



Deer Path Middle School APT Board Meeting

September 19, 2017 Minutes

Attendees - Ellen Camoletto, Kim Campbell, Tom Cardamone, Kimberly Carris, Kristin Chun, Carolyn DeLuca, Renée DeVore, Mike Field, Lauren Goldberg, Mary Kay Hanlon, Colene Hardy, Tish Houston, Ann Kiesling, Nicole Korczak, Michael Kroll, Beth Laufenberg, Kristen Lee, Kate Leech, Stephanie Mannarino, Jessica Muller, Becky Nagel, Judi Olenick, Kim Robb, Kate Rother, Katie Schiyer, Alyssa Sinclair, Umang Singh, Vicki Stach, Heather Strong, Anna Theodore, Lisa Walsh, Leslie Walton (CROYA), Laurie Whisler, Dez Witte

Administrator Reports:

DPMW Principal - Renée DeVore and Asst. Principal - Mike Field

- The Principals and staff at DPM truly appreciate all the time and effort put into the delicious Back to School Luau Luncheon and post-Curriculum Night breakfast. The food was delicious and the presentations outstanding.
- Please join Ms. DeVore and Mr. Fields as they discuss two of author, Rosalind Wiseman's, books as follows:
 - September 28th Ms. DeVore will host a Book Talk at Haskins 2.0 Center on *Queen Bees and Wannabes* from 1-2pm
 - October 12th Mr. Field will host a Book Talk at Haskins 2.0 Center on *Masterminds and Wingmen* from 1-2pm
 - DPMW has added a space within Haskins 2.0 Center known as the Spark Lab. This space is an area for students to create whatever they can imagine. The staff has worked to fill the Lab with everything from basic art supplies to less commonly found wood working tools, etc. The staff will continually be adding unique items throughout the year. The space is targeted to officially open by the beginning of October.
 - Please remind students that there is an anonymous on-line incident report that should be completed and submitted for any concerning situations that happen at DPMW (bullying, situations that cause tension, etc.) The Principals review these submissions daily and promptly address all incidents. No student should ever feel fearful at DPMW and the best way to maintain a safe environment is to report situations to the adults in charge.
 - The Principals are all now on Twitter. Please feel free to “follow” them for a real-time view of what is happening at DPM.
 - DPMW is going to move to a similar schedule as DPME for Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO). DPMW will have ELO for a full day 3 times during the school year. These dates include: Nov 21, Feb 15, and May 25. On these 3 days the students will take mini-classes on a unique subject that is not offered in the typical school day. Some offerings from prior years included: finger knitting, rocket making, duct tape art and golf lessons.

DPME Principal - Tom Cardamone and Asst. Principal - Michael Kroll

- DPME welcomed about 9 new staff members this year. These are all great additions to the school and have brought a boost of energy that has been felt throughout the school. The school year started off with great momentum!
- DPME is welcoming a new attendance secretary to the front office starting this coming Monday 9/25. Please welcome her when you see her. The staff is excited to have help as the front office is a very busy place.
- In addition to his role as Principal, Mr. Cardamone is also an advisor to the Fine Arts program. In this capacity he is helping to let people know that DPM's 7/8 Marching Band will be performing on Thursday 9/28 during halftime at the LFHS football game. Please come out West Campus and support the band!
- DPM held its Activity Fair at lunch last Thursday. Students were given the opportunity to walk around and hear about all the various clubs that are current available at DPM during their lunch periods. DPM is also unique in that any student with an idea for a club is welcome to find a teacher sponsor for the idea and start a new club. Teachers are always happy to help students find their passion by sponsoring new clubs. Please see DPM's web site for a list of current club offerings.

