



Deer Path Middle School APT Meeting Minutes for 10/21/2014

Meeting Commenced at 9:03 a.m.
Meeting Adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Attendees

Tom Cardamone, Paul Suminski, Christie Theis, Susan Lewin, Jill D'Alessandro, Mary Beth Schmidt, Lynne Kennedy, Rebecca Oline, Anna McEvoy, Maria Allen, Mary Manzer, Kim Gambit, Amy Kelly, Beth Laufenberg, Eileen Swartout, Kathy Ivinjack, Heather Richmond, Diana Webb, Sushama Krishnaswamy, Micaiah Robinson, Emilie Correa, Amy Lamberti, Suzanne Sands, Stephanie Klein, Marra Lochiatto, Jorie Alutto, Melinda Hill, Kristen Skiston, Jennifer Karras, Tiffany Wiesner

President – Call to Order

Guest Speakers

James Swartout, 8th grader and DPMW Student Council President

- James' responsibilities as Student Council President are to read morning announcements, direct the Student Council meetings, and periodically attend APT meetings to report on Student Council activities.
- There are 4 Executive Student Council members who meet every Thursday with their faculty sponsors. Every other Thursday, the entire Student Council meets. Each homeroom has a Student Council representative.
- Student Council is sponsoring a pumpkin decorating contest and the theme is Halloween candy.
- Student Council is considering sponsoring a Valentine's Day dance for DPMW.

Emilie Correa, DPM Emotional Wellness Coordinator

- This fall the APT Community Service group is sponsoring a "Candy Drive" after Halloween. Collection bins will be placed in the school lobbies and Girl Scout troops will sort and distribute the candy to various organizations.



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- Emilie and EFFORT are helping to promote the drive, although this endeavor is not “owned” by one particular student group. The message is that “DPM Cares” as a whole.
- A wonderful and entertaining promotional video has been created and was shared with the APT board. It will be shown in homerooms and on the school lobby monitors.

Administrator Reports

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

- EFFORT is sponsoring Spirit Week next week. It coincides with Red Ribbon Week and Halloween. Letters will be mailed home and information about Spirit Week will be in the Friday Flyers. Here is a breakdown of the week:
 - Monday - pajama day
 - Tuesday - wear red day
 - Wednesday - sports team day
 - Thursday - accessorize your teacher day
 - Friday - Halloween costume and Fall Festival day (5th/6th will have their festival in the afternoon, 7th/8th will have theirs in the morning)
- The Choral Concert is at 7pm tomorrow night in the auditorium.
- The Orchestra will perform on Thursday at 7pm in the LFHS auditorium.
- The Band Concert is Wednesday, 11/5, in the Peck gym.
- See the school website and Friday Flyers for more information about the Fine Arts events.
- The Scheduling Committee has been hard at work:
 - There are currently 3 different bell schedules at DPM (5th, 6th, and 7th/8th). There are also different length class periods in different grade levels.
 - The goal is to come up with a schedule that gives all students opportunities to participate in classes and activities. For example, the BOC kids can only participate in one of the five Related Arts classes offered on the 7th/8th side, while non-BOC kids participate in all five.
 - There are 12 staff members on the committee; every grade level, core subject and the encore/related arts groups are represented.
 - The scheduling committee gathered information from the staff and



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- administration and decided on several attributes that are important for any schedule adopted by DPM.
- Yesterday the scheduling committee met all day and were presented with 9 different scheduling options.
 - Tomorrow is a late start day and the entire staff will meet so that the scheduling committee can talk about what they have accomplished and will present 4 schedule concepts. There will be a large group presentation and then the group break off into smaller groups. The goal is not to select a schedule, it's to gather feedback.
 - The scheduling committee will meet again all day on 11/4.
 - On 11/5, there will be Principal Coffees to talk specifically about scheduling. Coffees will be held at 9am, 1pm, and 6pm. The scheduling committee wants to be open, clear and transparent.
 - Next Tuesday, a very short presentation will be given to the BOE.

Question/Answer session following Tom's report:

Q - Will the new schedule be implemented next year?

A - Yes the schedule will be implemented next year. The goal is to have a new schedule ready to present to the BOE by January.

Q - Is a vote needed to approve the new schedule?

A - We want to take proper procedures and we are in the talking stage with the teacher union.

Q - Have you identified best practices in terms of scheduling?

A - We have found some very interesting models - a school in Texas, a charter school in Wisconsin, and some schools in Michigan. We are not looking to replicate another school's schedule - that might happen, but we are looking for innovative, creative uses of school time.

