

Deer Path Middle School APT Meeting Minutes for 4/19/16

Meeting Commenced at 9:02 am
Meeting Adjourned at 10:55 am

Attendees

Roberta Zaramella, Ruth Winick, Judi Olenick, Catherine Gildersleeve, Heather Richmond, Kim Campbell, Mary Kay Hanlon, Diana Webb, Julie Schwan, Christine Goshgarian, Teri Albus, Lynn Bertram, Michelle Yousuf, Kathy Ivinjack, Laura Whisler, Sally McDonald, Tiffany Wiesner, Susan Lewin, Beth Laufenberg, Alyssa Sinclair, Tracy Barrett, Lynne Kennedy, Sushama Krishnaswamy, Paul Suminski, Tom Cardamone, Renee DeVore, Anne Whipple, Anna McEvoy, Lindsay Seaman, Kristin O'Neil, Dez Witte, Kim Carden

President – Call to Order

Guest Speakers –

Dr. Chala Holland, Principal LFHS

Dr. Holland's presentation to be included in minutes at a later date

Administrator Reports

Tom Cardamone, Principal 5/6 and Michael Kroll, Assistant Principal 5/6

- April 28th is WE Day. 25 students in SLS are participating.
- May 2nd is the 4th grade parent orientation at DPM
- May 3rd is Buddy Day. 4th graders pair up with 5th graders at DPM.
- May 6th is the 5th grade Culture Fair. May 13th is the 6th grade Culture Fair.
- May 10th is Jump start to 5th grade; a parent forum starting at 9:30am in the Cube.
- May 31st is the Deer Path dash. June 1st is the rain day. Supporting an autoimmune disease organization called AARDA. Need volunteers.

Renee DeVore, Principal 7/8 and Paul Suminski, Assistant Principal 7/8

- May 20th is Chicago Day for the 8th graders as well as their graduation dance.

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- There is a dress code for the graduation dance and ceremony
- Mrs. DeVore emphasized the need for all to be quiet and respectful at the 8th grade graduation ceremony. LFHS security will attend.
- On May 19th, DPM needs community members to judge passion projects 9-11am or 12-2 pm. Please contact Linda Crowe in the DPM-W office if interested.
- On April 28th, the 7th grade is going to Great America for Physics Day.
- April 29th is the DPM talent show.
- May 23rd is the last day of school for 8th grade.

Teacher Liaison - Amy Lamberti

Summary of Coming Month - April/May Plans:

- 5th grade will be hosting a STEAM day. They are looking for parent experts to come in and host 4 identical sessions (25 mins) to showcase their profession. Interested parents can sign up at www.tinyurl.com/dpmsteam2016. Please consider joining our 5th grade students for a morning of learning. Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math. Do any of these areas apply to your profession? We'd like to learn from you, the expert. Our day is going Friday - May 27 from 8:15 - 10:45. You will be presenting 4 identical sessions that would be 25 minutes each. In your 25 minute session, you could give a five minute explanation of your job and the training or schooling you need in order to complete your job. We would then encourage a fifteen minute experiential learning activity for the students and a five minute question-and-answer session. Visuals, such as X-rays, models, pictures, manipulatives, and videos will help generate high levels of student engagement and are strongly encouraged.
- WEB leader applications for 7th grade students looking to take on this leadership / mentoring opportunities for the 2016-2017 school year are due Friday, April 22nd at 4:00 pm. The applications are electronic and located on the 7th grade Edmodo page. Here is the blurb from the Friday flyer:

Dear 7th Grade Parents,

We are beginning the process of recruiting our next batch of WEB Leaders for

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the 2016-2017 school year. Applications are available on-line on the 7th Grade Edmodo page. Completed applications are due no later than **4:00 on Friday, April 22nd.**

Highlights of the WEB program include:

- Extensive leadership training that enables the WEB leaders to serve as positive role models for the incoming 5th grade class
- Building a positive culture and climate at DPM where students help other students
- Earning service hours needed for 8th grade graduation in a fun and rewarding way

Officer Reports

President – Jennifer Karras

- Jennifer took a moment to remember Sandy Franko, a district 67 parent who passed away last week.
- Jennifer encouraged the board to let her know of anyone who would like to serve on the DPM APT board next year.

