



Deer Path Middle School APT Meeting Minutes for 2/18/2014

Meeting Commenced at 9:03 a.m.
Meeting Adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Attendees

Tom Cardamone, Paul Suminski, Susan Lewin, Carolann Stickler, Allison Cekay, Mary Manzer, Sushama Krishnaswamy, Tiffany Notz, Anne Skinner, Maria Allen, Theresa Speed, Rebecca Oline, Amy Kelly, Cathy Ramsay, Melanie Thornberry, Megan Morris, Cassie Zarek, Lindsey Seaman, Eileen Swartout, Laura Montgomery

President – Call to Order

Susan Lewin for Christie Theis

Administrator Reports

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

- Thank you to the APT for a successful 6th grade culture fair last week. Students were very engaged and enjoyed the program.
- 5th graders are working on an advisory project across the entire grade so they have the benefit of working with any fellow students, regardless of homeroom. Students are creating different projects around theme of water. Their goal is to build a well in Sudan. The projects are self-directed for the most part, with teacher support as needed. On April 30th there will be an open house after school for all student groups to present their projects. All parents and community members are invited to attend.
- Report cards will come home with students on Tuesday, February 25th for all (5-8) grades in preparation for spring conferences. The report card distribution has shifted a few days due to the days lost to inclement weather.
- Third and final late start day tomorrow (Wednesday, February 19th). Students may go to CROYA before school if necessary. A survey about the late start day pilot will be conducted in the near future to seek feedback from students/parents/staff and used as input to determine if it will be continued in the future.



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- Spring conferences will be held next Thursday, February 27th and Friday, February 28th. Thank you to the APT in advance for the teacher lunch!

Question: Is the option to request a spring conference something new?

Answer: We've done it this way in the past. It is the norm (but not necessarily the expectation) to have a fall conference since it's the first time parents have the chance to meet/talk with the teachers. However by the spring many times there is ongoing communication between parent and teacher (especially for 8th graders) so the teacher and/or parent may not see a need to have a conference at that time of year.

- 7th grade BOC concert tomorrow (Wednesday, February 19th); 8th grade BOC concert Thursday the 20th
- ISAT testing is scheduled to begin the week of March 3rd. That date may be extended due to inclement weather days, if so the change will be communicated. Make sure students eat a good breakfast and get a good night's sleep. The schedule shifts a bit on the 7/8 side however the 5/6 testing is fairly consistent with the core subject schedule.

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

- DPM recently hosted a wrestling invitational on a very snowy Saturday. They were delighted that 12 out of 14 teams showed up despite the weather. It was a huge event for DPM.
- Volleyball is currently underway and Track will be the next sport to begin this Spring (open participation - 5/6 can join as well).

Teacher Liaison - Laura Montgomery

- The recent tri-district institute day was focused on reexamining student assessment and how teachers use important questions and formative evaluation to drive instruction.
- One tangible move is to have "learning targets" posted everyday in every classroom. This would be the learning goal for the day written in such a way that the student can easily understand and articulate what they are accomplishing on a day to day basis, thereby allowing the student to take on that responsibility.



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Question: Edmodo is a wonderful thing but some teachers don't post assignments on the calendar which makes it misleading and frustrating for students to manage their workload. Can this be taken back to the teachers to get consistent use?

Answer: It is best to talk to the child's teacher directly and if you don't see any change bring it to the principal.

Officer Reports

President – Allison Cekay for Christie Theis

Brief Summary of Current Month – Activities:

- Attended Mission/Vision Retreat with Administrators, School Board and Spirit President
- Thank you to our School Board for the countless hours they spend behind the scenes
- Thank you to Suzanne Sands for spearheading the nominating committee
- School Calendar adjustments due to “Cold Days”
- Working with Spirit on Grants for Parent Awareness, new motivational speaker and Operating Fund for APT
- Working with Directory to analyze possibility of data management system.
- Working with Food Service Reps to create program for National Nutrition Month starting March 1.
- Thank you to Dez for hosting Teacher Liaison lunch

Brief Summary of Coming Month - Plans:

- Annual meeting will be March 12th at Croya, Mike Simeck will be giving a State of the Union and answering questions, please email me and encourage parents to email me or their building presidents.
- Intent Forms will be emailed out next month, please think about what you might be interested in doing if your position is rolling off.