Q - What is the biggest benefit to kids of having a new schedule? Will the current 7th graders be looping?

A - There has been no looping talk yet. The purpose is to come up with more personalized and differentiated learning opportunities for all students. There were some common themes found in the 9 schedules reviewed so far.

Q - Are you starting over from scratch? Are you changing the school start/stop times?

A - No, this is not starting over from scratch. We are looking at the structure of a school day, not moving teachers around or changing start and stop times.

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



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- Conferences will be held the week of Thanksgiving, on Monday night and all day Tuesday. In early November, you will receive a letter about how to sign up.
- Winter sports are starting up - basketball tryouts and cheerleading.
- Volleyball teams had a good season.
- The Cross Country team placed 10th in state, with Lauren Garriques coming in 1st and Courtney Schmidt coming in 3rd overall!
- 8th grade community service day is this Friday.

Q - Are all grade levels doing the "speed conferencing?"

A - Yes. Last year it was piloted in 6th grade and the 5th grade teachers have asked for it too.

Q - 5 minutes for a conference seems short. Can they be longer?

A - We are trying to move to a more content based conferencing so that parents are able to talk to each teacher, not just one teacher about all subjects. The process is being analyzed - we want it to be meaningful and to provide an opportunity to connect.

Q - Can there be more time for Math and LA?

A - It's really a matter of logistics and equity. These conferences are meant to be a "touching base" opportunity. If parents and teachers need to talk further, a separate conference or phone call should be scheduled for an in depth conversation.

Q - Will the spring conferences be optional again?

A - Yes, but that doesn't mean you can't meet with your child's teacher(s).

Teacher Liaison - Amy Lamberti

- The Spirit donated some equipment which will help recreate some of the Cube experience on the West side.
- We are trying to use the monitors more. We need to remind the office staff to turn them on and replay the playlists (there is no looping).
- There is a photo album on Google. If you would like to contribute photos, you can meet with Amy to discuss.

Officer Reports

President - Christie Theis

Summary of Coming Month (October 2014) - Plans:



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- We encourage you to subscribe to the District calendars, which can be customized by school, sport, club, etc. By subscribing, you can import the events to a calendar on your computer or mobile device. Any changes that are made on the District calendar will then automatically appear on your own calendar. You can unsubscribe at any time.
- Reminder that the instant alert test will happen in about ten days. You will be given the opportunity to update your files. Please make sure that your contact information is current in the case of an emergency.
- The district is Tweeting and Facebooking a lot of interesting things. Recently Mr. Simeck has been posting some thought-provoking reads from *The New York Times* on brain development and testing. Check it out!
- Umang Singh, the Everett APT President, has been selected as our Nominating Chair for this winter.
- November 15th we will be having our first Culture Fair of the year-Egypt
- Our Spiritwear sales skyrocketed from \$2962 in 2013 to \$7377 in 2014!
- Emily Correa, our new Emotional Wellness Director, is bringing tremendous energy and influence to the area of Emotional development. She is working alongside both EFFORT and Community Service to tie in the DPM monthly value of “caring” into the school during the months of November and December.

Vice President / Communications – Susan Lewin

No report this month.

Secretary – Tiffany Wiesner

Community Liaison Report for October (reported at the 10/8 Exec APT Board meeting):

Community Wellness Task Force:

We are looking forward to another great year of getting together, sharing information and initiatives, and networking on behalf of strengthening our community resources.

Our meeting dates are:



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Fri., Oct. 3, 2014

Fri., Jan. 23, 2015

Fri., April 17, 2015

All meetings will take place at 9:00 a.m. @ LFHS - Rm 113 Conference Room

CROYA:

1. **Monday October, 13th** - CROYA goes to 6 Flags Great America FRIGHT FEST (Permission slip required and limited space)
2. Every Tuesday is Treat Tuesday at CROYA!! Come have a delicious snack and here what is going on at CROYA.
3. **Saturday October, 18th** - CROYA is helping at Lake Bluff's Pumpkin Fest from 9:30-11:00am. Kids can help part of the time or the entire time. Options of activities are helping at the bake sale, the prize table, games and tickets. Earn a FREE CROYA t-shirt.
4. **Tuesday October, 21st**- CROYA's annual poinsettia fundraiser begins. Top sellers get cash prizes. So if you need some real life décor let CROYA know. Kids can also deliver your order to your house.
5. **Wednesday October, 22nd**- DPM Late Start/ CROYA will be open for ALL grades. Sign up with DPM
6. **Friday October, 24th**- CROYA is hosting the some 8th graders for their service day!! We are very excited about it.
7. **Saturday October 25th** - CROYA is joining with "Team Kelsey" in support of heroin and drug awareness in our community- and to have fun! We'll have our own t-shirts, meeting spot, and pizza. Runners AND walkers welcome! This is through LEADS Red Ribbon Race 5k
8. **Thursday, October 30th**- CROYA will be having a Halloween Party from 3:34-5:30

GORTON:

No news submitted.



