

## **Deer Path Middle School APT Meeting Minutes for 10/18/16**

Meeting Commenced at 9:04 a.m.  
Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

### **Attendees**

Kim Carden, Julie Schwan, Heather Clements, Alyssa Sinclair, Judi Olenick, Tish Houston, Lynn Bertram, Amy Kelly, Mary Kay Hanlon, Heather Richmond, Marty Vander Velde, Kim Campbell, Sushama Krishnaswamy, Anna Theodore, Chistine Goshgarian, Diana Webb, Kim Robb, Amy Lamberti, Mike Field, Michael Kroll, Rebecca Jenkins, Jennifer Karras, Anna McEvoy, Lindsay Seaman

### **President – Call to Order**

### **Guest Speakers –**

**Rebecca Jenkins – Assistant Superintendent of Districts 67 and 115**

### **Administrator Reports**

#### **Michael Kroll, Assistant Principal 5/6**

- Parent Teacher Conferences at DPM will be October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Online registration for conferences is closed, but if you still need to schedule a conference, please call the DPM office.
- There will be Halloween parties during home room this year.
- Upcoming concerts: 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade choral concert – October 19<sup>th</sup> in the DPM auditorium at 7pm; 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Orchestra -Mark Wood – Electrify Your Strings concert at LFHS, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm; 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band concert on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

#### **Mike Field, Assistant Principal 7/8**

- Community Service Day for 8<sup>th</sup> graders on October 21<sup>st</sup>
- Fall Festival on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Costumes allowed with restrictions.

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### Teacher Liaison - Amy Lamberti

- "Screenagers" will be showing at the Gorton Center on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Arrive early and

### **Officer Reports**

#### President - Jennifer Karras

- Jennifer recognized Kim Carden for doing the Chicago Marathon and Sushama Krishnaswamy for all of her volunteer work

#### Vice President / Communications - Anna McEvoy

- Please let Anna know of any events she can add to the website

#### Secretary - Kim Carden

- Approval of September minutes – first motion by Mary Kay Hanlon, second motion by Heather Richmond, all approved.

#### Treasurer - Lindsay Seaman

- It is important for committees to turn in their receipts to Lindsay for reimbursement so Lindsay knows how much money to budget for each committee every year.

#### Programs - Julie Schwan

We have Superintendent Mike Simeck scheduled to speak at our Nov 15 board meeting.

Book Discussion with Tom and Renee is set for Weds Nov 30 @ 1pm in the Cube. We will be discussing the book "How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the Overparenting Trap and Prepare Your Kid for Success" by Julie Lythcott-Haims.

Join us for a meaningful way to kick off your holiday season – volunteer with your DPM students at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville – we have a block of 34 spaces reserved (and only 6 left) on Sat Dec 17 from 2-4pm. There is a Sign Up Genius sent around – we will resend in hopes of filling the last 6 spots.

Feed My Starving Children is a non-profit organization committed to feeding hungry children around the world. Children and adults hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, and we ship these meals to our distribution partners.

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### Committee Reports

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

Art Fair committee members Mary Kay Hanlon, Tara Eggers and Danielle Sullivan (absent member Aida Gust) met to review last year's Art Fair plan and set dates for this year.

#### **General dates for 2017 Art Fair:**

Monday, 1/23 and Tuesday, 1/24 7:45-9 a.m. collection of art pieces at DPME

Wednesday, 1/25 and Thursday, 1/26 7:45-9 a.m. collection of art pieces at DPMW

Committee will complete display of artwork by Friday, 1/27

Monday, 1/30 8:30-11 a.m. official judges' voting  
11 a.m. - 3 p.m. student/faculty voting by homeroom

Tuesday, 1/31 - Wednesday, 2/1 all day student/faculty voting continues until all homerooms have voted

Monday, 2/6 ribbons awarded and hung

All pieces will remain on display until Art Fair Open House

Wednesday, 2/22 5-7 p.m. Art Fair Open House (to coincide with Band & Choir concerts that evening)

Thursday, 2/23 and Friday, 2/24 TBD take down art and student pick up from Cube/Haskins

Mary Kay secured approval of dates from DPME Principal Tom Cardamone and DPMW Principal Renée DeVore.