Christie's report submitted post meeting:

Brief Summary of Current Month – Activities:

Social – The bagel and fruit breakfast on January 15 was very appreciated by the staff at DPM. Next up for February, the social committee is planning a pizza/salad staff luncheon on 2/17 .



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attending. We will hear from Mike Simeck and also from a guest speaker that will teach and inspire us as mothers of junior high students.

-As a recap, Bernie's Book bank is our #1 place to donate books. The Lake Forest Library is not currently having donation issues. To the contrary, they have a surplus of resources.

-We are working on keeping our focus of bullying in the spotlight. Several members of the Exec. APT attended a workshop in Northbrook and we will hear feedback sometime soon.

-Nominating Committee headlines: Cherokee is Mary Kay Hanlon, Sheridan is Kate Rother, VP Exec. is Tiffany Wiesner, and Secretary is Christine Puch. Congratulations to these fantastic women.

-New for next year, the DPM APT will be creating a designated Community Service chair. We are currently looking for someone interested in helping promote the two DPM approved projects which are the HUGS Food Drive, and Bernie's Book bank. If anyone is interested, please let me know!

-Thank you to our social committee for providing our teachers and staff with such delicious treats. I've heard from several teachers what a nice perk it is to have such hospitality.

-Our annual meeting is coming up on March 12th.

Vice President / Communications – Susan Lewin

No report.

Secretary – Susan Lewin for Tiffany Wiesner

Approval of January minutes by Sushama, second by Rebecca.

Treasurer – Lindsay Seaman

No report.

Committee Reports

Art Fair – Heather Milligan, Lisa Lekberg, Lexie Knox, Cecily Lynch

No report.



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From Christie Theis's Executive APT President's Report:

Here is a recap of the Art Fair to date:

- 1. Although the 2 cancelled school days last week caused some initial concern on our part as Monday and Tuesday were our scheduled artwork collection days for the East side, we were able to make all the collections on Wednesday and Thursday (the assigned days for collecting at west side) We received 78 entries on the East side, and 75 entries for West. Great turnout!*
- 2. All the artwork was hung and displayed by Thursday afternoon in order to give the Art Teachers, Mr. Fazio and Mrs. Patch, time to go through and make sure it was displayed according to the correct category.*
- 3. The Art Fair entries were judged by 4 community judges on Monday, February 3rd as scheduled.*
- 4. Student-Faculty judging was held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.*
- 5. Tallying of the votes is currently ongoing and we plan to have this completed by Monday February 9th.*
- 6. Looking ahead: we will create the Winners poster once we have tallied all the votes and display the poster both on East and West sides.*
- 7. Ribbons will be displayed late next week.*
- 8. Lisa Lekberg is in contact with the Deerpath Art League and will facilitate the transfer of winner's information and artwork with them.*
- 9. The student's artwork will remain on display in the main hallway of the East side and in the Haskins Center on the West side until the end of the month.*

Board of Education Liaison – Jennifer Karras, Maria Allen

Brief Summary of Current Month – Activities:

January 28, 2014

Superintendent's Report by Michael Simeck:

- Mr. Simeck is encouraging all parents and staff to read The Smartest Kids in the World by Amanda Ripley. Book discussions will be held on February 18 from 1-3:00 and on February 20 from 7 – 9:00 at the West Campus. All are encouraged to participate in this community wide discussion.