Vice President / Communications – Anna McEvoy

- If anyone has DPM photos, please contact Anna to put on the website or Facebook. Also, if you have last minute messages to get out, send to Anna for Facebook.

Secretary – Kim Carden

- Approval of February minutes – first motion by Beth Laufenberg, second motion by Heather Richmond. All approved.
- Here is the link to the April community news flyers:
<https://goo.gl/GBjZeK>
 - Statement of Intention forms distributed to board members

Treasurer – Lindsay Seaman

- Please contact Lindsay if you have any expenses.

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Committee Reports

Art Fair – Holly Sheridan, Connie Hollingsworth, Desiree Witte, Tiffany Wiesner

All Art Fair materials, including physical and electronic records, were handed off to Mary Kay Hanlon, who will be in charge of Art Fair for the next two school years.

Board of Education Liaison – Teri Albus, Christine Goshgarian

No report this month.

Care and Concern – Kim Robb, Kim Gambit

No report this month.

Class of 2016 Activities – Susan Lewin, Sally McDonald, Shawn Ward, Tiffany Wiesner

Since the last report (February) we held 2 meetings in February and March for any parents interested in helping with the 8th Grade Dance Party, and are pleased to report that various aspects are in full swing as we near year-end! We met with the student committee on March 11th and finalized invitations, favors, decorations and food. The class gift is also taking shape – details to come later!

Community service hours are being tracked in the 8th grade stairwell/hallway so students can see their progress and get excited about finishing the year strong! Hours will count through May 1st. Please remind your 8th graders to log their hours on the DPM website promptly.

Community Service - Heather Richmond, Beth Laufenberg **District 67 School Supply Drive**

DPM West
Monday, May 16-Wednesday, June 1

DPM East
Thursday, May 26-Wednesday, June 1

Drop supplies in the boxes in the lobby. Benefiting Lake County Cares

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CROYA - Kristin O'Neil

No report this month.

Culture Fair Grade 5 - Christiana Walsh

No report this month.

Culture Fair Grade 6 - Diana Webb, Kimberly Carris

No report this month.

Directory / Membership - Judi Olenick, Anna McEvoy

DIRECTORY:

Print & Online Directory:

Will be meeting & working with Beth Laufenberg in April & May to transition Directory Chair responsibilities for 2016-17 school year!

Finalizing timeline for end of school processes including:

When to graduate students

When to send families confirm/update email

When system will be "turned off" to upload 2016-17 membership data

InfoSnap APT Registration Page

Working with Brittany Tjardes to finalize APT InfoSnap information for 2016-17 registration

MSA

Working with Jay to verify that online access can be maintained during summer after students are graduated.

Working with Jay & Brittany (and D115) to create template for importing membership data from InfoSnap to MSA to eliminate manual entry!

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MEMBERSHIP:

The APT Members List was updated this month and has been posted on the Exec APT website.

Sophia Koliatsis will be the new Executive APT Membership Chair for 2016 – 2018.

Emotional Wellness – Micaiah Robinson, Umang Singh, Elizabeth Lombardo, Sushama Krishnaswamy

No report this month.

Fifth Grade Welcome – Christiana Walsh, Liz Olsen

No report this month.

Fine Arts – Mike Borkowski

Fine Arts at DPM is finished for the year. Great shows – 1776 for the 7/8 grades and Tales of Olympus for the 5/6 grades. Wonderful shows!

Food Service – Laura Whisler

No report this month.

LFHS Liaison – Melinda Hill, Christie Theis, Lynn Bertram, Jill D’Alessandro

No report this month.

New Families – Lynn Lawler, Marty Vander Velde, Jennifer Lazarus, Heidi Smith

No report this month.

