

## Deer Path Middle School APT Meeting Minutes for 4/18/17

### Attendees

Heather Strong, Mary Kay Hanlon, Judi Olenick, Teri Albus, Diana Webb, Heather Richmond, Tish Houston, Marty VanderVelde, Molly Sarver, Beth Laufenberg, Laurie Whisler, Kate Rappel, Sushama Krishnaswamy, Anna Theodore, Amy Lamberti, Jennifer Karras, Anna McEvoy, Julie Schwan

### President – Call to Order

### Administrator Reports

(Principals offsite today. Amy Lamberti reported in their absence)

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

- May 1 / Mon (10:00 & 7:00) is the 4th gr parent orientation meeting
- May 2 / Tues - Buddy Day when 4th gr comes to 5th grade
- May 25 -Thur / last ELO date when students get to take extended learning classes hosted by teachers
- June 2 / Fri - Deer Path Dash
- End of year concert dates for orchestra and ice cream social will be adjusted

#### **Renee DeVore, Principal 7/8 and Mike Field, Assistant Principal 7/8**

- Declining enrollment is going to shift how we approach teaming next year for 7<sup>th</sup> grade. 8<sup>th</sup> grade, for the most part, will continue to loop with their students; however, there will be some shifts with some teachers due to specific needs related to courses and teaming. I will send a letter out to parents explaining all of this mid-May and what changes to expect for 2018-2019.
- PARCC testing went very well. Although it was long, the students maintained great attitudes throughout the testing and our hope is that our students have shown growth from last year. There is a lot of divided conversation around PARCC still, however the test will be one indicator of how our students are growing. The test isn't going away and as we develop our ECRIS database for our students, creating personalized learning profiles, PARCC will be one measure we use to determine whether our students are proficient in

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meeting the standards.

- Please make sure 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents are reviewing the Friday Flyer messages that are being sent out as there is quite a bit of information for end-of-the-year activities – including the dance and graduation.
- We completed team talks for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and have reminded our students of academic and behavioral expectations. Mr. Field and I have created a 3-strike policy for students, which may eliminate an opportunity for students to participate in an activity with their grade level. As the weather warms up and summer draws near, it's important to keep our kids focused as much as possible to the end of the school year. We hope that you will support our message to them at home.
- Any current 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade students who are enrolled in Algebra 1 this year, we will be holding a math meeting for next year's math placement process into AAA or AATH on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon in the lecture room on the west side. Parents and students are invited to attend. For those who cannot make it, we will provide our presentation through the Friday Flyer.
- Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting is on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30-10:30 and 6:30-7:30 in the Haskins.

### Officer Reports

#### President – Jennifer Karras

- This is our last DPM APT meeting of the year.
- Birthday recognitions – Julie Schwan, Tish Houston, Mary Kay Hanlon, Marty VanderVelde, Kim Campbell, Diana Webb and Lindsay Seaman
- Jennifer informed the board that Amy Krouse Rosenthal, a famous children's author passed away. Amy was from Lake Forest. She encouraged the board to look at the You Tube video, "The Becoming of Lovely" and also her Instagram which has been taken over by her daughter.
- Jennifer will be organizing an APT trip to the Holocaust Museum for anyone interested.

#### Vice President / Communications – Anna McEvoy

No report this month.

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### **Secretary – Kim Carden (Anna McEvoy filling in today)**

- Approval of February minutes – first motion by Beth Laufenberg and second motion by Heather Richmond, all approved.
- Please send your intention forms to Kim or Beth Laufenberg ASAP.

### **Treasurer – Lindsay Seaman**

I can't believe that it is once again time for my yearly end of school year reminder to please get all of your expense reimbursement requests in by the end of May. It would be very helpful if I had them all before that if you are totally wrapped up for the year. Quite often I get an end of year request for additional funds or a surprise. It's very helpful to me to have my head around what is truly remaining in our budget in order to avoid ending the year over budget. I would appreciate any help you can give me, even if it is just responding to this email with your outstanding expenses. As always, I will need the original receipts and paperwork in order to process your request. I may have missed some of your committee members so please reach out to your committees to make sure that they are aware of the deadline.

Thank you in advance for your help.

### **Programs – Julie Schwan**

- Julie to reach out to Mariano's regarding planting pots this year on the DPM west side.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Art Fair – Mary Kay Hanlon, Danielle Sullivan, Tara Eggers, Aida Gust**

No report this month.

### **Board of Education Liaison – Teri Albus, Christine Goshgarian**

No report this month.

### **Care and Concern – Kim Robb, Kim Gambit**

No report this month.

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### **Class of 2017 Activities – Diana Webb, Christine Goshgarian, Teri Albus, Alana Hender**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Dance – Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 9:30

- Neon Lights is the dance theme
- Everything is in process – decorating, food, photo booth, chaperones
- Meeting this Wednesday with student group for review of invitation (digital with a few posters up), decorating ideas and food options.