Danielle confirmed participation of judges from ReInvent Studio.

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### Next steps:

Meet during October/November to review/update Student Registration Packet and go through bins of ribbons and display materials to determine what needs to be prepared/ordered for this year's Art Fair.

Work with Mary Mercer to secure the Cube/Haskins for collection, display and Open House.

Confirm dates with Patti Fleser, work with her to prepare Voting Form for posting on Edmodo.

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

September 27, 2016

District 67 Board of Education Meeting Summary (These are not the official minutes of the Board of Education. Board minutes can be found on the district website [www.lakeforestschoools.org](http://www.lakeforestschoools.org))

### President's Report (Presented by Mike Borkowski, BOE 67 President)

Summarized what the board has been working on overall:

- A) Defined district mission and vision
- B) Developed core values
- C) Created guideposts and milestones

Some highlights/examples of the above – new labor contract allows for more professional development; learning environment milestones; viable curriculum.

### Superintendent's Report (Presented by Mike Simeck, Superintendent of K-12)

Showed videos of students in the classroom around the district to demonstrate:

- A) Workplaces (sitting on the floor; standing; what furniture is conducive to learning)
- B) Various learning processes (different methods, same results/answers)
- C) Peer editing
- D) Implementation of reading and writing workshops (offered during professional development)

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### 2016-2017 Budget Hearing (final step)

Presented and explained the breakdown of the budget, and the processes behind it.

There are 4 sources of income for the budget: 1) Local\*; 2) State; 3) Federal; 4) Other.

\*District 67 depends most heavily on Local.

The budget contains various funds/buckets. The largest fund is the Educational Fund (labor dependent/salaries and benefits). Highlights of the E.F.: 1) Professional development; 2) ELA Adaption (books); 3) Science Materials.

Discussed facility highlights.

Projected Revenues and Expenses: Expenses exceed Revenues by \$920,000

### Summary Statement:

- A) Unbalanced budget due to planned life safety, capital projects, and construction.
- B) District will remain financially strong as fund balance will remain above policy target of 10%.

### Fund Balance Report

New policy states that target range of fund balance must be over 10% - 15% of annual expenditures. Previously, was 23.84% of anticipated expenditures, will be 21%. No additional measures are required at this time.

### Board Committee Reports

A) Board Education Committee Report  
- No report

B) Board Finance and Operations Committee Report (Presented by Rob Lemke)

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- New life skills classroom; dental coverage issues.

C) Policy Committee Report (Presented by Jeff Folker)  
- Full day Kindergarten tuition waiver for at-risk students; review of 5 year policies for updating; review of District 115 policies.

D) Compensation Committee Report  
- No report.

E) Joint Shared Services Committee Report  
- No report.

F) Board Operations Procedures Committee Report (Presented by Jeff Folker)  
- Reviewing procedures around board meetings.

### Liaison Reports

A) North Suburban Special Education District (NSSED) Report (Presented by Suzanne Sands)

- Hired new superintendent, Dr. Schneider; budget review, and deficit reported due to low enrollment.

B) Legislative Liaison Report  
- No report.

C) Spirit of 67 Foundation Report (Presented by Suzanne Sands)  
- Home grown reading; online auction; and Kick Up Your Boots For Education event; fundraising goal for these events is \$40,000; 396 families donated to the Spirit, which represents 37% of families, and over \$70,000. Donations are up over last year.

D) APT Board Report (Presented by Jeff Folker)  
- New theme word is "Commitment"; Julie Pasinato took a full time teaching job, but will continue in her role as president, with more

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assistance; drinking fountains are being repaired/remediated; APT budget was approved and monies will be allocated based on enrollment; School

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

No report this month.

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

**Community Service Day (CSD)** is next Friday, October 21st, 2016. The students (234) will be going to one of 19 locations- Beacon Place, Benny's World, Bernie' Book Bank, Boys and Girls Club, Citadel, CROYA, Elawa, Equestrian Connection, Forest & Found, LF Open Lands, North Chicago Community Partners, Ragdale Foundation, House of Peace, Lake County Haven, Sparrow's Nest Thrift Store, LEAD, Fill a Heart 4 Kids, Lake County Forest Preserve and Wildlife Discovery Center.

The Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Rotary Club is once again underwriting the cost of the buses.

In addition to teacher chaperones, we have over 30 parent chaperones that have generously donated their morning to volunteer.

**Dance** - we are working on a new venue for the dance - a luncheon boat cruise on the Spirit of Chicago. Students will be watching a video comparing the two options of the regular Friday night dance at school or a boat cruise during the day. The day of the dance is a ½ day - the Friday before Memorial Day. Students will be voting this week.

**Activities Letter** - a letter from the committee describing all the 8th grade graduation activities was sent home last month to all 8th grade families.

**Talent Show** - we are looking into ways to expand 8th grade student participation in the Talent Show next spring.

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

District 67 will once again participate in the Lake County Cares Thanksgiving Food Drive. The drive will run Oct 31-Nov 14.

This year homeroom teachers at DPM will share a PowerPoint presentation with students that talks about the great need just 15-30 minutes away from Lake Forest that served by the food drive.

And there are ways for families to be involved beyond contributing food.

#### Sort

November 15-17 from 3-5:30 p.m. help sort the food & make meal bags at Gorton

#### Load

November 18 from 3-5:30 p.m. help load food onto the trucks at Gorton

#### Deliver

Nov 19 at 9 a.m. meet at Gorton Center in the parking lot to help deliver food to Lake County food pantries.

To help, send an email to Lake County Cares at [info@lakecountycares.org](mailto:info@lakecountycares.org).

Thanks for supporting the families in Lake County this Thanksgiving!

### **CROYA - Laura Whisler**

No report this month.

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

No report this month.

### **Culture Fair Grade 6 - Kristin O'Neil, Umang Singh**

No report this month.



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### **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**

- Fine Arts show in September 2016 was big success.
  - Eagle Productions put on “Presidential Debate” for 5-8<sup>th</sup> graders.
  - Family Feud game show style with grade-appropriate questions for each group.
  - Students called up on stage to “compete” and participate
  - Hugely engaging....very consistent with District’s focus on “owning the dinner conversation” as many reports of kids talking to their parents about it and extending learning beyond the classroom walls
  - Nice coincidence – it was scheduled on the same day as the 1<sup>st</sup> Presidential Debate

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### Food Service – Irene Okada

Replaced breakfast posters with posters educating on calcium...



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

#### Open Doors -Career Exploration

-The 11th annual Open Doors Career Exploration Program will be held on November 3-4 2016. The purpose of this job-shadowing program is to provide students with first-hand, on-the-job experience with professionals in the community and with local volunteer agencies during the two days when students have off from school due to Parent-Teacher conferences. Students in all grade levels are

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encouraged to participate in this unique and valuable program.

Sunday, October 16 at 7pm:

Online registration opens for students at [www.lfhsopendoors.com](http://www.lfhsopendoors.com). This is done on a first come, first served basis. Some opportunities are limited and may fill up very quickly.

Sunday, October 23 at 7pm:

Online registration closes

Tuesday and Wednesday, October 25 and 26:

Mandatory orientation. October 27 for last names A-J and October 28 for last names K-Z.

Thursday and Friday, November 3 and 4:

Program dates

### Music Department Citrus Sale is ON - Order before Nov. 7

The LFHS Band & Orchestra are raising money for our 2017 Musical Tour of Italy during Spring Break 2017. All profits will go directly to the individual trip account of the student seller, so be sure to select a student's name when ordering!

We have partnered with Florida Indian River Groves to provide you with the freshest fruit available. Your fruit will be harvested the very same day it's shipped to us, ensuring that you receive fruit that is hours off the tree.

Citrus Pick-Up at LFHS WEST Campus

Friday, December 2: 3:30 pm- 7:00pm

Saturday, December 3: 9:00am - 4:00pm

**New School Day Feedback Meeting-** These meetings will be an opportunity for parents/guardians to share feedback.

Monday, Oct. 24, 2016

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Admin Center/West Campus Board Room

or

Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016

9:30am - 10:30am

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Admin Center/West Campus Board Room

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, November 3

Friday, November 4 - NO SCHOOL

Monday-Wednesday (October 31, November 1, 2) will follow the Scout Day Class  
Schedule each day, 8:15 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.

