

Deer Path Middle School APT Meeting Minutes for 9/20/2016

Meeting Commenced at 9:02
Meeting Adjourned at 10:30

Attendees

Julie Schwan, Kim Campbell, Emilie Correa, Micaiah Robinson, Laurie Whisler, Judi Olenick, Heather Strong, Tara Eggers, Tish Houston, Mary Kay Hanlon, Anna Theodore, Kathy Beck, Marty Vander Velde, Lynne Kennedy, Wendy Flynn, Teri Albus, Christine Goshgarian, Diana Webb, Vicki Stach, Kristen Lee, Alyssa Sinclair, Heather Clements, Sarah Priest, Luke Mutter, Heather Richmond, Mike Field, Rene DeVore, Michael Kroll, Tom Cardamone, Anna McEvoy, Kim Carden Lindsay Seaman, Jennifer Karras, Amy Kelly, Cynthia McCullough, Beth Laufenberg

President – Call to Order

Guest Speakers - Principal program at the end of the meeting

Administrator Reports

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

- There was a school assembly on the first day of school in the auditorium
- 28 new students this year at DPM East
- Students should wear their IDs this year
- There is new flooring throughout the DPM building. A new space is opening soon - the life skills and sensory room near the office. Equipment in the sensory room is funded by the LDA.
- The 8th grade band will perform at the LFHS football game on Oct 7th.
- Parent-teacher conferences are Oct 27-28. Sign up online on Oct 11-14.
- On Nov 1-2, orchestra students will be involved in a 2-day workshop at LFHS which is funded by the Spirit of 67. Concert evening of Nov 2nd.
- Theme for DPM East this year: “Decide what to be and will be it”

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

- Welcomed Mike Field, assistant principal to DPM West.
- An activities fair will be on Sept 29th during lunches.
- “Know the Code” in action at DPM
- Cell phone policy: No phone during school day including bus stops and on buses. Keep it in your locker. If parents have a message for their child during the day, call the office and they will be happy to relay the message.
- ELO will be continuing later this year 1 day per week on both east and west sides.

Teacher Liaison - Amy Lamberti

- Thank you to our supportive and generous parents for the lovely treats provided at the start of school and for breakfast after curriculum night.
- We thank you for showing your support and attending curriculum night. Your partnership is valued.
- A friendly reminder to create a PowerSchool account for viewing grades and Edmodo for viewing homework. If you did not receive the information for creating accounts you can email your building tech coach : alamberti@lfschools.net or chardy@lfschools.net
- Homework club has started on the east and west sides. Students are welcome to stay after school in a quiet, teacher supervised environment.
- 5th/6th grade teachers were wondering if the APT Food Committee could serve lunches/dinners in the 5th and 6th grade area? Historically it has been in the Haskins center but it's hard to make it over there and back with short amounts of time. Conferences would be fine because everyone is in the gyms.
- A lovely present during the year or at the end of the year, would be to redo the lounges. New table, chairs, and maybe a small couch etc.? Teachers love their quiet space but the space need some TLC.
- Special lunches? Would the APT committees be interested in bringing in food trucks, companies to come in and serve food to promote their company, DPM pencils or pens, DPM cookies, bakery treats etc.
- Parent photographer-the yearbook would love help from a parent who is interested in gathering pics for the yearbook.

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- We are so lucky to have a wonderful new garden on the south side of the building. Quest has been so kind to serve some of the delicious cucumbers that were harvested. ELO will continue with the garden in October. The hope is to plant more items to enjoy.
- School resource officer would like parents to be aware that the high school football games has a concern with the unsupervised activity of middle schoolers at the football games.
- 8th grade will be playing on Oct. 7 at the Lake Forest High School game. Students will rehearse with Lake Bluff Middle School and the High school in the morning and perform at the football game that night. We will be performing the LFHS Fight Song, and two Taylor Swift numbers.
- Registration is now open for the 7th grade Springfield trip. Students received registration packets from their social studies teachers last week. Information is also linked to the DPM-W website and can be accessed using this link: <https://goo.gl/EKBFLH>
Please contact Natalie Bolgrien: nbolgrien@lfschools.net
or Kristin Tiveron: ktiveron@lfschools.net

Officer Reports

President – Jennifer Karras

- Jennifer welcomed the board and everyone introduced themselves
- A video was shown on APT activities

Vice President / Communications – Anna McEvoy

- Anna encouraged all board members to take photos of APT activities and to nominate someone on your committee to take photos.
- If anyone needs a sandwich board, reserve with Anna.
- Friday flyer submissions are due by Wednesday.
- There is a calendar of events being put together. Email Anna with major events and dates.

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Secretary – Kim Carden

- Approval of April Minutes – first motion by Beth Laufenberg, second motion by Lindsay Seaman, all approved.
- Please let Kim know if you have any changes with your email or phone number

Treasurer – Lindsay Seaman

- The budget has been made. Please see Lindsay's email from the day of the meeting. You will find a tax exempt letter and a budget for your committee. Give Lindsay receipts. Spend your money as the APT can't keep it at the end of the year.