Parent Awareness – Umang Singh, Alyssa Sinclair **Jump Start on Fifth Grade 2016**

Exec Leads Jorie and Diana have met with Tom Cardamone to discuss questions for "Jump Start on Fifth Grade" which will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 9:30 in the Cube. They have almost finalized the panel of current 5th grade parents for the event. The event will be publicized at the 5th Grade Parent Orientation meeting later this month.

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67EPulse

Exec PA has been working with the Emotional Wellness Committee, Emilie Correa, and the District to release the most recent issue of 67 e-Pulse Newsletter on March 29. One more issue is planned for May. Feedback continues to be very positive.

Upcoming Community Events

Monday, April 25 7-8:30pm Edgewood Middle School, 929 Edgewood Rd, Highland Park, IL: Hidden in Plain Sight: event to help parents identify signs of drug use or destructive behavior. LEAD will also present a parting session.

**Tuesday, April 26, 7-8:30 pm in the CUBE at DPM:
Community Conversation "#being13"**

The D67 Emotional Wellness Committee, in partnership with LEAD, will present a screening of Anderson Cooper's Special Report [#Being 13: The Secret World of Teens](#) in the Cube at DPM, followed up with a panel discussion based on content from the documentary. This is a conversation you will not want to miss!

Thursday April 28, Lake Forest Club (Boutique:10am-3pm and Ladies Night: 7pm-10pm): Spring Marche Lake Forest Lake Bluff Learning Disabilities Association (LDA)

The LDA is a non-profit organization where parents, educators and professionals come together to support, educate and provide resources for our children and each other. Funds raised from Spring Marché go toward the LDA's Make A Difference grant program, which annually awards a wide variety of educational supports to Lake Forest and Lake Bluff public schools, The School of Saint Mary and Lake Forest Country Day School. While these grant items greatly benefit children with learning differences, many of their classmates enjoy using them as well. Recent grants include standing desks, reading and writing supports, social thinking programs, a variety of ergonomic chairs and stools and a special 2015 grant to create a dedicated sensory-modulation "Go Zone" at DPM East. In prior years the LDA also contributed to the Spirit of 67

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Foundation grant for the DPM East climbing wall, and collaborated with the Lake Forest High School Foundation on TEACCH, a learning program for high school students on the autism spectrum. To date, the Make A Difference program has given over \$325,000 in educational supports to our schools.

Parent Teacher Liaison – Katie Frekko, Debra Meredith

No report this month.

Room Parent Coordinators – Lydia Conopeotis (5), Karena Garriques (6), Judi Olenick (7), Sushama Krishnaswamy (8)

No report this month.

School Supplies – Kathy Ivinjack 5/6, Tiffany Wiesner 7/8

At this time, the Executive APT School Supplies Chair is making plans for next year's School-Paks. This is her report, submitted to the APT Exec Board for April:

March 2016: Review updated lists from teachers and got clarification/made recommendations on some items. Submitted to School-Pak for review and pricing. Explored pricing and received a sample school supply pack from Staples. Will work on a comparison report once School-Pak website is updated with current supply list and pricing.

April, 2016: Received elementary and DPM lists. They have been signed off and waiting for School-Pak to update and activate their website. Once complete, we will release to District for posting.

Summary of Coming Months (April - August 2016) - Plans:

Late April: Publicize School-Pak ordering through Friday Flyers and school websites once School-Pak link is active. Complete School-Pak vs. Staples comparison report and provide to APT President for review.

Late May: Use sandwich boards at all schools as final reminder to order by mid-June for free school delivery deadline.

July: contact School-Pak to discuss tentative timing for delivery and confirm they have everything they need (school addresses, receiving clerk contact names, etc.).

August: finalize delivery date and work with building reps to make sure they set

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their date with building principals to distribute packs. Forward packing lists to reps before distribution day.

Spiritwear – Kristina Frede, Liz Olsen

No report this month.

Spirit of 67 Liaison – Amy Kelly, Amy Lazzaretto

30 Years of Giving

LINK: <https://infograph.venngage.com/p/80882/spirit-of-67-foundation-infographic>

Check our new [30 Years of Giving Infographic](#)! Learn about three decades of Spirit of 67 Foundation history in one snapshot.