School Calendar Revisions:

- April 17 is now a full day
- June 5, June 6 and June 9 are full days, June 10 will be a half day



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- No changes to 8th grade graduation dates
- Policy Committee, Mike Borkowski, Board Member:
- PRESS policy 83 was discussed
- NSSED – Mike Borkowski
- Reviewed steps being taken in response to Highland Park district's announcement to leave NSSED
- Votes were held on the following:
1. 2013 audit by Miller Cooper – accepted
 2. Holiday Calendar Waiver - accepted
 3. PRESS issue 83 Policy Update 1st and 2nd reading - accepted
 4. Human Resource Items - approved

Brief Summary of Coming Month - Plans:

Board Meeting February 25

Quarterly meeting for January rescheduled for March. Questions for Mr. Simeck? You can fill out cards or contact the BOE reps.

Culture Fair Grade 6 – Mari Simeck, Tiffany Notz, Mary Manzer

Current Month - Activities:

The African Culture Fair was held on Feb. 12 to much success. Parent volunteers assisted our talented presenters. The sessions that each sixth grade student heard were titled: Helping a Village: Friends of Atebubu, Ghana; A School Day in Tanzania; Stories of the African Diaspora, Pulse Beat African Drum Circle; African Dance Workshop and Sampling Ethiopian Food.

Coming Month - Plans:

Culture Fair: Asia, April 16

Culture Fair Grade 5 – Kristin O'Neill, Sarah Marshall

No report.

Community Liaison – Beth Laufenberg



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Community Wellness Task Force, CROYA, Gorton, LF Rec Center, LF/LB LDA, Open
Lands

February 12, 2014 Report to APT Executive Board

Community Wellness Task Force:

Text-A-Tip - Text 847Help to 274637

CROYA:

Gorton: P.A.S.T.A. presents: Alice in Wonderland

Performing Arts Summer Theatre Academy is a four-week musical theatre summer camp that seeks to develop young actors in all aspects of the theatre arts.

June 16- July 11, 2014

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM

Performances: Saturday, July 12 and Sunday, July 13 at 10:00AM and 1:00 PM

To register, go to www.gortoncenter.org or call 847-234-6060.

Lake Forest Recreation:

Ice Skate Races Canceled

The Annual Skating Races / Winter Carnival event scheduled for Sunday, February 23 has been cancelled. After careful consideration the Lake Forest American Legion Post #264 and the Lake Forest Parks and Recreation Department have decided to cancel this year's event due to the declining participation over the past four years of the event. Both organizations plan to continue to work together in order to resurrect this event again in two to three years.

Baseball Sign Ups

Baseball early bird registration saves you over 20%, so hurry and sign up before **Mar. 3 at 4:30pm** to get your savings!

Reptile Rampage Mar. 9

The Wildlife Discovery Center is hosting its annual reptile extravaganza. Reptile Rampage is a unique opportunity for the whole family to spend the day getting up close and personal to some amazing and fascinating reptiles. For \$9 per adult and \$6 per child (kids under 3 free), visitors can meet over 150 animals and talk with local experts. There will also be children's activities, kid-friendly tattoos, a Scout Patch Challenge, a silent auction, food and refreshments. Come to Reptile Rampage and be amazed! For more information, contact Rob Carmichael at carmichr@cityoflakeforest.com.



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Seuss-A-Bration

Join us to discover the magical world of Dr. Seuss! We will be Suessabrating with all the best stories, crafts, snacks and games. The brave will even get a chance to try real Green Eggs and Ham!

Seuss-A-Bration 3-7 years old Saturday Feb. 22 1:00 - 3:00pm R: \$38
NR: \$46 Code: 33238

For more information please contact Christine Faudel, Program Coordinator at 847.810.3955.

LF/LB Learning Disabilities Association:

LDA is hosting a speaker, Sue Hans, from NSSD, for art two of Understanding the IEP process. There will be two times to choose from: Tuesday, February 11, from 9-11 a.m. at the West campus, Seminar Room B. The second chance to hear this presentation will be Tuesday, February 18, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. At Lake Bluff Elementary. If there are any questions, please have them directed to me at brmoore02@msn.com.

