted for each semester. Awarded in spring for Spring of prior year and Fall of this year; first time they will receive a large W.

Old/Unfinished Business

- Tiger Fest Committee Meeting: Have interested volunteers. Will have a spring committee meeting to discuss with volunteers.
- Indoor Concessions: Still being considered for PAWs to take over coordinating. Will look at during nominations committee.

Announcements

Next PAWS meeting April 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in this room.

Adjournment of Meeting: 8:15 p.m.