

Deer Path Middle School APT Meeting Minutes for 1/17/17

Meeting Commenced at 9:05 a.m.
Meeting Adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Attendees

Kim Carden, Julie Schwan, Lindsay Seaman, Alyssa Sinclair, Judi Olenick, Danielle Sullivan, Heather Richmond, Teri Albus, Diana Webb, Mary Kay Hanlon, Beth Laufenberg, Laurie Whisler, Anna Theodore, Sophia Koliatsis, Sushama Krishnaswamy, Jennifer Lazarus, Amy Lamberti, Mike Field, Michael Kroll, Tom Cardamone, Anna McEvoy, Jennifer Karras

President – Call to Order

Guest Speakers –

Stu Crew (DPM's student council/spirit leadership)

Administrator Reports

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

- Tom thanked the Staff Appreciation committee for the recent treats
- General music shows will be on 1/18 and 1/19 with 12:30 performances for the 5th and 6th graders and 2:30 parent performances
- The Art Fair is coming soon with collection of art pieces next week.
- Family Game Night is this Friday 1/20 from 5:00 to 7:30 in the cafeteria and the gyms. Raffle off a bike from Kiddles
- Student Council's halfway party is Feb 3rd
- Spirit of 67 Faculty Talent Show Fundraiser is February 10th. 4pm for students and 7pm for families.

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

- Mike thanked the Staff Appreciation Committee for the recent treats.
- The Foundations 7/8 team recently met.
- A looping survey was sent out to parents with 65 % wanting to continue

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looping, 25% neutral and 10 % no.

Teacher Liaison - Amy Lamberti

- World Language and EWC have partnered to “Educate Without Boundaries and Learn Without Limits”! 6,7,8th graders are being offered a Service Learning and Language Immersion Trip to the Dominican Republic!! Parent Information Night is Wednesday, January 18 from 7-8PM in DPM Auditorium. Please RSVP on link through DPM website. All students welcome (regardless of the language in which they are enrolled ... a great way to become an engaged global citizen)!

<http://www.eftours.com/videos/global-classroom>

Information here <https://goo.gl/AuAEJ> RSVP here - <https://goo.gl/R1BUPM>

- Shrek musical needs some info: We are in need on lumber, paint and if any parent has expertise in woodworking that would be awesome too! Any help I can get would be great!

PERFORMANCE DATES: March 15- School Performances & March 16 - 5:30pm call for a 7pm show

- Any picture they take at school games and or school events, please email them in the largest size they can to Sabiha and or Inam Rahman to include in our yearbook which is full of memories and will become a part of Deer Path's history.
- Thank you for the amazing holiday cookie event. You went above and beyond to bring holiday cheer to our teachers. A sincere thank you!
- The Students Involved in Technology conference has moved to Arlington Heights. Registration closes on this Friday - Jan. 20. For more information or questions contact Amy Lamberti. This is a community event on a Saturday - Feb. 11. www.sitconference.org
- Please remind parents about Family Game Night. It will be held on January 20. 5:00-7:30pm- We want to get as many families as possible. Many great raffles! Lots of fun games for all!

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Officer Reports

President - Jennifer Karras

- Jennifer reminded 8th grade parents to register for LFHS.

Vice President / Communications - Anna McEvoy

- Anna had a question for the board about releasing email addresses for room parents.

Secretary - Kim Carden

- Approval of November, 2016 minutes – first motion by Heather Richmond and second motion by Beth Laufenberg. All approved.

Treasurer - Lindsay Seaman

- Lindsay encouraged all board members to hand in their reimbursement forms to her.

Programs - Julie Schwan

- Thanks to all who attended the book discussion on 11/30 with Tom and Renee. We had a very good turnout and a positive discussion. For the spring, we contemplated reading a book about parenting boys with a discussion led by Tom and a book about parenting girls with a discussion led by Renee. The principals seemed amenable to this and the parents in the group seemed interested. Another topic that was raised was teaching children how to be financially adept. Any book suggestions are welcomed and appreciated!
- We had a truly wonderful time at Feed My Starving Children on December 17th. We had a fantastic turnout and had so much fun while filling hundreds of bags of food. I think all who attended agreed that it was an inspiring way to start off the holiday break with our families.

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Committee Reports

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

Art Fair is coming up!

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

December 2016:

Committee met to review/update Student Registration Packet and go through bins of ribbons and display

Tallied materials to determine what needs to be prepared/ordered for this year's Art Fair.

