

Deer Path Middle School APT Meeting Minutes for 2/16/16

Meeting Commenced at 9:04 a.m.
Meeting Adjourned at 10:40a.m.

Attendees

Julie Schwan, Yvonne Derrig Bruce, Tiffany Wiesner, Shawn Ward, Sally McDonald, Beth Laufenberg, Christine Goshgarian, Lynn Bertram, Alyssa Sinclair, Sushama Krishnaswamy, Amy Lazzaretto, Michael Kroll, Tom Cardamone, Paul Suminski, Jennifer Karras Anna McEvoy, Kim Carden, Jennifer Lazarus, Kim Campbell

President – Call to Order

Guest Speakers –

Megan Gayter and Nick Nahigian, CROYA

- CROYA is open for 7th grade to high school.
- There will be a middle school dance on March 4th.
- Cooking club at CROYA on Wednesdays.
- Many opportunities for musicians
- Looking for ideas from parents too.
- CROYA is revamping their website. It will soon include resources for parents.

Dr. Ingrid Wiemer and Officer Conrad Christensen

Please see attachment for Dr. Wiemer's and Officer Christensen's presentation on school safety and security.

Administrator Reports

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

- SLS had a great celebration to support the Special Olympics. Raised over \$600.
- Parent teacher conferences Thursday, February 25 and Friday, February 26
- On Thursday, February 18th, there will be an 8th grade BOC Disney Preview Concert at 6pm. There will also be an Art Fair Open House 5-7pm.

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- Solo Ensemble will be this weekend at Country Day School.
- A SIT (Students Involved in Technology) will be this weekend at DPM.
- On February 29th, there will be a Fine Arts presentation: Tales of Olympus.
- On Wednesday, March 9th, 4th graders will be coming to DPM to see the Lion King.
- Culture Fair for 6th grade will be March 11th and March 14th for the 5th grade.

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

- Renee DeVore ill today
- 8th grade mailings going out soon
- 8th grade Holocaust immersion week before spring break
- 8th grade creative arts rotation; facilitated by teachers, but run by students

Teacher Liaison - Amy Lamberti

- DPM East - Garden Helpers

Calling garden lovers or anyone looking for community service hours! Mrs Zoul, a 6th grade science teacher, is hoping to find an APT rep to support the new garden coming to DeerPath. She'd like to have a group of summer volunteers. More information or groups of interest can contact her directly at azoul@lfschools.net

- Treat Thank you!

Thank you parents for the wonderful treats and yummy snacks you've given to teachers in the lounges

- Parents taking sports photos

If any parents have took sports pictures would you be so kind to share with Mrs. Rahman for the yearbook? Need them by March 7

- GIRL WORLD Book Club – open to all 5th and 6th grade girls!

The book, *Girl World: How to Ditch the Drama and Find Your Inner Amazing*, written by Trish Ottaviano (who spoke to the girls in the auditorium on 11/9/15) is an inspirational guidebook that helps girls navigate bullying, friendship conflicts, the ugly side of social media, etc. Reading this book together in a book club format, will

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provide an opportunity for the girls to support each other while creating an honest dialogue about the struggles they are currently facing. The goal is to empower the girls by improving their self-esteem, communication and problem-solving/conflict management skills.

Please help us promote the Book Club by “selling” it to all of your girls. We will be meeting in the Tower/Group Room on Mondays at Lunch beginning 2/29. We are asking each girl to purchase their own copy of the book. (Books can be ordered through Amazon or Barnes & Noble for \$7.76) The link to sign up is on Edmodo. Posters (attached) and will be displayed in the hallways around DPM East

Officer Reports

President - Jennifer Karras

- Dr. Holland will be speaking at the April DPM APT board meeting.
- The book club date has been moved to Monday, March 7th at noon in the Cube. The book is “The Gift of Failure” by Jessica Leahy.
- Introduced Julie Schwan who moved to LF last July who will join the board as Executive Committee, Programs position.

Vice President / Communications - Anna McEvoy

No report this month.

Secretary - Kim Carden

- Approval of January minutes – first motion by Christine Goshgarian, second motion by Sally McDonald. All approved.
- Here is the link to the February community news flyers:
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B-Qp5m19bimDZEIXdzRkcjFPMHc>

Treasurer - Lindsay Seaman

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Committee Reports

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

Artwork was collected in the Cube on 1/26-27 for 5/6 and on 1/28-29 for 7/8. Here is a summary of participants for 2016:

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| 5th grade | 16 students | 28 entries |
| 6th grade | 15 students | 28 entries |
| total 5/6 | 27 students | 56 entries east side |
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| 7th grade | 15 students | 32 entries |
| 8th grade | 13 students | 37 entries |
| total 7/8 | 28 students | 69 entries west side |
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| Total | 55 students | 125 total entries |

Judging took place on Monday, 2/1, and student-faculty voting took place from 2/1-2/4. This year we used a Google form ballot and it was a huge success. We reduced time spent counting paper ballots, while also increasing accuracy of voting, since we did not have to decipher handwritten paper ballots.

Ribbons were hung on Friday, 2/5.

The Art Fair Open House will be held from 5-7pm on Thursday, 2/18, in the Cube and the Haskins.

Artwork will be returned to students on Friday, 2/19.

Selected pieces will be taken to the Re-Invent Gallery for the DPAL Emerging Artists show and returned in April.

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Board of Education Liaison – Teri Albus, Christine Goshgarian

Please see attachment.

Care and Concern – Kim Robb, Kim Gambit

No report this month.

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

As we announced at our last APT Board meeting, the 8th graders took a class-wide vote and have selected Hollywood as the theme for the DPM Class of 2016 Dance Party. We publicized a meeting for any 8th graders interested in helping to plan the dance. We met with this student committee on February 1st and discussed ideas for invitations, food and decorations. We will meet with the students again on March 11th.