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LAKE FOREST RECREATION:

Early Bird registration for Youth Basketball Leagues is October 10th by 4:30pm. Sign up now and save \$50 on your registration fee.

<http://www.lfrec.com/Activities/Activities.asp?SCheck=754146544&SDT=41914.5602378472§ionId=21>

Fall Dodgeball Classic on October 13th. Registration deadline is October 8th. If your child is looking for a fun event to take part in on Columbus day then we have the perfect program for you. Teams are guaranteed 3 games and a whole lot of fun while they dodge, dip, duck, dive and dodge their way to victory. ALL teams will receive a complimentary T-Shirt the day of the event.

<http://www.lfrec.com/Activities/ActivitiesDetails.asp?ProcessWait=N&aid=1692>

Satellite registration is open. Keep your child active during the cold winter months by participating in the Lake Forest Recreation Department Satellite program. These athletic classes are held at your child's elementary school in the gymnasium and are scheduled directly after school for 2 hours. Participants will

play a variety of sports and group games.

<http://www.lfrec.com/Activities/ActivitiesDetails.asp?ProcessWait=N&aid=1703>

More winter programs are scheduled to begin the first week of November. Check out our fall brochure or online for more information on these great athletic programs.

www.lfrec.com

LF/LB LEARNING DISABILITIES ASSOCIATION:

1. Our "Make a Difference" Grant Program: Kicks off Oct. 10th in districts 67, 115 and LB 65. We're very excited this grant program continues, and We look forward to working with district teachers and awarding grants for assorted supportive items and programs!
2. LDA speaker series "Special Education 101:



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Topic: Provide parents and families with a perspective on how to have meaningful involvement in the IEP meeting and a good collaborative perspective on the process.

Speaker: Susan Hans, Coordinator of School, Family and Community Partnerships and the Parent Mentor for the Northern Suburban Special Education District and the Illinois State Board of Education. She has held the parent mentor position for the past nine years, during which she has conducted workshops for a broad spectrum of parent, teacher, staff and administrative groups on collaborative problem solving and effective communication strategies in the IEP process. She also frequently presents on parent leadership in education and provides individual consultative services to both parents and staff. Mrs. Hans is the parent of four children, one whom is still in school with an IEP.

Dates/Locations/Times:

Tuesday evening, Nov 4 at 6:30 p.m. at Lake Bluff Elementary School (350 West Washington Street, Lake Bluff, IL 60044)

Thursday am Nov. 13 at 9:30am at Lake Forest West Campus (300 S. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045)

People with questions may contact Anne Dunn, Director of Student Services in Lake Forest District 67 (adunn@lfschools.net) or Mr. Kevin Rubenstein, Director of Student Services & Curriculum in Lake Bluff School District 65 (krubenstein@lb65.org)

3. Meetings:

We meet the second weds. of every month at the LF West Campus on Waukegan during the school year. All welcome to attend.

LAKE FOREST OPEN LANDS:

No news submitted.

Treasurer – Lindsay Seaman

Following is the APT budget for the 2014-2015 school year. As you will all see,



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some of the DPM APT Committees have money in their budget and some of them do not. The budget is not written in stone, it is more of a reflection of what has been needed in the past. The Committees that do not have money in their budget have historically not needed to incur any expenses. Please don't hesitate to contact me or Christie Theis if you see a need for funds that are not currently allocated to you in our budget.

I have also attached the APT Check Request Form that you will need to fill out and submit to me if you have any expenses that you need reimbursed. Please make sure that you attach the original receipts to the form. You can drop the form in the mail or drop it in my mailbox. We will get you reimbursed within a few weeks. I would really appreciate it if you would submit your expenses as soon as you can after you incur them. You might want to make a copy for your records. Be aware that the APT cannot reimburse for sales tax. I have attached the Sales Tax Exempt letter that you should present when you are purchasing anything APT related that would normally include a sales tax. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