Lake Forest OPEN LANDS:

Sensing the Season:

Location: Mellody (350 N Waukegan Rd)

Date: Thursday, 2/20/14 from 12:30pm – 2:00pm

Ages: 3-6 years old with an adult

Price: members: \$7/child | non-members: \$10/child

Blurb: Get your eyes, nose, fingers and toes ready to explore the winter wonders of Mellody Farm Nature Preserve! Take a short, guided walk using all of your senses with one of our naturalists and learn about the hidden secrets of winter through fun activities and games. Make sure to dress for the weather as the entire program will be outdoors. Boots and snowpants are a must!

Summer Camp Registration:

Location: home base is Mellody

Price: varies by camp

Blurb: A Passport to Adventure! Lake Forest Open Lands presents ecologically based outdoor summer camps for children pre-K through 8th grade. Explore these opportunities to nourish your child's curiosity, growth and love of nature. *All camps are Monday through Friday. Grades listed are the grade the camper will be entering in Fall 2014.*



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Eco-Trekkers: (*age four or five*) July 28-August 1, 9-11:45 a.m.

Eco-Discovery: (*1st or 2nd grade*) July 28-August 1, 12:15-3:00 p.m. **FULL**

Eco-Explorer: (*3rd grade*) July 7-July 18, 9:00-3:00

Eco-Adventure: Session I (*4th or 5th grade*) June 9-June 27, 9:00-3:00

Eco-Adventure: Session II (*4th or 5th grade*) July 7-July 25, 9:00-3:00

Eco-Expedition: Session I (*6th or 7th grade*) June 9-June 20, 9:00-3:00

Eco-Expedition: Session II (*6th or 7th grade*) July 7-July 18, 9:00-3:00 **FULL**

Eco-Odyssey: (*8th grade*) July 21-August 1, 9:00-3:00

Some camps have filled, so be sure to register today. More information and specific camp dates and details available on our website LFOLA.org. To register, visit our website or call Katie Casas at 847.482.1928 x21.

The Play Out:

Location: Mellody

Date: Sunday, 4/27/14 from 1-4pm

Ages: 3-13 (a great time for families to get out and play together)

Price: free to all

Blurb: Celebrate the importance of kids spending time in nature at "The Play Out". Sparked by Chicago Wilderness' Leave No Child Inside initiative, "The Play Out" encourages families to get outside and enjoy a variety of activities promoting creativity and exploration in nature. Join us for a complimentary day of outdoor activities including a natural obstacle course, shelter building, pond netting and much more. Pledge to spend two hours outside during Earth Day weekend (April 25 -27) and celebrate the importance of spending time in nature. Researchers are documenting the benefits of outdoor play for children including increased cognitive, social and emotional development and improved physical and mental well being. Sign "[The Play Out](#)" [pledge](#) today (available via our website LFOLA.org)!

Please help green our event: bring your own reusable water bottle.

Katie Casas

Community Relations & Education Program Administrator

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Directory / Membership – Kate Bryant, Michelle Curry



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No report.

Emotional Wellness – Cindy Anderson, Micaiah Robinson, Jenny Zinser

No report.

Fifth Grade Welcome – Mary Brennan, Theresa Speed

No report.

Fine Arts – Amy Kelly, Kristin Fitzgerald

No report.

Food Service – Melinda Hill

- Quest actually does a fantastic job offering the "healthier" great tasting option for our students. The ultimate goal of my National Nutrition Month program is to educate the students about the nutritional value of the items in their cafeteria, so that hopefully they will choose the same healthy options when they are outside of school.
- Also, I hope to give them a sense that D67 strives to provide the students great tasting AND healthy options in the DPM cafeteria.
- I hope to have a "National Nutrition Month tip of the day" throughout March that will compare/contrast similar foods. For example, one day I will contrast the orange clementine Izzie drink available vs. the "wrong choice" orange Crush pop. Another day I will contrast the baked potato chips - again available in the DPM cafeteria - vs. a bag of traditional, deep fried chips (which, are not available in the cafeteria). Anne Simons and I have identified 10 different items that I will highlight.
- My platform for delivering the message will be centerpieces on the lunch tables throughout the month of March. We will use helium Mylar balloons to grab the students' attention, and have printed cards that will be attached to the balloons for the students to read.