Fine Arts Grants in Action at DPM

We have another fabulous film put together by LFHS student, Kai Kasprzak featuring the DPM Theater Rear Projection and Audio Systems grants funded this year. Enjoy!

<http://lfhsnewmedia.com/video/play/MVMpvBMWS5AI>

Grants LINK: <http://www.spiritof67foundation.org>

Grant Day was April 15, 2016. It was an exciting day across the district. There were assemblies at each of the three elementary schools and the grants committee visited classrooms throughout DPM. Check out our website for information about all of the grants awarded.

Get Involved LINK: <http://www.spiritof67foundation.org/get-involved.html>

The Board of Directors slate for the 2016-17 school year was approved at our last meeting. However, we are still looking for Corporate Fundraising and a Fall Events Co-Chair to manage the auction. To learn more visit the [Get Involved page](#) on our new website. You can also fill out and submit a Volunteer Form while you're there.

Home Tour LINK: <http://www.spiritof67foundation.org/home-tour.html>

Opening Doors for Education Home Tour

The 14th Annual Home Tour will take place on **May 12, 2016**. This year's tour features the only Frank Lloyd Wright home in Lake Forest. You won't want to miss it! For more information, to become a Spirit Sponsor, to purchase tickets or to

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purchase the fabulous monogrammed ice buckets and beverage tubs being offered this year, please visit the Spirit of 67 Foundation website.

Home Volunteers receive a discount on the purchase of a home tour ticket. Interested?

There are three volunteer shifts: 8:45 – 11 AM, 10:45 – 1 PM OR 12:45 – 3 PM.
Please contact one of our Staffing Captains to volunteer:

Cherokee Sophie Koliatsis sophiakoliatsis@gmail.com

Everett Kate Leech kathit13@yahoo.com

Sheridan Brooke Rolek bbrolek@gmail.com OR Sign up at
<http://vols.pt/Pm9cBh>

DPM Yvonne Bruce yderrig@gmail.com OR Sign up at
<http://vols.pt/uAUKXZ>

Spirit of 67 Foundation Website & Facebook

Please visit us at <http://www.spiritof67foundation.org> today. Be sure to bookmark it. You can also stay in the know about all Spirit of 67 Foundation news & happenings by liking us on [Facebook](#).

Staff Appreciation – Lynne Kennedy, Sushama Krishnaswamy, Ruth Winick, Janet Burt, Ami Vora, Maureen Fitzgerald, Kristen Lee

Planned a week of festivities for Teacher Appreciation Week at DPM (May 2nd-6th) – all elementary schools do something that week, so we are trying to bring DPM in line with that.

Events include breakfast, Cinco de Mayo snacks and some other surprises!

Tuesday, May 3rd is National Teacher Appreciation Day and at DPM it will be carnation day!

With help from SLS and StuCrew carnation orders were sold for a dollar during lunch hours on 14th and 15th April. Students could buy as many as they like – in exchange for a dollar the students could fill out a leaf for their teacher, administrator, staff member. Committee will then tie it to a carnation. Bouquets will be delivered by SLS and StuCrew on May 3rd.

Huge thank you to Mr. Smith and Ms. Chitwood who had their students make

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posters and organized groups of students to help sell orders.

We will make sure that every staff member is recognized with a bouquet. Very touching messages from students; even staff members buying flowers for each other!

Planning ahead for next year, have our committee in place. Will review the events from this year with the principals before setting next year's calendar.

Will assist with the Old/New Board Luncheon as needed.

Student Leadership and Service (SLS) – Kim Campbell, Ingrid Biela, Micaiah Robinson, Amy Gray

A small group of students have been selected to go to the WE Day Leadership Summit on April 28th at one of the local arenas. They will bring back new ideas and initiatives that will be talked about at this summit. Mr. Cardamone, Mr. Kroll, Mr. Smith and Ms. Chitwood will be chaperoning.

On May 31st, the Deer Path Dash will be held, and need to get parent volunteers. That email request will soon be going out.