DPM APT Budget 2014-2015	
Committee	Operating Budget
Art Fair	\$800.00
Board of Ed	\$0.00
Care and Concern	\$250.00
Class of 2015 Activities	\$900.00
Culture Fair	\$0.00
Culture Fair-5th Grade	\$0.00
Community Service	\$0.00
Directory/Membership	\$0.00
Effort	\$330.00
Field Day	\$200.00
Emotional Wellness	\$0.00
5th Grade Welcome	\$200.00
Fine Arts Programs	\$0.00
Food Service	\$25.00
LFHS APT Liaison	\$0.00
New Family Welcome	\$160.00
Parent Awareness	\$0.00
President	
Beach Day	\$250.00



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Speaker Series	\$200.00
Discretionary	\$1,345.00
Room Parent Coordinators	\$0.00
School Supplies	\$0.00
Spirit of 67 Foundation Liaison	\$0.00
Spiritwear	\$0.00
Staff Appreciation	\$4,650.00
Student Council	\$0.00
Treasurer	\$50.00
Vice president	\$340.00
Visiting Author	\$0.00
Volunteer Coordinator	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$9,700.00

Committee Reports

Art Fair - Holly Sheridan, Connie Hollingsworth, Dez Witte, Tiffany Wiesner

September 2014:

9/19/2014 - Committee meeting

Attending:

Connie Hollingsworth

Holly Sheridan

Tiffany Wiesner

Dez Witte

Items Discussed:

- dates for art fair have been confirmed (1/26-1/29 collection dates; 2/2-2/25 display dates) with principals
- need to contact Tom Cardamone to see if we can switch from displaying 5/6th artwork in hallways to the satellite/Time Zone room
- will contact Mary Mercer (district office) to reserve rooms for the duration of art fair
- we will start the process of seeking out judges for the show

Projects Completed:

There were 3 documents for parents and students to access regarding information for art fair (guidelines, categories, and entry forms).



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We condensed this into one document entitled: ***Art Fair Registration Packet*** which will make it easier for parents and students to review the information regarding the art fair. We will post a link to this online - once that date draws nearer.

We are going to clarify some of the art categories (computer developed arts and media developed arts) by asking Mrs. Vlamis (Cherokee art teacher). We will meet again in October. At that time, we will work on posters, sandwich boards and other signage.

9/22/2014 - Confirmed collection and display dates with Patti Fleser. She directed us to Mary Mercer for space reservation.

9/23/2014 - Reserved space for collection dates with Mary Mercer. 5th/6th from 7:45-9am in the TIME Zone area on Jan 26th and 27th, 7th/8th from 7:45-9am in the Haskins Center on Jan 28th and 29th. Mary said we did not need to reserve the space for 5th/6th display in the TIME Zone area because it would still be usable space during the display time.

9/28/2014 - Spoke with Cecilia Lanyon, co-owner of Re-Invent Studio. She and her partner (and other artists) would be happy to be judges at the show

9/28/14 - Asked Cathy Ramsay, APT Exec Treasurer, for last year's art budget. Approximately \$400 was spent on certificates, envelopes for certificates, badges, printing, other poster/paper items

October 2014:

10/3/14 Received feedback from Jim Fazio and Michelle Patch, DPM art teachers. They edited the art categories to condense them. We will discuss the category suggestions at our next meeting. Also, they thought it would be better if the APT art fair committee could transport the art to and from Gorton Center for their art show.

Summary of Coming Month Plans (October 2014):

Committee meeting on Friday, October 24th, to discuss promotion and advertising



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of art fair.

Board of Education Liaison – Jennifer Karras, Maria Allen

Summary of Coming Month (October 2014) - Plans: We will meet with Mr. Simeck and with the liaisons from the other three schools on Monday, October 27th to discuss questions submitted.

The next BOE of Education meeting is Tuesday, October 28th.

September 23, 2014

Board of Education Meeting

2014 Budget Hearing:

Jennifer Hermes, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, led the presentation of budget.

- All legal standards have been followed prior to this vote.
- Tentative budget has been displayed on website since July 22
- Budget highlights:
 - Three Math specialist positions have been added
 - Grade 5 Bridges materials
 - Grade 7 and 8 materials for new Algebra curriculum
 - Reading/Writing Curriculum materials
 - Reading Specialist position
 - Deer Path Middle School STEM installation
 - Capital Projects – abatement and replacement of flooring at Everett School, replacement of main drive at Deer Path Middle School, replacement of main and side drive at Sheridan School, replacement of Deer Path Middle School lockers, installation of 3M security film at all schools.
- Overall, \$ 35, 460,787 in revenues and \$ 35, 301,062 in expenditures with a difference of \$ 159,725.
- District is spending more on capital expenditures to enhance our programs. These expenditures were not possible during and directly following the economic downturn when all expenditures were for safety improvements only.
- All board members approved budget.

Please refer to the 2014 - 15 budget which is posted on the district website for further details.