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Prepared series of announcements for Friday Flyer, Facebook and DPM website to promote Art Fair. Forwarded to Anna McEvoy for weekly distribution via communication channels until January collection dates.

Designed and printed new Sandwich Board signs and small (8 ½ x 11) flyers. Displayed throughout school starting early December.

January 2017:

Ordered additional award ribbons through Hodges Badge Company.

Submitted room reservation forms with Mary Mercer in District Office to secure the Cube/Haskins for collection, display and Open House.

Met with Patti Fleser to discuss logistics and update Google form for electronic voting. Will be posted on Edmodo for faculty-student vote.

Assembled a Google Slides presentation advertising Art Fair for students. Shared with Patti Fleser for distribution via Edmodo.

Prepared an announcement reminding students of upcoming Art Fair. Sent to DPM secretaries to share over PA system prior to MLK long weekend.

Re-confirmed participation of judges from Re-Invent Studio.

Contacted Deer Path Art League to gather information on their upcoming Young Artists Exhibit. Best of Show winners from DPM Art Fair will be included in the show.

Next Steps:

After art submission, prepare participant list and name tags to display with artwork.

Finalize Google form for electronic voting and work with Patti Fleser/Katie Schiyer to distribute via Edmodo.

Coordinate photography of all Art Fair submissions prior to hanging ribbons. Assemble slideshow or video to showcase art.

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After judging, prepare winner's list. Announce via Friday Flyer/DPM website.

Hang ribbons and name tags.

Order cookies for participation treat, make tags for each artist.

Purchase refreshments for February 22 Art Fair Open House. Email invitations to participants.

Write letters to Best of Show winners to share news of participation in Deer Path Art League Young Artists show.

After Open House, take down art and return to students. Forward Best of Show winners to Deer Path Art League student show for display during their event.

Board of Education Liaison – Teri Albus, Christine Goshgarian

Monthly APT Executive Board Report

Month/Year: January 2017

Position: Board of Ed Liaison

Submitted by: Megan Medica

Brief Summary of Current Month – Activities:

Summary of December 13th, 2016 BOE meeting:

Board President's Report

Board President Mike Borkowski reported that the board and administration have been reviewing the educational and financial priorities of the district. Through a collaborative process, a plan was developed and vetted to accelerate progress towards achieving the District Vision. The initiatives outlined in the plan include additional personnel, renovation of the Haskins Center (DPM), classroom transformations, safety improvements to all school building vestibules, ADA compliance of DPM-E nurse's station and office, Cherokee and Sheridan playground improvements, and development of a Future Spaces Plan. As part of this overall process, board members and administrators visited other school districts and their

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facilities. The team observed projects that were deemed successful and ones that were not. Mike outlined the specifics, timelines, costs, etc. in his report.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Mike Simeck announced that the schools, in partnership with LEAD, will host a second community viewing of the movie *Screenagers, Growing Up in a Digital Age* on January 18, 7pm at LFHS East Campus. The district and LEAD are also planning a book discussion and movie in early 2017 (*Most Likely to Succeed* by Tony Wagner) and next fall will be hosting Julie Lythcott-Haims, the author of *How to Raise an Adult*. Mike thanked LEAD for its support of these important school community conversations. Additionally, Mike announced that the Comprehensive School Climate Inventory (CSCI) will be administered to students, staff, and parents in February.

Assessment Report

Susan Milsk, Director of Teaching and Learning, presented an overview of district assessment results and highlighted four key areas: Spring MAP, MAP Matched Cohorts, PARCC Assessment Status, and Assessment Growth using the District's Local Growth Model. Susan indicated that the district will continue to analyze the data to target areas for improvement.

Education Report

Board member Beth Clemmensen reported that a team of three students presented findings from a research project evaluating what it would take to install solar panels on both District 115 and District 67 buildings. Because of the design, position, and newness of the Deer Path Middle School roof, it is a strong candidate for effectively using solar panels. The students' idea for funding the significant investment is to offer the community sponsorship opportunities and engage in a public-private partnership with local businesses.

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Susan Milsk provided an update to the committee on the World Language program. Education goals and expectations have been determined for each stage of the program.

Care and Concern – Kim Robb, Kim Gambit

No report this month.

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

8th Grade Graduation Dance – Friday, May 26th, 6:30 – 9:30

- Meet with student planning committee who is in the process of coming up with presentations to show to the 8th grade class with ideas for the 3 dance themes: Neon Lights, Starry Night and Under the Sea
- Hope to have students vote on theme by 1/25
- Plan to meet with parent volunteers in February to start planning décor, food, etc.
- DJ is booked – same as last year
- Working on finalizing budget
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Class Gift – is in process

Budget/Finances – still have around 30 families that have not paid activity fee so will do another round of trying to collect in February.

