

## **PAWS Meeting**

Wednesday 1/15, 2025

In attendance:

Lori Berman, PAWS

Alison Eagan, ACCENTS & Spotlights Rep

Alison Feinberg, PAWS & Boys Basketball Rep

Heather Fraimin, STUGO

Emily Fritz, Swim & Dive Rep

Marci Gluck-Stewart, Band Rep

Henry Hill

Laura Hill, Girls Basketball Rep

Kellie Lovo, Softball Rep

Kim Maes, Baseball Rep

Laura Miyazaki, UPC Rep

Robbie Moseley, PAWS President

Meredith Pollov, PAWS

Gracie Snyder, Football

Trina Wise, Football

### **6:32 pm Robbie Moseley called meeting to order**

Sign-up sheet has been sent around.

Minutes were sent to club representatives previous and Robbie asked for a motion to approve minutes:

Emily Fritz made the motion Trina Wise offered a 2nd. The motion unanimously passed.

Robbie noted that we have two more PAWS meetings this year: March 19 and April 30

Robbie announced and upcoming Fundraiser for PAWS at Chipotle on 2/4 from 4-8 pm (Cactus/Tatum)

Lori Berman shared some information about Graduation:

Those with seniors, we will auction off seats & parking spots which raises money for Senior Scholarships.

Reserved seating is on the field. We will be looking for volunteers to help auction winners find their seats

and to give out snacks & water. We will also need volunteers to help in the parking lot and other areas.

For the auction itself, Robbie noted that we need to do some research on auction systems as last year's auction was not as profitable - we think because of so many hidden fees. She is checking Jack to see if he will help run the tech and noted that our Zeppi app that runs PAWS donations has an auction component so we will explore this. Alison Feinberg volunteered to help!

Ms Strohufus joined the meeting and spoke about bringing back Stephanie Siete, an Educational Counselor and speaker. Last year she gave an excellent presentation called Real Talk: Vaping, Smart Phones, Opioid Crisis, Drugs of Abuse. Ms Strohufus noted that our biggest issues at Horizon are Vaping & phones. Critical that parents know what to look for in terms of Vaping. Arguments about phones in schools are ongoing and there is just more and more proof that our kids social skills are suffering because of their tiny screens!

Looking for feedback on specific thoughts for which topic would be most compelling for our parents. Cost is about \$500

Dr. Jason Reynolds, Acting Superintendent opened a Legislative Session on Tuesday 1/14.

As every year, the AEL Aggregate Expenditure Limit was discussed. Every year they have to vote to raise the budget for the year and deal with it the next year. Overall the amount that public schools are allowed to spend remains the same since 1980!!! Every year it stresses out public school systems. Every year schools are facing major cuts, fears of having to end school early, running out of money. We desperately need a longtime fix to the AEL. Please contact your legislators and let's get this problem fixed once and for all!

New Parking & drop-off: seemingly going better. We now have flashing lights during school. Parent Kristina Brown and a few others have been working with the city. Still working on a traffic light to exit the Greenway light. This summer the whole Greenway parking lot will get repaved.

The Gym Lobby is getting a facelift this summer, fresh granite coming into "dirt" areas. Many beautification plans in the works! Next year's project is to upgrade the Media Center (where we are currently sitting).

First Wednesday in April (4/2/25) is the ACT for our Juniors. Freshman students will take Aspire.

Sophomores & Seniors will have asynchronous learning on this day.

Parent props to the counseling department! New college counselor is great and there have been very exciting college acceptance news from many of our seniors.

Alison Eagmin

ACCENTS - Honors Concert taking place Thursday 2/13, Auditions for the 2025/2026 school year are ongoing

Drama - Legally Blonde is the biggest show we've ever done with an enormous cast. Rehearsals have started and show dates are set (late February/early March) Rumors that they are working for a real dog for Bruiser!! They have run into an issue with transportation for the Tuesday Matinee 2/25. It turns out this is a conflict with District Field Day stemming from bus/bus driver shortages. If anyone has any ideas on how to get kids to the matinee, please share! Comments that the district is having MAJOR transportation issues. There were questions about what the requirements are to be a bus driver. It was explained that one would need a Commercial Bus drivers license. Suggested to send school vans but most of the middle schools do not have them. Other suggestions: Sunrise & Desert Shadows can walk. Could the cast be brought TO the feeder schools? Could the Feeder Schools let out early one day?