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BOE Meeting:

President's Report by Bill Andersen:

- Mr. Andersen shared the two goals of the BOE. First, they need to provide a mission and vision for the district. This is to be used as a blueprint for the administration for the next few years. Thanks to Beth Clemmenson for her work on this – she ensured that all voices in the community were heard. The second goal of the BOE is to provide oversight. This is essential and only performed by the BOE. It is responsible for setting the tax rate and making sure funds are looked after. Mr. Andersen thanked Rick Schuler, Mike Borkowski and Rob Lemke for their time regarding the district's finances.

Superintendent's Report by Michael Simeck:

- Mr. Simeck stated there is a pleasant trend regarding enrollment in the district. We are 51 students fewer than last year, but there is no immediate impact on any programs.
- He thanked the Spirit of 67 for the climbing wall donation at Deer Path Middle School. He enjoyed watching the staff come together for training on the equipment and is excited for the opportunities it will bring to all students at Deer Path.
- Inspiration Block fits perfectly with the district's mission and vision. He was impressed with the commitment of the Cherokee School staff.
- He thanked Mrs. White and all of the teachers at Everett School for providing him with a tour of the new building improvements.
- He welcomed Dr. Sapko as the Everett principal and commended her on a terrific start. The staff and community have warmly welcomed her.
- He is very excited about the final mission and vision goals. There were 55 people (staff and community participants) assembled to review data of student achievement and a variety of strategies. He feels the tagline of "educating without boundaries, learning without limits" is language that all can appreciate.

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, Technology and Assessment,
Lauren Fagel:

- 2015 -16 calendar presentation
- She tried to incorporate suggestions by the BOE last year to reduce the amount of half days and short weeks.
- According to the State of Illinois, a district may take four institute days.



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- The structure of Parent-Teacher Conferences is being examined to determine if this the best model for all
- Calendar can be amended throughout the year

Fund Balance Board Policy 4:20:

- No report, delayed one month
- Goal is to keep Fund Balance above 10 – 15% range

Lesley Fisher, Board Member, Education Committee:

- Thanked Ms. Jackson for presenting the Inspiration Block and is excited to see the community embrace the concept. For the incoming Kindergarten students at Cherokee, 21 choose inquiry-based learning and 22 choose language- based learning.
- Judy Epke updated the committee on the Deer Path Smart Lab installation. Teacher training is taking place while the principals are realigning schedules to maximize student participation in this learning environment.
- Maker movement is a new curriculum being implemented throughout the district. Fabrication devices such as 3D printers and physical computing items such as Google glasses are used.
- Staff is looking for ways to incorporate this type of learning beyond STEM class so more students can benefit.
- Grades 2 – 8 will continue to take the NWEA two times a year. Fall scores will allow for a baseline and Spring results will show growth.
- Grades 3 – 8 will take the PARC instead of the ISAT this year. Testing will occur in March and May. PARC is more closely aligned with the Common Core standards. It is a lengthier test.
- SB7 will be in effect during the 2016-7 school year. This will require that students' assessments will be a part of teacher evaluations.

Rick Schuler, Board Member, Finance and Operation Committee:

- Checking all district expenditures with district's architect
- Checking for overlaps between life safety issues and capital expenditures

Mike Borkowski, Board Member, Policy Committee:

- Held a joint meeting with District 115
- More details at December Board meeting



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Rob Lemke, Compensation Committee:

- No meeting
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Liaison Reports:

NSSSED – Mike Borkowski

- Examining various payment possibilities specifically the “pay as you go” option

Curriculum Coordinating Committee – Lesley Fisher

- Two parent positions are available for this year – applications forms were sent out in district e-newsletter and posted on the web.

Spirit of 67 – Lesley Fisher

- History of the Spirit of 67 shared. Created by APT with the sole purpose of fundraising for our District
- Two big fundraisers – Fall luncheon on October 17th at Exmoor Country Club and Home Tour in May

APT – Lesley Fisher

- Ms. Fisher shared the APT’s theme of resilience for 2014-5 school year
- Suggested all BOE members attend APT meetings throughout the year

OTHER:

- Mindset, by Carol Dweck, will be the focus of this year’s community conversation. LEAD will collaborate with the district to provide a variety of events and opportunities to discuss this book and its potential impact on our schools.