Programs – Julie Schwan

Upcoming Events

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

We have reached out to Dr. Elizabeth Lombardo to join us at a board meeting and we are awaiting a date. Recently, she appeared on GMA and discussed “Is it okay to let your kids quit” – in relation to piano lessons, musical instruments, honors classes, etc. She brings a unique perspective as a DPM parent of 2 and a nationally renowned psychologist and author. We are also working with Elizabeth to put together a meaningful, timely workshop for parents later in the year.

Join us for a meaningful way to kick off your holiday season – volunteer with your DPM students at Feed My Starving Children in Libertyville – we have a block of 30 spaces on Sat Dec 17 from 2-4pm. More info to come as the date gets closer. Feed My Starving Children is a non-profit organization committed to feeding hungry children around the world. Children and adults hand-pack meals specifically formulated for malnourished children, and we ship these meals to our distribution partners.

We are hoping to host 2 Book Discussions with our principals this year -- one in early December and the second in early March. We are currently selecting a title and will send out the Evite as the date approaches.

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Committee Reports

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

No report this month.

Board of Education Liaison – Teri Albus, Christine Goshgarian

No report this month.

Care and Concern – Kim Robb, Kim Gambit

No report this month.

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

The 8th Grade Graduation Committee has been very busy working on the following projects:

Community Service Day – Friday, October 21st 9:00 – 11:00

The 8th graders will be kicking off their community service pledge of 2,017 service hours on CSD. They will be heading out into the community to over 15 different locations to serve at non-profit organizations. Projects they will be doing include going through donations, cleaning, sorting books, preparing for fall events, filling Halloween bags, preparing a meal and more. The Lake Forest/Lake Bluff Rotary Club is generously sponsoring the busses for us again this year.

Renee and Mike have been talking with students about service hours and CSD during their homeroom visits the past few weeks.

Parent Letter

A letter to 8th grade parents from the co-chairs will be going out this week highlighting all of the 8th grade graduation activities, volunteer opportunities and the activity fee.

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Volunteers

Last week we had a great response at Back-to-School Night collecting volunteers to help with Community Service Day and the Dance.

Activity Fee

We are also in the process of collecting the activity fee from 8th grade parents who did not pay when they registered. There was a small percentage of parents who hadn't paid and collection is going well.

Community Service - Heather Richmond, Christiana Walsh

No report this month.

CROYA - Laura Whisler

No report this month.

Culture Fair Grade 5 - Cynthia McCullough, Heather Strong

No report this month.

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

No report this month.

Directory / Membership - Judi Olenick

No report this month.

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

No report this month.

Fifth Grade Welcome - Tish Houston, Heather Strong

Tish and Heather met with Mr. Smith and the WEB Day Committee in the Spring of 2015. The Committee requested we get volunteers to help greet & open car doors for the students in the morning, and direct parents to park at the noon pick-up. They also told us about the water bottles that had been donated in the past. Tish

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and Heather coordinated with Goshgarian Orthodontics, who again generously provided all the incoming 5th grade students great water bottles as a take-away from WEB Day. All the feedback was that WEB Day was again a huge success.

Fine Arts – Mike Borkowski

No report this month.

Food Service – Irene Okada

-Met with coordinator Adriene Arpino; toured school and ascertained where posterboards for food information would be.

-Posted informational breakfast posters on both sides of the cafeteria ; “Anatomy of a good breakfast”, “why eat breakfast” and “build a better breakfast” and “select 3 for breakfast”.

LFHS Liaison – Lynne Kennedy, Kim Campbell, Lynn Bertram

The school year is off to a good start at the high school and everyone is adjusting quite well to the new block schedule. Students are enjoying the new cafeteria options. On the first day of school, the sushi sold-out during the first lunch period despite the food service company ordering more than they thought they would ever possibly go through.

The 11th annual Open Doors Career Exploration Program will be held on **November 3-4 2016**. The purpose of this job-shadowing program is to provide students with first-hand, on-the-job experience with professionals in the community and with local volunteer agencies during the two days when students have off from school due to Parent-Teacher conferences. Students in all grade levels are encouraged to participate in this unique and valuable program. Positions will be available for previewing starting Sunday, October 9th and 7:00 p.m. Sign-ups will begin Sunday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m. and close October 23rd at 7:00 p.m. They are always looking for companies to host students. Please contact Kathy O’Hara at kohara@lfschools.net Homecoming is this weekend. Game Friday night and the dance on Saturday. Tickets to the dance are \$15 and will be sold on-line only this year.

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Mike Simeck discussed the shut-down of several drinking fountains in the building due to high lead content.

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

Deer Path welcomed 49! new students this year:

5th 19, 6 Girls/ 13 Boys

6th 14, 5 Girls/ 9 Boys

7th 9, 4 Girls/ 5 Boys

8th 7, 3 Girls/ 4 Boys

We had a New Family Orientation on August 10th at Deerpath Middle School. The principals spoke to the families about the school and APT/Spirit representatives attended as well. The students in 5th and 6th got a tour during part of the presentation, and 7th and 8th grade students had their own orientation before school started. Folders were distributed at the meeting and we followed up with those who could not attend.