Also working on updating Community Service hours – there is a poster in the 8th grade hallway, graduation program for the ceremony and yard signs which will once again be distributed to yards of 8th graders.

Community Service - Heather Richmond, Christiana Walsh

Lake County Cares would like to thank District 67 for partnering on the 12th Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Due to last-minute email requests to families for additional donations, it was a record year, providing 551 full meals to eight local food pantries.

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In addition 1,175 pounds of miscellaneous food was collected and \$1,130 in gift cards, which helped families to purchase turkeys to go with their meal.

Thank you for all who contributed to our neighboring communities.

Also, Community Service is in discussions with Lake County Cares to plan the School Supply Drive at the end of the school year.

CROYA – Laura Whisler

Croya is having their big biannual fundraiser coming up on Sunday, January 22nd. All the money raised will go towards the CROYA scholarships as well as House of Peace, which is a shelter in North Chicago for abused women and children.

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.

Directory / Membership – Judi Olenick

No report this month.

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

Emotional Wellness reps will be meeting Emilie Correa next month to discuss and secure future dates and topics for parent speaker series.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Wednesday, January 18th, 7:00 - 8:30, there is a repeat showing of the movie “Screenagers” at the Lake Forest High School Raymond Moore Auditorium. See LEAD’s website, leadingefforts.org for more information. There are also some good resources pages for how to talk with your teen about screen time, etc.

Wednesday, January 25th, 7:00 - 8:30 PM - From LEAD: Cultivate Series: Teenproofing! The Middle School to High School Transition. This session is for

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parents who will have middle schooler transitioning to high school.

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

Continue to welcome New Families as they arrive. Since December, we have welcomed the following new families with an introduction and folder.

5th grade: 1

6th grade: 1

7th grade: 2

8th grade: 1

Parent Awareness - Umang Singh, Alyssa Sinclair

Parent Awareness will be setting up a meeting later this month with our committee to discuss and start planning for Jump Start to 5th Grade in May.

Family Game Night at DPM is January 20th from 5:00 - 7:30. Details will be in the Friday Flyer and on Facebook, etc. Details are also on the DPM website. Please bring a book to donate. Books will be donated to K-% students at Little Fort Elementary School.

Parent Teacher Liaison - Katie Frekko, Beth Laufenberg

No report this month.

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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 APPLICATIONS are DUE January 26, 2017 at NOON. More information about the grant application process and applications are available on our [website](#).

SAVE THE DATE The Spirit of 67 Foundation is proud to host our 15th Annual Opening Doors for Education Home Tour on May 4, 2017. If you or someone you know is interested in being a home sponsor, invitation sponsor or luncheon sponsor, please contact Lydia Conopeotis at toochconop@aol.com. Information about shout outs will be forthcoming. We hope that when the time comes many of you will be volunteering to help us staff the houses this year.

Faculty Talent Show It's coming back!!! On February 10th DPM will be hosting the D67 Faculty Talent Show! The D67 Faculty members are excited to partner with the Spirit of 67 for a wonderful evening of "talent" and fun. It's a way that the staff celebrate our partnership and express their gratitude towards the Spirit of 67 for our continued support of all students and staff here in D67. There will be more information coming soon regarding tickets, but some early specifics are that there will be both a 4:00 and a 7:00 performance in the DPM Auditorium on Friday, February 10th. We look forward to seeing many of you there for this wonderful event!

Stay in the know about all Spirit of 67 Foundation news & happenings by bookmarking our [website](#) and liking us on [Facebook](#).

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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

Since last meeting in November Committee has hosted 3 events:

Nov – Thanksgiving Treats – baked goods, warm apple cider, tea, nuts, pumpkin seeds etc. Thank you to everyone who donated. We had an abundance of treats for the teachers.

Dec – Hot chocolate bar and cookie walk – again, thank you to the numerous families who baked and bought cookies. Teachers had ample selections to choose from and were able to take boxes home to share with families. Hot chocolate bar with a range of toppings.

Jan – New Year's Resolution Healthy Snack bar and coffee. Lindsay had purchased a large selection of K-cups with surplus budget, which we paired with granola bars, yogurt and juice for a healthy start to the New Year.

HUGE thank you to communications team for promoting the events on Facebook and through the Friday newsletter.

Next month: Valentine's Day treats!! Look out for a sign up for baked goods and candy!

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.