Votes were held on the following:

1. 2014-15 budget – approved
2. Adoption of Resolution authorizing and providing for the issue of not to exceed \$6,600,000 General Obligation Limited Tax District Number 67, Lake County, Illinois, evidencing the rights to payment under Installment Purchase Agreements, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding debit certificates of said School District, and providing for the security for and means of payment under the Agreements of the Certificates – Yes (A consultant from William Blair was hired by the district to advise on this



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matter. Basically, this just takes advantage of lower interest rates while adding NO risk. It is a savings of \$564 over two years. The district was given AAA board rating by Moody's.)

3. Approval of MSU Contract for Mandarin Teacher – yes
4. Approval of Lynn Moore Coaching Services Contact- yes (Emotional Wellness coaching training by Charmed)
5. Approval of release of executive session minutes from 12/2013 to 6/2014
yes
6. PRESS issue 85 and 86 Policy Update – approved
7. Approval of Accurate Biometric Fingerprinting Contract – yes (change in vendor, more expensive but is more efficient)
8. Human Resource Items - approved

Care and Concern - Stephanie Klein

Handwritten notes and baked pumpkin bread delivered to two Deer Path Middle School families. Both of these families have responded with sincere gratitude for the Deer Path APT community. The support means so much to them.

Class of 2014 Activities – Martha Avery, Jill D'Alessandro, Melinda Hill, Lynne Kennedy, Mary Beth Schmidt

Summary of Activities Since Last DPM APT Board Meeting: We continue to meet weekly to organize our upcoming Community Service Day, which is this Friday, October 24th. For those of you who are not familiar with CSD, it is one morning where the kids board busses at DPM and travel to various locations throughout the area to perform 2 hours of community service. These hours contribute to our class goal of 2015 collective hours, or roughly 8 hours for each student. If you have an 8th grader, please make sure they are logging their volunteer hours. Needless to say, it is a monumental undertaking to secure volunteering opportunities and locations for all 262 of our 8th graders and the teachers and chaperones, but we are all set and super excited for our kids to begin (or continue) with their kind and generous works for our community. Thank you to all of our mom chaperones, many of whom are in this room right now!

We also had a hugely successful pep rally for the kids earlier this month and they had the chance to sign up to help with either CSD, the Talent Show in November or the Graduation Dance at the end of the school year. We're really trying to give



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them the ability to get involved with the planning and execution of all of these activities. We, as parents, are hoping to have 100% participation from the 8th grade class, and we'll keep you posted as to this goal as we organize the lists of where they would all like to help.

Summary of Coming Month (October 2014) - Plans: Community Service Day on Friday October 24th from 9-11.

Q - Talent Show date?

A - Nov 13 (one for school, one at night for parents)

Q - Volunteers for Community Service Day should go to site?

A - Yes. And the students need to log their hours online

Community Service - Heather Richmond, Beth Laufenberg ***Summary of Activities Since Last DPM APT Board Meeting:***

This year Community Service is going through a year of re-evaluation at the district level.

The APT is currently working closely with the administration to create a rotation of community service projects and drives that best support the students' curriculum.

This year we will have three drives. The first is the Candy Drive the week after Halloween. Extra Halloween candy will be collected in the lobbies November 3-7th to be re-distributed to those in need.

Although Dist 67 is not participating in the HUGS Food Drive this year, Lake County Cares is still conducting a full food drive in November. If you are interested in participating, go to lakecountycares.org for more information.

Summary of Coming Month (October 2014) - Plans:

Set up a meeting with your principal to discuss logistics.



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Distribute posters in town for the week of October 27, 2014.

Set up Sandwich Boards on Monday, November 3, 2014.

Monitor bins throughout the week.

Update Executive Level Reps on Wednesday, November 5, 2014.

Take photos of the filled bins.

Remove Sandwich Boards on Friday, November 7, 2014.

Collect Bins from all 4 schools on Friday, November 7, 2014.

Coordinate with Lydia Conopeotis on how she would like to pick up the candy.

Store bins at your house until the next drive.

Provide written report to Executive Board Reps, copy APT Presidents.

Question/Answer session during meeting:

Q - What are the drives this school year?

A - Candy Drive, Earth Week, School Supplies Drive. Now schools do a lot more community service on their own and we don't want APT drives to compete. Trying to work more closely with teachers and admin to determine exactly how APT can help.

Q - Work with Elawa, Open Lands for Earth Week?

A - Good ideas, but outside of school. Goal is to show kids that there are lots of different ways they can help - rotating might help kids find something they enjoy.

Email Beth or Heather with ideas or suggestions

Comment from Rebecca - I remember doing Community Service at Everett and being impressed with the quantity of items collected for those in need. Even if kids aren't directly involved (they just bring in items instead of "doing"), we have resources and it's good to provide for others.