Senior Parents Please Note: Transcript Deadlines for 2016-2017

College deadline of November 1, 2016 – Request must be in by Wednesday, October 19, 2016

College deadline of November 15, 2016 - Request must be in by Monday, October 31, 2016

College deadline of December 1, 2016 - Request must be in by Tuesday, November 15, 2016

College deadline of December 15, 2016 - Request must be in by Friday, December 2, 2016

College deadline of January 1 and 15, 2017 - Request must be in by Friday, December 16, 2016

The Transcript Office will be closed over the Holidays. December 19, 2016 – January 2, 2017

School will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2017

Changes to the schedule on October 19<sup>th</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup>

**Wednesday, October 19**

**Seniors, Sophomores (who are not taking the PSAT) and Freshman students**

- **All LFHS students who are not taking the PSAT test on October 19 will start school at 12:10pm.** This is a change from the originally announced schedule. School will end at 3:20pm.
- There will be a special bus schedule on Oct. 19 to ensure students arrive prior to the start of school at 12:10pm. **School will be closed for all students not taking the assessment, prior to the start of classes at 12:10pm.**
- Students will follow this modified class schedule.

**All Juniors and Sophomores (who elected to take the PSAT)**

*This information remains the same as previously announced for PSAT testing on*

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*Wednesday, October 19.*

Testing will begin at 8:15 am. **Students must be seated in their designated location by no later than 8:15am to take the test.** Students riding the bus will need to **take the early bus** to arrive on time.

- Students with standard testing time will be administered the test in the field house. Those with accommodations will test in the Library classrooms (located on the first floor).
- Students must bring their Student ID, #2 pencils with erasers, and an approved calculator. Cell phones and food are not allowed in the testing area. For a list of approved calculators please visit the **College Board website here.**
- At the end of the exam, test-taking students will have the opportunity to go to the cafeteria for lunch. Students will rejoin the instructional day for their regular class schedules at 12:10pm. **Students will follow this modified class schedule.** School will end at 3:20pm.

### **Thursday, October 20 - All Students**

School will start at a normal time (9:00am). Early Bird classes and PLT will occur as usual.

**All students will follow this modified class schedule on Thursday, October 20.**

School will end at 3:20pm and all bus transportation will run on its regular schedule.

### **Why did we revise the plan?**

Our changes to the schedule will ensure:

- No student will miss a class due to testing and all classes will meet. In the previous proposal, all juniors and 170 sophomores would miss some of their classes due to testing.
- Wednesday and Thursday will remain "block days" with periods being 60 minutes, rather than 80 minutes.
- School will end at 3:20pm on both days, allowing athletics and activities to proceed as usual.

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

No report this month.

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

#### Committee Meeting

We held our first PA Committee meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup>. We discussed several topics including working closely with Emotional Wellness, bringing greater awareness to parents of initiatives taking place in our schools and community, the 67 E-Pulse newsletter and Jump Start to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.

#### 67 E-Pulse Newsletter

The Executive Board PA reps and EW reps meet with Emilie Correa, District 67's Emotional Wellness Coordinator, to discuss and plan upcoming issues of the newsletter. The first one will be coming out in the last week of October with 3 more planned for this year. Be watching for it. Anyone is welcome to submit articles and topics to Emilie at [ecorrea@lfschools.net](mailto:ecorrea@lfschools.net).

#### Upcoming Community Events

Events from LEAD (Linking Efforts Against Drugs) Visit their website for more information at: [leadingefforts.org](http://leadingefforts.org).

### **Red Ribbon Week**

Red Ribbon Week officially kicks off with LEAD'S Red Ribbon Race on Saturday, October 22nd. Red Ribbon Week is a longstanding week dedicated to raising awareness about drug and alcohol abuse in communities nationwide. This year's theme is YOLO – You Only Live Once. Be Drug Free. The mission of the Red Ribbon campaign is to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of a Drug-Free America.