Teacher Representative 5/6 - Katie Schiyer

- THANK YOU from all the teachers for the wonderful Back to School Luau Luncheon and post-Curriculum Night breakfast. Also, THANK YOU from the teachers for the awesome Deerpath t-shirts. The teachers try to wear DPM gear on Friday Spirit Days and these t-shirts will get great use.
- DPM's Garden Club worked over the summer and had a bountiful harvest. The students took some of their produce to a contest held at Chicago Botanic Gardens and won some awards. Congratulations Garden Club!

Teacher Representative 7/8 - Colene Hardy

- There has been a request for gently used potholders that students are making into eye glass cases for a charity. Please bring any to the school and direct them to Ms. Hardy.
- DPM will continue its policy that class parties focus on fun and engaging activities rather than food. Homeroom teachers will communicate to the Room Parents the specific guidelines. In general, food will be limited to one treat item that is store bought and contains no peanuts. Please look for communication from your child's homeroom teacher and/or Room Parents.
- The back parking lot gets very busy at the end of the school day during pick-up. Please be mindful of students walking to the Rec and other cars as they might be crossing in front of your car.
- DPM will be getting "Digital Portfolios" for writing. The students will be able to easily access Google Docs, SeaSaw, and other writing sites. More info to come!

Officer Reports:

President – Beth Laufenberg

- Welcome to the 1st DPM APT meeting for the 2017-2018 school year! Please note that ALL are welcome to ALL meetings. Also, please know that volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Please contact Beth (dpmapt@gmail.com) if you have any interest in volunteering and thank you to

all who make our APT so great!

- The APT Executive Board theme this year was revealed at their recent first meeting and is “You Are Stronger Than You Realize.” DPM’s APT echoes this theme as we look around this room at all these wonderful people volunteering their time to enhance our children’s education. Thank you to all!
- Please check out the APT’s new website: <http://dpmapt.weebly.com>. It has anything and everything about the APT organized in a very user-friendly way. Great job and thank you to Beth and Laurie!

Vice President / Communications – Laurie Whisler

- Laurie Whisler is the person to contact with any information about what their committee is doing for the APT and for information that needs to be communicated to the DPM community. Following are the forms of communication:
 - There is a DPM east and west Facebook page for up to the minute communications
 - The Friday Flyer email includes current events and news (info needs to be sent to Laurie before Wednesday at noon to make it into that week’s Friday Flyer; note: if something should appear for more than 1 week, it needs to be submitted the Wednesday of *each* week it is to appear)
 - The APT will make a poster for the “sandwich boards” that are put out in front of the schools each morning
 - The APT has an email database of parents who have consented to receive APT email and can send information to this group for upcoming events and news
 - News and events can be posted on the DPM, District 67, and APT websites
- Please send all pictures taken at DPM events to Laurie and she will get them on the DPM APT website

Treasurer – Lindsay Seaman

- Beth and Lindsay are finalizing the APT’s annual budget. More to come at the next APT meeting.

Programs – Julie Schwan

- A slot has been reserved for DPM Families to volunteer at **Feed My Starving Children** on Saturday 12/9 from 11:30am - 1:30pm (30 spots open). DPM Families did this last year and all had a wonderful time helping others and getting to know more friends within the DPM community. Last year there was a great turnout. Julie will be sending out an evite when she is back in town.

Committee Reports:

BOE Monthly Report - Dez Witte

- Link to minutes and board packets is also available <http://dpmapt.weebly.com/BOE.html>
- Most recent meeting was August 22, 2017. Please see http://www.lf67.org/d67public/meetings/August_22_2017/online_boe.html for information.
- Next meeting is Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at LFHS West Campus Board Room. ALL are welcome.

Class of 2018 Activities - Mary Kay Hanlon (Lindsey Chabraja, Julile Benda Helms, and Sushama Krishnaswamy)

- Information relating to all things Class of 2018 can be found here: <http://dpmapt.weebly.com/class-of-2018.html>
- Community Service Day is set for Friday, October 13, 2017 from 9-11 a.m. Every 8th Grader will volunteer at a local not-for-profit location as the kick-off to their year-long effort to volunteer 2,108 hours as their "gift" to the community. The Committee has confirmed 18 local organizations for the event. Students will request their choices the week of September 25 and then DPM principals will make assignments.