Culture Fair Grade 5 – Sushama Krishnaswamy, Stella Kapsalis

September 2014: So far, we have:

30 volunteers for Egypt



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38 volunteers for Greece

32 volunteers for Rome

Summary of Coming Month (October 2014) - Plans: Continue to gather names as they trickle in.

Culture Fair Grade 6 – Meredith Hayes, Diana Webb

No report this month.

Directory / Membership – Kate Bryant, Anna McEvoy

Summary of Activities Since Last DPM APT Board Meeting:

Directory/Membership Update:

- All faculty & staff information has been added to the online directory.
- All homeroom teachers have been added for each student. If you find a mistake please contact Eileen Swartout or Anna McEvoy at LFapt67@gmail.com
- Very Helpful Tip for Online Directory!: How to Save Login Information for the Online Directory on your smartphone.

Go to www.myschoolanywhere.com/gomobile.html (or see below)

Remembering login information:

It's super handy to set up your phone to remember your login information.

iPhone

- Click on Settings
- Click on Safari
- Click on Passwords and Autofill
- Turn on Names and Passwords

Android

- Open the browser you are using to access the application.
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Print Directories will be distributed either late this week or early the week of October 27th - an email will be sent to all APT Members telling them to be on the look out once they are delivered to schools for distribution.

If you have any feedback on the online directory please let us know - email LFapt67@gmail.com

And it is not too late to join the APT! We are at approximately 85% membership across the district! All new members will receive access to online directory and the print directory! But the most important thing to know is that your membership supports amazing programming at all of our District 67 schools that enrich your children's educational experience every day!

Summary of Coming Month (October 2014) - Plans:

Distribute new Print Directory.

Print delivered probably next Wed or Thurs (email will be sent) - include FAQ

If you want to help label/sort, contact Eileen and/or Anna

Effort – Micaiah Robinson

- EFFORT is sponsoring Spirit Week next week
- Red bracelets will be given to all students to wear all week (the plastic kind that won't need to be taken off and on).
- On Thursday EFFORT will tie red ribbons
- EFFORT will provide reminders for the Candy Drive
- Possible service programs - holiday blankets, soles for souls, donating blue jeans were all suggested in our meeting

Emotional Wellness – Micaiah Robinson

DPM Emotional Wellness Update

Brainstorming from last year - subcommittee ideas:

Student Ideas:



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- CLAP (collaborative learning for awareness program) – morning meeting for students to understand all special needs and how to interact with ALL students
- Family Fun Night - tie in parent education piece
- Family movie night - tied into character traits
- 2nd Annual Deer Path Dash – West side student council would like to be involved with helping, community involvement
- Assembly when kicking off character traits
 - an emotional break once a month - recognizing or games
- Grants
 - ropes course for kids
 - speakers for staff/kids/parents
 - quotes outside of classrooms
- Powerful days for kids
 - Rachel's Story
 - Challenge Day
- Scavenger hunt - kids paired up with parents and find stuff - take pictures
- Tie together EW and EFFORT and student council, one life, live well - team up and pull together

Staff Ideas:

- Teacher swap day
- Scavenger hunt - kids paired up with parents and find stuff - take picture
- Book study - Parents and Staff

Lynne - Spirit is doing a Family Game night in January

But doesn't include DPM, so could be ok

Game Night - Fri night in Dec, donate games, kids can play basketball, etc or gift wrap games, parent break aways (LEAD)

Suggestion (Karras) - partner with LFHS boosters to get some high school athletes to lead some clinics, etc.

Fifth Grade Welcome – Kimberly Carris, Kristin O'Neil, Laura Gordon

No report this month.

Fine Arts – Amy Kelly, Kristin Fitzgerald



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No report this month.

Food Service – Laurie Whisler

No report this month.

LFHS Liaison – Melanie Thornberry, Kate Bryant

Current Month - Activities: October 2014

- LFHS won their Homecoming Varsity Football Game (LFHS vs. Libertyville) 29-20 on Friday, September 26th.
- Homecoming Dance was a huge success, record number of students attended, 902 tickets sold.
- Music Department Citrus Sales began October 1st, raising money for a musical tour of Spain during Spring Break 2015. Go to LFHS.org and order!
- Max Schewitz Foundation Screens for Teens Cardiac Screening program took place on Wednesday, October 8th.
- Sophomore/Junior PACT and SAT Testing took place on Wednesday, October 15th.
- Mr. Reese Marcusson was sworn in at the October 14th Board of Education meeting and will fill the board vacancy that resulted from the resignation of Todd Burgener.
- LFHS Choral Concert is tonight, Tuesday, October 21st at 7:30 Raymond Moore Auditorium.
- Honeywell Instant Alert Test for Parents is scheduled for Thursday, October 23rd.
- LFHS Orchestra Festival is Thursday, October 23rd at 7:00 pm Raymond Moore Auditorium.
- Red Cross Club will host a blood drive on Tuesday, October 28th.