On February 17th at 1:00, we will be meeting with any parents interested in helping with the 8th Grade Dance Party. If you are interested or know of other parents who might be interested, please plan to attend.

Community Service - Now that the 8th graders have selected the dance theme, we will use the theme to display their community service hours throughout the rest of the year. Please encourage 8th graders to make sure that their hours are recorded through DPM so that we have an accurate count of community service hours.

The Talent Show is scheduled for Friday, April 8th.

Community Service - Heather Richmond, Beth Laufenberg

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CROYA – Kristin O’Neil

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Culture Fair Grade 5 – Christiana Walsh

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Culture Fair Grade 6 – Diana Webb, Kimberly Carris

We meet again with 6th grade teacher Mrs. Makoul in January to start finalizing speakers and plans for the 6th grade culture fair in March. All the details and plans are coming together very well. The students will hear from a number of different speakers, eat food from Africa prepared by Quest and most likely decorate African masks in the afternoon although we are waiting on confirmation for that.

We are also in the process of gathering up all of our volunteers for the day.

The dates for the next culture fairs are:

Friday, March 11th - focus on Asian culture

Friday, May 13th – focus on South American/Mayan/Caribbean culture

The May culture fair is a somewhat new category based on the new 6th grade social studies curriculum.

Directory / Membership – Judi Olenick, Anna McEvoy

Summary of Activities Since Last Exec Board Meeting:

Please indicate as many specifics as possible, including dates, details of meetings (e.g. attendees/discussion), events (attendees/positive or negative feedback), and any other issues that arose.

DIRECTORY:

Print & Online Directory:

Beth Laufenberg will be joining the Directory Team for 2016-17 and 2017-18! We are so happy to have her help!

2/2 Julie Pasinato met with Anne Whipple and Cornelius Dubouis to discuss:

- standardizing information/templates for gathering directory content
- Cornelius will be contact for all directory information 2016-17
- NO MORE retyping of information!

InfoSnap APT Registration Page (will be finalized when Brittany Tjardes is back

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from maternity leave)

Changes will include:

Add a box for Families to indicate how their name should appear on the APT Membership List

This year all kindergarteners will be designated as “new” to district

MEMBERSHIP:

MSA

- In contact with Jay concerning import of InfoSnap membership information

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 performances – sponsored by the Spirit of 67 and hosted by the APT – put on by American Eagle Productions
- Grades 7 and 8 – Feb. 9 - attended a show called *1776*, a musical performance bringing to life the signing of the Declaration of Independence
- Grades 5 and 6 – Feb. 29 – will be attending a show called *Tales of Olympus*, a fun performance telling the stories and adventures of some of the most famous Greek Gods and Goddess

Food Service – Laura Whisler

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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

We met with our Parent Awareness building reps in January to start organizing our parent panel for Jump Start to 5th Grade in May.

67 E-Pulse Newsletter Results:

Click-through rates for the first newsletter were very good:

57% Open rate vs. 52% for D67 average and 32% industry average.

34% open the “10 Things Every Middle School Parent Should Know” article

February 2016:

The target date for the next 67 E-Pulse newsletter is March 7th with one more planned this year in May. People who would like to suggest articles should forward them to their PA reps at each building. Articles will be reviewed and signed off on by District 67 administration. Will ask if we can include pictures and video from DPM family game night?

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, February 23rd, 9:00 – 1:00, Gorton Community Center - “Paving the Way”

Join us for a new parenting conference, developed and hosted by LEAD's Clinical Advisory Committee. The conference will include a half day of presentations and workshops all centered around how to help YOU help the kids and teens you love and care for. Featuring keynote presenter Dr. Chala Holland, Principal of Lake Forest High School. Dr. Holland's keynote theme is "More than Words: Capturing the Hearts & Minds of Our Students." Also featuring interactive workshops by local community leaders. Please join us and register today!

<http://www.leadingefforts.org/wp->

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Conrad Christensen's "Internet Safety and Social Media for Parents" presentation is available for access anytime at <http://goo.gl/Tt5x7V>

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

No report this month.

Spiritwear – Kristina Frede, Liz Olsen

No report this month.

Spirit of 67 Liaison – Amy Kelly, Amy Lazzaretto

Contact Yvonne Bruce at [yderrig@gmail.com](mailto:y derrig@gmail.com) to volunteer in the DPM home for the May 12th home tour.

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

We surprised the teachers with Mardi Gras treats on February 9th. Thanks to volunteers who helped out by providing King Cakes and paczkis.

Our next event is the teacher conference pizza dinner on Thursday, February 25th. We could use a few additional volunteers to provide 2 dozen baked goods. Thank you in advance!!

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Student Leadership & Spirit (SLS) – Ingrid Biela, Kim Campbell, Amy Gray, Micaiah Robinson, Amy Gray

½ Way Party on Friday, February 5th 2016

We had just over 150 5th and 6th graders attend as well as half-a-dozen Special Olympics athletes (not to mention over 20 teachers and administrators). We raised just over \$500 that we're able to donate to Special Olympics of Illinois (not to mention the awareness among staff and students that was raised). The teachers and students all played a variety of games with each other, culminating in the student vs. teacher annual dodgeball game (some Special Olympics athletes played on the teachers' team). Sadly (for the teachers), the students reigned victorious for the day and will have their names inscribed on the Silver Sneaker Challenge Plaque as the 2016 champs. The teachers will have to settle for the Bronze Baby Booty plaque...but there's always next year!

Mr. Smith and Ms. Chitwood have much more planned in the coming months.