Wednesday 2/26 is Preview Night. Shows are Thursday, 2/27, Friday 2/28 and Saturday 3/1.

Marci Gluck-Stewart

Band

Indoor Percussion has started. Competition to take place mid February and Winter Guard in the beginning of February. Honor Guard concert this Friday night at 6:30 pm North Canyon HS. Band is also having a Goodwill donation drive, a percentage will go back to Band.

Kim Maes

Baseball

Golf Tournament & Silent auction and exceeded goal! Baseball Fields have been in terrible shape, team dads have been dedicating their time to improving the fields. We are now amidst pre-season, upcoming tournament at ASU. Tryouts begin February 10. Kim shared the tragic news that a member of the Baseball Board, and Baseball Mom Heather Weber recently passed away suddenly. This has been a devastating loss for her family and especially sons Braydon & Jackson. Also a huge loss for the entire community. The Baseball Board has been supporting the family with a Meal Train and Gift Cards.

Alison Feinberg

Boys Basketball

Season is in high swing, the boys have a varied record but are giving it their all! The new coaches are getting to know the players and vice versa. Senior night is coming up on January 30.

Laura Hill

Girls Boys Basketball

The season is chugging along! Gils Varsity is having a great season! Next game is at PVHS on Friday. PVHS is not normally on our schedule so it's fun fun that one away game is down the street! Next home game is Tuesday 2/21 against Notre Dame, which is a key rivalry. Senior night is Friday 2/7

Gracie Snyder

Gridiron Football

We had an awesome season, finished #7 in the state!

Meeting for Incoming freshman who want to be on the team will take place on March 18 at 6 pm in the auditorium

Returning parent meeting (plus) any current high school student who wants to try out) while take place on March 27 at 6 pm in auditorium

Robbie reported that Girls Lacrosse didn't have enough players to make a team that will work on this for next year.

Trina Wise

Girls Soccer

AZ College Prep HS, 2nd away game. Next week the girls have three games! Would love to get more people to attend games. Some Varsity players will be rotating down to JV.

Tennis

Tryouts are coming up 2/10

Kellie Lovo

Softball

JR Huskies Softball Camp hosted kids from schools all over the valley. Tremendous turnout with 30 girls.

Spring camp starts 1/27, mandatory to be try out eligible. 2/10 try-outs

Robbie reported that Spiritline is the process of changing Treasurers.

Heather Fraiman

STUGO

Students have done so much works on the Make a Wish Carnival! Taking place on 2/8 4-8 pm. The benign will include: rides, food trucks, games and a silent auction. The students have gone out on their own to solicit auction items and they have some really great items! STUGO would love for other clubs & boosters to have games & booths. Last year they were able to raise & donate over \$15K to their Make a Wish Recipient. In conjunction with the carnival, they are hosting a Movie night in the auditorium on Friday 2/7. There are volunteer opportunities for students looking for PV school district hours. You can help in many ways, including using the QR code to make direct donation as well.

Meeting took place today for those interested in being part of STUGO next year. STUGO is the 4th period, states coming up.

Pickleball tournament was canceled because they didn't get enough entries. But Pickleball Club was successful last semester!

Key Club: Walk for Water happening this Sunday, 9 - 12. They are doing it through [mythirstproject.org](http://mythirstproject.org) To help water compromised kids. Donate \$10 to the site for entry.

Emily Fritz

Swim & Dive

The girls team came in 2nd! Swim & Dive is a no-cut sport and the season starts the 2nd week of the school year.

**Robbie reported that Volleyball took state again!**

Wrestling

Our PAWS Reps were unfortunately sick - Feel Better!

Varsity wrestlers headed to Winslow for a tournament on 2/20 and have training ongoing.

Laura Miyazaki

UPC Report

Facilities Planning Meeting will take place on January 22nd 9 am - 10 am

Project Search is looking for wishlist donations

Teacher Appreciation submissions will open soon, May 6 Teacher Appreciation for the district

Lori Berman

**Teacher Appreciation** at Horizon will take place May 5 - May 9

Looking for connection with a restaurant or food truck (Postscript: Basketball Dad who is a Caterer will be helping. Thanks Justin Hege with Common Hospitality!)

We will have an Amazon Wish List, asking for folks to donate cash really helps.

**PAWS Scholarships** Will be rolled in March, announced in the PAWS newsletter.

**Senior Signs** Robbie is working on some new great signs and asked the group for feedback on raising the price slightly. Everyone agreed it's time!

Time to bump up the cost.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32