Question: (Following conversation of national nutrition month and how they will



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compare “eat this not that” i.e. regular chips vs. baked) Has Quest considered offering baked chips only instead of having the regular full-fat versions? Why have the regular products?

Answer (during meeting): We’ll bring it up to Quest. Parents always have the option to work with Anne Simons to limit choices their student can make/purchase.

Answer (post-meeting from Melinda Hill): Quest does not offer full fat chips - they only offer baked chips in the DPM cafeteria.

Class of 2014 Activities – Anne Skinner, Martha Avery, Megan Morris, Penelope Boardman

Current Month - Activities:

At a meeting with students, of several suggestions, three theme ideas were selected for the dance. There are three groups presently developing presentations to “pitch” their ideas. The three themes are “Dancing in the Dark”, “Gatsby/1920’s” and “Masquerade”. The consistent underlying theme is sophistication—champagne glasses and sparking juice elegance. An assembly of the 8th grade will be on February 25th for the three presentations and a vote.

The photographer has been secured for the class picture on the 29th of April (rain date the following day.)

Due to some concerns about service hour tracking for the Presidential Award and our internal tracking of 8th grade service hours, there will be modifications to the website to accommodate the differing requirements for the Presidential Award.

Coming Month - Plans:

As a dance theme is selected, we will meet with the students to develop their ideas for the dance into reality.

The visual tracking of service hours will soon be in the West Lobby.

Issues:

Please encourage your 8th graders to become involved with the dance committee and to keep at those service hours!

Question when are hours due – can make them up through the middle of may

Needs helpers for lacrosse clinic if 8th graders want to help email info to Megan panel of bulletin board in lobby of service opportunities

Visual in lobby will get a lot more play in the lobby



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LFHS Liaison - Melanie Thornberry

Current Month - Activities:

Lake Forest High School met on Wednesday, February 12th at 9:00 am at the East Campus Room 113

Giovanni Benincas was introduced as the new Director of Curriculum and Instruction. He was a high school English teacher for 15 years and worked in administration at North Side College Prep. for 10 years. He is currently working towards a PhD. Giovanni is on site at the high school everyday to support the teachers and integrate technology.

Principal Barry Rogers discussed the New School Day Initiative. He started by stating that the leadership team's goal was to reimagine the school day. The number 1 constant in life is that change is always happening. LFHS has to change to remain competitive.

Barry noted the leadership team held numerous meetings with all of the stakeholders over the past few months and were hopeful to meet all the needs of these groups.

The administration met with the LFEA negotiating team last week. As a schedule change is considered to be a change in the school day, it was required to be approved by 2/3 of the LFEA members.

The administration proposed Schedule 4. The LFEA said based on an unofficial poll of its members, the only schedule they were willing to put forth to a full member vote was Schedule 1.

The administration noted that through the various meetings with stakeholders and further consideration of Schedule 1 during the vetting process, that Schedule 1 was not deemed adequate, as it would not meet the needs of the students and other stakeholders. Therefore, the administration would not recommend Schedule 1 for a vote by the LFEA members. The LFEA stated they would not put Schedule 4 to a vote and negotiations ceased.

Although Barry and the leadership team were disappointed with this result, they



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remain optimistic that other changes are possible at LFHS, which can be implemented to improve instruction. The focus of the leadership team will now be on these areas.

LFHS had an E-Day or Emotional Wellness Day on Wednesday February 5th. Students had shortened classes to accommodate three ninety-minute periods that provided various entertainments for the students. **Faculty Liaison: Kerry Little** noted how well E Day turned out. She noted it was great to see the teachers and parents working together for the students. She noted you could feel the stress level going down in the school throughout the event. Students will be provided an online survey to discuss the event and parents are welcomed to provide Kerry or the APT with any feedback.