The Committee is currently gathering names of parent chaperones via a link in the Friday Flyer. Parents will supervise the groups with a teacher and also take pictures for a year-end slide show. Rotary Club is once again sponsoring the cost of the buses used for transportation.

- The Committee is with Ms. DeVore to draft a letter to be sent out to 8th grade parents. The letter will highlight key dates for 8th grade activities throughout the year and share how they can pay the Graduation Activities fee that will fund the end of year dance party and graduation reception.
- Planning is already underway for the 8th grade graduation dance party to be held on the evening of May 25. A DJ has been secured with a deposit. The dance theme will be determined via student-led presentations later in the school year.

Community Service – Kate Rother (Christiana Walsh)

- Information can also be found here, <http://dpmapt.weebly.com/community-service.html>
- District 67 will again participate in the Lake County Cares Thanksgiving Food Drive this year. The food drive hopes to provide more than 500 Thanksgiving meals to food pantries in Lake County. The food drive runs from Oct. 30th through Nov. 10th. In lieu of bringing in food, another suggestion is for families to donate a \$10 Jewel gift card. Following are the items requested by each grade level.
 - Kindergarten - Rice
 - 1st grade - Canned Fruit
 - 2nd grade - Canned Beans
 - 3rd grade - Stuffing Mix
 - 4th grade - Canned Veggies
 - 5th grade - Corn Muffin Mix
 - 6th grade - Canned Chicken or Turkey Broth
 - 7th grade - Canned Corn
 - 8th grade – Rice
- Help is also needed to sort the food, make meal bags, load deliver trucks, and deliver the food. Please email info@lakecountycares.org to sign up to help for any of the following events.
 - Nov 14-6 Sort food and make meal bags from 3-5:30 p.m. at Gorton
 - Nov 17 Load delivery trucks from 3-5:50 p.m. at Gorton

- Nov 18 Deliver the food: meet at 9 a.m. at Gorton's parking lot help deliver to Lake County food pantries

Directory/Membership - Kristin Lee

- Information can also be found here: <http://www.dpmapt.weebly.com/directory.html>
- Most families join the APT when they register their kids for school, but you are able to join at any time. A \$35 per family membership supports the APT at each school and provides families with online access and a print copy of the APT Student Directory. To see if your family purchased a family membership please check the DPM APT website, <http://dpmapt.weebly.com/directory.html>.
- Directories are currently being printed and will be distributed in mid-October. For families with multiple children in D67, the directory will be sent home with the youngest child.

Fine Arts - Maureen Fitzgerald (Laura Cushing)

- Information can also be found at: <http://dpmapt.weebly.com/fine-arts.html>
- *Tales of Olympus* will be performed for Grade 5, *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* for Grade 6, and *50 States in 50 Minutes* for grades 7/8 sponsored by a generous grant from the Spirit of 67. The APT Executive Board members are working with school principals to secure performance dates.
- Visiting Author - Shelley Pearsall will spend two days at DPME (one day each for 5th graders and 6th graders) on December 6th and 7th. Jack Gantos will spend two days at DPMW (one day each for 7th graders and 8th graders) on January 11th and 12th, 2018.

LF-LB LDA Liaison - Vicki Stach (Tracy Barrett)

- Information can also be found here: <http://dpmapt.weebly.com/lf-lb-lda-liaison.html>
- Monthly meetings for LF-LB LDA are held the second Wednesday of every month at West Campus in Seminar B from 9:30-10:45am.
- Please join LF-LB LDA on Tuesday, Oct 3, for Parents Night: "The Who, What, When, Why and How of IEPs" where questions including the following will be answered: What the heck is an IEP? Why might my child need an IEP? I don't understand my child's IEP! What is my role as a parent? This event will be held in the Raymond Moore LFHS 6:30pm - 8:00pm and is co-sponsored by the LDA; Districts 65, 67, 115; and NSSSED.
- Please join LF-LB LDA on December 4th for a lecture by Julie Lythcott-Haims, author of "How to Raise and Adult" at the LFHS Raymond Moore Auditorium at 7pm. This event is sponsored by LFHS District 115, LF District 67 and LEAD. Lake Forest Book Store has offered a 15% discount on this book if you mention the event.