In addition we had 2 casual meet ups at the park for New Families to get to know each other in a less casual setting.

Summary of Coming Months (October 2016) - Plans:

Committee will continue to welcome New Families as they arrive.

Parent Awareness – Umang Singh, Alyssa Sinclair

Committee Meeting

We will be having our first committee meeting with PA Exec reps and PA reps in all 4 building in early October.

67 E-Pulse Newsletter

Our successful joint newsletter between Emotional Wellness and Parent Awareness will hopefully be in the works again this year. We will be scheduling a meeting with EW to discuss the calendar for this year.

Social Media and Technology Presentation

This was in the Friday Flyer at DPM. Please talk this up. Officer Christensen does an

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EXCELLENT presentation on social media. He is very knowledgeable and you will learn so much!

Conrad Christensen will be presenting to K-8 parents about the safety measures of social media and technology. Information will be shared regarding what we are teaching kids in District 67 and resources for parenting the social media and technology experiences for today's students. A Q&A will be available at the end of the presentation.

Board Room - LFHS WEST CAMPUS

Oct 11 (Tuesday) - 9:30-10:30

Oct 13 (Thursday) - 7:00-8:00

Jump Start to Fifth Grade 2016

Jump Start to Fifth Grade will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

Upcoming Community Events – Lots of good events coming up:

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

Substance Series: The Truth About Alcohol, Tobacco and E-Cigs

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Gorton Community Center
Join LEAD staff as we share with you the truth about alcohol, tobacco and e-cigarettes.

- * What are the national trends around these substances?
- * Why are teens engaging in drug use?
- * Is underage drinking really a big deal?
- * Are E-Cigarettes dangerous?
- * What can you do as parents, and we do as a community, to combat these issues?

Join us. No RSVP required.

Cultivate Series: Get a Jump Start! The Transition into Elementary School

Wednesday, October 12, 2016 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Gorton Community Center

This session is intended for parents with toddlers, preschoolers, or elementary age students. Come learn about what safeguards you can take now to set your child up for decision-making success.

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

Thursday, September 22, 2016, 10:00

LFCDs welcomes David Walsh, Ph.D, an award-winning psychologist, best-selling author, and international speaker. He will speak about "Understanding Grit: Why Kids Need It, and How We Can Help Them Get It." Dr. Walsh has written ten books

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including the national best sellers *Why Do They Act That Way? A Survival Guide to the Adolescent Brain for You and Your Teen* and *No: Why Kids – of All Ages – Need to Hear It and Ways Parents Can Say It*.

Thursday, October 27, 2016, 10:00

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

Both talks begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Green Bay Atrium and are free and open to the public. Please see the Lake Forest Country Day website for more information: lfcds.org.

Parent Teacher Liaison – Katie Frekko, Beth Laufenberg

No report this month.

Room Parent Coordinators – Tish Houston (5), Lydia Conopectis (6), Sushama Krishnaswamy (7), Judi Olenick (8)

Tish coordinated a slate of Room Parents for the ten 5th grade classes. Parents were given the Room Parent handbook and asked to contact their teachers to offer help for any teacher needs. Tish offered to meet as a group or one-on-one to answer any questions and help orientate parents to the Room Parent role. Room Parents were asked to only use class info/emails for the role of Room Parent and reminded that the District takes privacy very seriously. The Room Parent list was also given to the DPME Front Office.

School Supplies – TBD 5/6, Jennifer Karras 7/8

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Spiritwear – Liz Olsen

All d67 Spiritwear is on sale now (Sept. 14), and because our online ordering system is so efficient, we could extend the deadline through the weekend of Sept.

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17th. Kiddles then begins fulfillment and delivers the items to the schools by Oct. 8.

Spirit of 67 Liaison – Amy Kelly

****Highlight the DPM Curriculum Nights***

****Promote the Barn Dance and Raise Your Hand for Education on line Auction***

****Save the date for the Home Tour, Thursday, May 4th***

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

Summer Activities: Planning the calendar for the 2016-2017 school year and getting approval from the principals for dates and new ideas.

August 23rd 2016 – Staff Welcome Back Luncheon in the Haskins Center. Teachers and Staff enjoyed wraps and salads and desserts.

August 30th 2016 – All Committee meeting. 10 person committee this year. We expanded the number of committee members to ensure the increased number of events for the year are adequately staffed. (In addition we have a list of parents who would like to help out with various events on an as needed basis.)

September 14th and Sept 16th. Bagels and fruit breakfasts served to DPME and DPMW staff and teachers on the morning after their respective curriculum nights.

Oct 27th 2016 – Conference Night dinner for all Staff and teachers. Working on menu and a fun theme!

We will be utilizing Sign Up Genius this year to solicit volunteers from the APT Board and general school community for baked goods and other donations etc. for various events including October event. We will put links in the Friday newsletter and also on Facebook so please look out for those and share on Facebook etc.

Student Leadership & Spirit 5/6 – Micaiah Robinson, Wendy Flynn

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Student Leadership & Spirit 7/8 – Amy Gray, Kimberly Carris

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