Coming Month - Plans: November 2014

- LFHS APT Meeting, Wednesday, November 5th- East Campus 9:00 am Room 113.
- 10th Annual Open Doors Career Exploration Program will be held on November



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6th and 7th.

LFHS Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 6th 12:00 pm – 8:00pm.

New Families – LeaAnne LaVanway, Carol Shearstone

No report this month.

Parent Awareness – Jorie Alutto, Theresa Speed

- LEAD is doing a lot with Red Ribbon Week - the race is starting at Gorton not Elawa, wellness fair, things for kids and parents. Check out LEAD's website.
- Committee meeting this month - Judy Epke talked about tech goals for students k-8 - how do we communicate this all other parents?
- Also talked about how to get info out to parents - parent corner didn't get a lot of hits, so trying to get creative for a broader reach

Room Parent Coordinators – Camille Mayer (5), Dawn Wheldon (6), Sushama Krishnaswamy (7), Kate Bryant (8)

No report this month.

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

No report this month.

Spiritwear – Kristina Frede

No report this month.

Spirit of 67 Specialist – Amy Kelly, Natalie Torcolese

THANK YOU to everyone who has made a donation to the SPIRIT for the 2014-15 school year thus far! We appreciate EVERY donation. **38%** of the families in District 67 have donated this year. Our goal is to engage 100% of our families as donors. Please donate if you haven't already and PLEASE ENCOURAGE your



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friends and neighbors to do so if you have. Forms can be downloaded from our website or donations can be made online via our website.

Centerpieces of Education Benefit Luncheon. It is this Friday, October 17th from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM at Exmoor Country Club. There are lots of fantastic auction items and everyone should have gotten information about that in their Friday Folders or Flyers. More information is available on our website at spiritof67foundation.org.

GRANTS IN ACTION

The real work of the Spirit of 67 Foundation is funding grants that enhance the educational experience of **Every Student in Every Classroom Everyday!** Thirty-four grants were awarded to District 67 schools for 2014-15, which translates to nearly \$200,000 of extra funding for our schools and children.

THE VISITING AUTHOR PROGRAM: Bill Buczinsky

The Spirit of 67 was excited to recently fund a visit from poet Bill Buczinsky to all students in Grades K-4 at the beginning of October. Bill spent the day teaching District 67 students about the power of poetry to make writing fun. As is evident in the photos, it was an engaging and entertaining experience for our elementary students. Through promoting interaction with published authors, the Visiting Author program (facilitated by the APT and funded by the Spirit) helps bring the creative writing process to life in a meaningful and accessible way. You can visit [Bill's website](http://www.childs-voice-poetry.com/bill-buczinsky.html) at <http://www.childs-voice-poetry.com/bill-buczinsky.html> to learn more about him and his poetry.

THE CLIMBING WALL AT DPM

Teachers and students alike are all abuzz about the new climbing wall featured in the Deerpath Middle School Multipurpose Gym. The wall will provide an empowering, challenging and exciting opportunity for increased student (and teacher) engagement. Offering both physical and mental health benefits, different sized students, with or without disabilities, will be able to work together to share authentic social and cooperative learning experiences. Teachers recently underwent a training session as the school prepares to start incorporating the wall. The Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Learning Disabilities Association (LDA) partnered with the Spirit of 67 Foundation to underwrite a portion of this grant.



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Watch for our Constant Contact in your email including photos of these Grants in Action.

Teacher Appreciation – Kim Gambit, Marra Lochiatto, Rebecca Oline, Lynne Kennedy, Julie Slobodnik, Mary Manzer, Kim Gambit, Janet Burt
September 2014:

We hosted a bagel breakfast for the 7/8 staff on Wednesday, September 17th, at 7:30am and a bagel breakfast for the 5/6 staff on Friday, September 19th, at 7:30am. Bagels and cream cheese are purchased from Einstein's. Fruit was purchased from Costco. Paper products were purchased ahead of time. This is an annual event that the staff seems to enjoy following the curriculum nights. This year, Lynne Kennedy provided her own table linens and fall table decorations to enhance the food displays.

Visiting Author – Anna McEvoy, Kate Bryant

No report this month.

Volunteer Coordinator – Dawn Wheldon

No report this month.

Respectfully submitted,
Tiffany Wiesner