Turnabout was a great success on January 25th with the largest attendance for the dance.

Coming Month - Plans:

Talent Show is scheduled for March 6-8; tickets go on-sale on-line Wednesday, February 19th at 7:00 pm.

Discussion about the recent ruling by the teachers' union to block a vote for the proposed block scheduling...

Background: Leadership team narrowed the field down to 4 best block schedules for our students (from an original list of 15). Last week took to union reps. The Union preferred one schedule that the leadership team explained was not optimal for our children. The Union decided it would not even take it to the teachers for a vote.

Comments:

- *Although this is disappointing and discouraging, keep a positive mindset because it isn't a dead issue.*
- *The Principal and leadership team is devastated by this but feels we cannot dwell in negativity. There are other positive changes we can focus on now instead.*



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- *Next window to negotiate with teachers is 2016.*
- *Any insight into why they didn't like it – reason? Teachers are leaning towards the “gradual entry” plan because it's a lot of work to change how they teach. It comes down to contract negotiations - can they work on higher salaries? Too much of a working day change. Actually less time instructing for teachers on some days*
- *Momentum was building with parents/town everyone was getting on board.*
- *Could it happen in 2015? Doesn't look like it because the Union is flexing its muscle.*
- *Suggestion to have union reps come to school board meeting to explain!*
- *Are all teachers required to be in union? Yes!*
- *Some teachers need to stop speaking poorly of block schedule proposal in classrooms/with students.*

New Families – LeaAnne LaVanway, Janita Reehl

No report.

Parent Awareness – Jorie Alutto, Theresa Speed

JumpStart 5th Grade

Building and Exec. Board PA reps met earlier this month to kick-off the planning of JumpStart 5th grade for 2014. This year's event will be held on May 13.

What's Next for Me? Changing Times, Changing Bodies

February 22, March 15 or April 26 from 9 a.m. – noon

Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital

Taught by a nurse for Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital, this class will provide accurate and concise information and assist parents in guiding their daughter through puberty and beyond. It will explore the physical, emotional, physiological and social aspects of what's normal and how to adjust to these variances in their lives.

This class is for pre-adolescent girls (9 to 12 years of age) and their mother or adult support person. Registration is required. Register at lfh.org. The fee is \$30 per couple and includes breakfast.



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How to Protect Your Children (of all ages) with Technology

March 11, 9:00a.m. – 11:30

Gorton Community Center

Come and learn how to protect your tech-savvy kids online! We will discuss MAC, PC, and mobile devices. We will limit the class size to 16 students to ensure a quality class. Registration is required. Register at gortoncenter.org. The fee is \$50 per person.

Hollywood Exposed

Tina Marie Griffin speaks to teenagers all over the country with a mission to reveal the deadly consequences of the glamorization of drug & alcohol abuse, sex, and self-destructive behaviors portrayed in entertainment. Tina Marie will educate and encourage people to live to their fullest potential by making positive media choices, thereby building higher self-esteem and moral character.

There will be 3 presentations:

1. For parents: Sponsored by Parent Awareness at LFHS (Raymond Moore Auditorium) – Tues., March 11th 7:00 – 8:30pm
2. Lake Bluff Middle School – Wed., March 12th during the school day
3. For students at CROYA – Wed., March 12th 7:00 – 8:30pm

Hot Parenting Topics

As your Parent Awareness Representatives, we'd like to help provide the resources you need to do your job as parents. So each month we are asking you for 'Hot Parenting Topics' that you would like help with.

Examples of Hot Parenting Topics could include homework help, balancing it all, media use, etc.

*Are there any 'Hot Parenting Topics' that you would like us to bring forward today?
(Solicit ideas now)*

If you think of other ideas, please contact us at any time. Thanks!

Brief Summary of Coming Month - Plans:

LB/LF Drug & Alcohol Panel: What Every Parent Should Know

New date: April 9th at 7 p.m.