### **Red Ribbon Race 5K – LEAD's major fundraiser**

Saturday, October 22, 2016 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Gorton Community Center

The 9th annual LEAD Red Ribbon Race is right around the corner. Proceeds from this event go directly toward continuing LEAD's work in shaping, changing and saving the lives of young people through parent and youth education, emotional wellness programming, and substance abuse prevention.

Adrenaline Sports Management (ASM) has been hired to manage, facilitate and staff

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the event on race day. ASM is a locally based company that specializes in the formation and production of athletic events throughout the country. Chip check! They've introduced chip timing for more accurate results.

You can register for the race at [leadingefforts.org](http://leadingefforts.org). Volunteer positions are also available on the website.

### **Taste of Wellness Fair**

Saturday, October 22, 2016 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM Gorton Community Center

Building on the past four years, LEAD is sponsoring the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Taste of Wellness Fair in conjunction with the Red Ribbon Race. The Taste of Wellness Fair, open from 7:30 a.m. to 12 Noon on Saturday, October 22nd, will feature local vendors who are coming together in an effort to provide wellness opportunities for families. With free food and activities for kids, this is an event the whole family will enjoy! Save the Date and plan to join us for the Red Ribbon Race, Taste of Wellness, or BOTH! Please note that this event continues to grow, and over 750 participants are expected.

Bring your family to participate in the following activities:

Games for Kids

Face Painting and Glitter Tattoos

Fire Truck tours

FREE FOOD

MUSIC

Local wellness exhibitors (nutritionists, fitness professionals, mental health professionals, etc.)

**Screenagers** - Wednesday, November 9, 7:00 p.m. at The John and Nancy Hughes Theater at Gorton Community Center.

The award winning documentary, *Screenagers* takes a deeply personal approach as it probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, *Screenagers* reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate

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the digital world and find balance.

If your kids scroll through life with rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span, then this is for you! Latest research from the Kaiser Family Foundation shows that the average kid spends 6.5 hours a day looking at screens. No matter the age of your kids, this topic is relevant.

The screening is free, and no RSVP's are required. Seating is limited, and is first-come, first-served. For more information about the screening, and to view a trailer of the film, visit <http://www.leadingefforts.org/screenagers>.

### **Speaker Series at Lake Forest Country Day – open to the public**

Thursday, October 27, 2016, 10:00, Green Bay Atrium

LFCDS will host *New York Times* best-selling author, educator, and speaker Jessica Lahey. Her talk "The Gift of Failure: How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed" will explore why parents must refrain from stepping in when children experience disappointments and frustrations, so children can learn from life's inevitable mistakes and setbacks and grow up to be successful, resilient, self-reliant adults.

Please see the Lake Forest Country Day website for more information: [lfcds.org](http://lfcds.org).

### **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.



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### **Spiritwear – Liz Olsen**

Spiritwear committee wrap up our efforts this year with the delivery Oct. 13th of all the DPM t-shirts, hoodies and shorts that the students and staff ordered. There are a few extra items at Kiddles if you're looking for Spiritwear from any of the schools.

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

All of you, who attended the Barn Dance, **thank you** for your support! We would also like to thank all of you who participated in the silent auction! Your donations make it possible for The Spirit of 67 Foundation to grant money to Sheridan, Cherokee, Everett, and DPM.

If you haven't become a donor yet, please do so to help support our schools. You can find our link on the school webpage or go to <http://www.spiritof67foundation.org>. With your help, we can reach every student in every school everyday. No donation is too small or too large, but if you donate at least \$250 you will receive a "Shop with Spirit Card".

Our second big fundraiser is the Home Tour and luncheon, which will be held May 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be more details to follow when the event gets closer.

Thank you for your support!!!

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

Committee hosted 2 bagel breakfasts one for each building after DPME Curriculum Night and DPMW back to school night.

Our next event is a Conference Night Dinner on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. We are finalizing the caterer and have a need for donations of desserts and beverages. Link to Sign Up genius has been posted on Facebook pages and through the Friday newsletters.

Please sign up!!

<http://signup.com/go/W2YC2d>

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Already planning for the next event in November – Thanksgiving Treats/Harvest themed event on November 21<sup>st</sup> - please look out for the sign ups for that!

**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.