Room Parent Coordinators – Robin Gapinski, Tish Houston, Lydia Conopeotis, Sushama Krishnaswamy

- A listing of all room parents can be found here: <http://dpmapt.weebly.com/room-parent-coordinator.html>
- All Room Parent slots have been filled. Room Parents were directed to coordinate with homeroom teachers prior to Curriculum Night to help with sign-up sheets and anything else that needed to be done for that evening. Thank you to all Room Parents for their service this year!

School Supplies - Ellen Camoletto (Cynthia Tobin)

- Information can also be found here: <http://www.dpmapt.weebly.com/school-supplies.html>
- School Paks were distributed to homeroom classrooms on Thursday, August 24 and the morning of Friday, August 25. 439 Paks were ordered for grades 5-8. 5th grade had the most orders. There was a decrease in orders in grades 6-8 with 8th grade class ordering the least. No issues came up other than one family ordering a box for the incorrect grade, and two parents believing they had placed an order for their student while a cross check with School Pak revealed they had not.
- There was a decrease in the number of boxes ordered this year as compared to 2016. This decrease was noted across all schools in the District. Exec APT School Supply Chair Katie Frekko mentioned 2016 was an unusually high ordering year and, therefore, this year's numbers may be more in line with other years. The decrease is not a concern as School Paks are not a money raising effort, but rather a service to parents. There are currently enough families in the District utilizing it to continue the program. Katie will be working this spring to try and improve the communications regarding the timing of placing orders. Advertising for the School Pak program and corresponding ordering period will begin in May 2018.

S.P.A. (Student and Parent Awareness) - Heather Clements, Kate Rappel, Alyssa Sinclair, Umang Singh

- Information can also be found here: <http://www.dpmapt.weebly.com/spa.html>
- SPA is proud to present its Parent Speaker Series starting with Dr. Kim Fletcher presentation of "Un-stressed Out: Understanding and Managing Modern-Day Stress" on Oct 4th from 9:00am - 11:00am at DPM.
- #findingjoy67 is the districts theme this year. Follow Mr. Simeck on twitter.
- There are test classrooms in all the schools to promote better ways for students to learn. These rooms have different furniture, lighting, wall colors, etc. If the district moves forward it will be in waves due to the every high costs acquiring new furniture in order to convert all classrooms.
- Following are some dates of upcoming community events to be aware of:
 - Oct 4th SPA meeting with DPM building reps and Emilie Correa, 67 ePulse
 - Oct. 3 6th Grade Grotto tickets on sale
 - Oct 4-7th Open Lands Shop Your Cause
 - Oct 21st LEAD's Taste of Wellness
 - Oct 22nd LEAD's Red Ribbon Race
 - Oct 27th/28th 6th Grade Grotto Dance – Beach Party
 - Jump Start to 5th Grade scheduled for Tuesday, May 8th in the DPME Cube

Spirit of 67 Liaison – Kimberly Carris (Deb Bradley, Katy Manly)

- Information can also be found here: <http://www.dpmapt.weebly.com/spirit-of-67.html>
- Raise Your Hand For Education Online Auction will be open Oct. 17th - 20th. The online auction will end at noon at the Spirit's annual luncheon held on Oct. 20th. Some special auction items will be

available exclusively at the luncheon. Questions about the auction, please contact Michelle Hirschfield at “mhirschfield@gmail.com”.