DPM Auditorium



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Hear local professionals discuss the impact of drugs and alcohol in our community. Ask the important questions that will help you address this challenging topic with your child.

All other events on the Middle School Series have been canceled for 2014

Comment: We need to do a better job of communicating all the programs that are going on in the area. Do you think the district could send an email at the beginning of each month, with the top 3-5 events, rather than just Friday flyer which we know gets little attention?

Answer (Allison): I've talked to Anne Whipple about this and it is being considered.

Comment: Just as important as knowing what's coming up, is to have a summary posted somewhere afterwards, for those people who couldn't attend.

Use email addresses that we've collected to send something out.

Room Parent Coordinators – Michelle Curry (5), Jan MacDougal (6), Maria Allen (7), Catherine Yehle (8)

No report.

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

Brief Summary of Current Month – Activities:

School coordinators are now reviewing needs by grade level for next year. Expect to have their lists by end of February.

Brief Summary of Coming Month - Plans:

Work with School-Pak to finalize 2014/2015 lists.

Social – Sushama Krishnaswamy, Marra Lochiatto, Germaine Arnson, Rebecca Oline, Lynne Kennedy, Julie Slobodnik

Current Month - Activities: The Social Committee will be hosting a pizza luncheon for all DPM teachers/staff on Thursday, February 27th at 11:35am in the Haskins Center. Pizza will be ordered from Lou Malnati's. Caesar salad has typically been donated from Fresh Market. Baked good are provided by parent volunteers.



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Spiritwear – Liz Olsen

No report.

STEM – Jenny Zinser

No report.

Spirit of 67 Specialist – Lynne Kennedy, Natalie Torcolese

Question about making a placard to keep handy so families know which retailers are part of the Spirit card. Spirit created options for each retailer, (i.e. sign on door and 2 point-of-sale options) but also thinking about something families can reference like a sticker applied to card.

Student Council 5/6 – Camille Prindle, Natalie Torcolese

No report.

From Christie Theis's Executive APT President's Report:

The Halfway Party went really well! We had around 130 5th and 6th graders as well as 20 8th grade WEB leaders who volunteered to help out. Many teachers volunteered to stay late on Friday and challenge the students to all sorts of games. We also raised over \$500 toward the 5th grade initiative of clean water and building a well in South Sudan as well as the 6th grade initiative aimed at raising awareness in regard to the issue of hunger.

The council also has an amazing group of executive council members and cabinet who meet every week and create the agenda for upcoming meetings. They've written a grant proposal for new desks while also regularly meeting with building leaders regarding topics and issues important to the student body. In the coming months, the council will be inviting some of these building/district leaders, along with members of the LFHS Student Council, to come in and be interviewed. It's a terrific way for 5th/6th grade leaders to learn from and be inspired by other leaders.

Student Council 7/8 – Sandy Steiner



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No report.

Effort – Jolene Watkins, Micaiah Robinson

No report.

Teacher Appreciation – Cecily Lynch

No report.

Volunteer Coordinator – Dawn Wheldon

No report.

Visiting Author – Anna McEvoy, Carolann Stickler

Brief Summary of Current Month – Activities:

Finalized times and schedule for Tim Green (see below)

Book order forms sent home to students to be returned 2/13/14

Tim Green's website <http://timgreenbooks.com/>

Brief Summary of Coming Month - Plans:

Contact Principals and Secretary to confirm date and times of visit and that it is in the school calendar. Type and send a short introductory note to be read prior to each presentation.

Contact school and custodian regarding equipment required for author (microphone etc).

Contact school library to organize book display and signing and distribution of books.

Organize refreshments for author.



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Tim Green Schedule

Thursday, April 10		Auditorium
presentation 1	8th grade	12:45-1:45
presentation 2	7th grade	2:30-3:30
Friday, April 11		
presentation 1	5th grade	8:40-9:40
presentation 2	6th grade	10:15-11:15

Respectfully submitted,
Tiffany Wiesner