Class Gift – 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is gifting a 50 gallon fish tank to the new Haskins Center installed late summer.

Class Photograph – Class of 2017 class photo will be taken May 18<sup>th</sup> during homeroom.

Community Service hours - the poster in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade hallway has been updated. We are at 158% of our total pledged community service hours of 2,017 with a total of 3,185!

Lawn Signs – Yard signs will go up for all graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders and will be up for a week. There will be an announcement in the Friday Flyer if anyone wants to opt out of having one.

### **Community Service - Heather Richmond, Christiana Walsh**

Extra school supplies will be collected during the last week of school in the DPM lobbies.

### **CROYA – Laura Whisler**

No report this month.

### **Culture Fair Grade 5 – Cynthia McCullough, Heather Strong**

No report this month.

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**Culture Fair Grade 6 – Kristin O’Neil, Umang Singh**

No report this month.

**Directory / Membership – Judi Olenick**

No report this month.

**Emotional Wellness – Micaiah Robinson, Umang Singh, Elizabeth Lombardo,  
Alyssa Sinclair, Heather Clements**

No report this month.

**Fifth Grade Welcome – Tish Houston, Heather Strong**

No report this month.

**Fine Arts – Mike Borkowski**

No report this month.

**Food Service – Irene Okada**

No report this month.

**LFHS Liaison – Lynne Kennedy, Kim Campbell, Lynn Bertram**

No report this month.

**New Families – Lynn Lawler, Marty Vander Velde, Jennifer Lazarus**

No report this month.

**Parent Awareness – Umang Singh, Alyssa Sinclair**

Our first speaker series was a great success on Wednesday, February 22, with Dr. Elizabeth Lombardo speaking on “Dealing With a Moody Child.” About 60 parents attended and the feedback was very good. Emilie Carrara did a quick online survey to get feedback and solicit topics for future speakers.

Jump Start to 5th Grade is coming up on Tuesday, May 9th from 9:30 - 11:00 in The Cube for all incoming 5th Grade parents. The parent panel of 6 current 5th grade parents is all set.

We will also have a handout of some of the easily answered fact based questions

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that can be used in New Parent folders for incoming DPM students not in the District.

Promotion includes:

- Email blast to current district 67 4th grade parents
- Inclusion in all Elementary School and DPM East Friday Flyers
- Sandwich boards on the preceding Friday, Monday and Tuesday at elementary schools and DPM East
- Announcement at 5th Grade New Parent Orientation

### **Parent Teacher Liaison – Katie Frekko, Beth Laufenberg**

No report this month.

### **Room Parent Coordinators – Tish Houston (5), Lydia Conopeotis (6), Sushama Krishnaswamy (7), Judi Olenick (8)**

No report this month.

### **School Supplies – TBD 5/6, Jennifer Karras 7/8**

No report this month.

### **Spiritwear – Liz Olsen**

No report this month.

### **Spirit of 67 Liaison – Amy Kelly**

Grant Day was last week and it was an amazing success! Total amount awarded to all schools in D67 was just over \$190,000!

The Home Tour is Thursday May 4th. Volunteers are needed for the DPM home.

Please contact Kate Rappel if you can work a shift. [Katerappel@me.com](mailto:Katerappel@me.com)

Please also remember to purchase raffle tickets. Details on the Spirit of 67 website.

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**Staff Appreciation – Lynne Kennedy, Sushama Krishnaswamy, Sophia Koliatsis, Lisa Lamb, Sarah Long, Maureen Fitzgerald, Kristen Lee, Laura Adams, Anna Theodore, Julie Benda Helms**

March 2017 – Conference dinner – Lou Malnati’s and desserts

April 2017 – planning for teacher appreciation week which will be 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> May  
We have an event planned for each day of the week, breakfast on Monday, lunches on Tuesday and Friday and snack bars the other days.

Theme is “Raising the Bar” – because DPM teachers and staff raise the bar for our children every day.

(Full committee meeting in February to work out the theme and daily events)

Sign Up genius sent out via Friday Flier, Facebook and Room Parents – requesting donations for drinks, snacks, baked goods etc. Here’s the link again:

<http://signup.com/go/2YdXzj>

Student Participation invited through the Student Leadership Clubs, via Edmodo etc.  
Students asked to write recognition notes which will be given to teachers and staff with lunch on Tuesday.

Thank you in advance to everyone for signing up to help.

**Student Leadership & Spirit 5/6 – Micaiah Robinson, Wendy Flynn**

No report this month.

**Student Leadership & Spirit 7/8 – Amy Gray, Kimberly Carris**

No report this month.