- Thanks-4-Giving Inaugural Appreciation Luncheon will be held Oct. 20th 11am to 2:30pm at Knollwood Club. The luncheon will include a three-course meal and will celebrate both the D67 students and the Spirit grants. The luncheon is a way to thank the Spirit’s generous donor families for their continued support year to year. Invitations were mailed to homes, but tickets may also be purchased online at <http://www.spiritof67foundation.org>.
- If you haven’t done so already, please consider becoming an annual donor to the Spirit of 67. As former Spirit President Missy Burger has said, “In these state cash-strapped times it is now more important than ever to bring into the classrooms enhancements that just will not be paid for in traditional tax funded ways.” That is the mission of the Spirit of 67 Foundation, which truly benefits every child in every grade in every school. The Spirit appreciates any and all donations. There is a giving level to fit every family.
- As a further incentive this year, the Spirit is holding a friendly competition between all five of our schools (Cherokee, Everett, Sheridan, DPME & DPMW) to see which school has the highest level of donor participation. The winning school will receive a special celebration at the end of the year!
- Donor Family Participation Contest results to date:
 - Cherokee: 39.3%
 - Everett: 29.5%
 - Sheridan: 41.4%
 - DPM E&W: 37.3%
- Thank you to all Spirit donor families. This support makes a lasting impact on every student, in every school, every day. Please visit our website (<http://www.spiritof67foundation.org>) to learn more about becoming an annual donor.

Spirit Wear - Jen Portalatin

- Information can also be found here: <http://www.dpmapt.weebly.com/spirit-wear.html>
- Sale of DPM Spirit Wear started on Tuesday, August 22 at the DPM walk-throughs and ended on Thursday, September 14th. Items ordered will be delivered to DPM during the week of October 9th. Please refer all questions to Jen Portalatin at “jenportalatin@gmail.com”.

Staff Appreciation – Anna Theodore (Rachel Baker, Sophia Koliatsis, Sushama Krishnaswamy, Lisa Lamb, Amanda Lamberti, Kristen Lee, Nicole Mangiaracina)

- Information can also be found here: <http://www.dpmapt.weebly.com/staff-appreciation.html>
- This year Staff Appreciation events will focus on the idea of “searching around the world” for the best teachers and staff. The year will conclude during Teacher and Staff Appreciation week with the outcome that no other teachers around the world compare to the teachers at DPM.
- The first event was a Back to School Luau Luncheon held on Tuesday, August 21st in the DPM cafeteria. The decorations included a surf board, flamingos, plastic leis and sunglass wearing pineapples. The food included a luau buffet. Feedback was mostly fantastic!

- The Committee also put on two "Morning After Curriculum Night" breakfasts held in the Teacher Lounges. They included a Continental variety of breakfast foods.
- The next event is the Fall Conference Night Dinner to be held Thursday, October 26th.

WEB Day - Heather Strong, Tish Houston

- Photos from WEB Day can be found here: <http://www.dpmapt.weebly.com/web-day-2017.html>
- Friday, August 18th was the 5th grade orientation known as Where Everyone Belongs (WEB Day). There were approximately 200 5th graders in attendance. A team of 5th grade teachers led by Mr. Smith, DPM Principals, and 8th grade student volunteers welcomed the new 5th graders. The event included a morning of fun games, DPM building tour, and other exercises designed to reduce anxiety and increase comfort levels of the incoming 5th graders. Thank you to APT parent volunteers who helped with set up prior to the event and ran the car drop off/ pick up line on WEB Day itself! Thank you also to the APT (and Beth Laufenberg for coordinating this!) for providing a great DPM Braves t-shirt as the "take away" gift this year.
- Planning for WEB Day 2018 will start in May 2018. Please let any parents of 4th graders at D67 schools who might be interested in volunteering on the day or even co-chairing next year's event from the APT side to contact Beth Laufenberg, dpmapt@gmail.com.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 17 @ CROYA 9:00am

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