



Deer Path Middle School APT Board Meeting

October 17, 2017 Minutes

Attendees - Kim Campbell, Kristin Chun, Carolyn DeLuca, Mary Kay Hanlon, Tish Houston, Sushama Krishnaswamy, Beth Laufenberg, Kristen Lee, Stephanie Mannarino, Becky Nagel, Judi Olenick, Heike Regner, Kim Robb, Katie Schiyer, Alyssa Sinclair, Umang Singh, Anna Theodore, Leslie Walton (CROYA), Laurie Whisler

Administrator Reports (given by Beth Laufenberg as the Principals were out of town at a Language Art conference):

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

- Community Service Day went outstandingly well! It was the smoothest day DPMW has had in Ms. DeVore's 6 years. The kids really enjoyed their experiences and the organizations all appreciated having the DPM students as helpers. A big kudos goes to the committee for all of their hard work! There should be some local publicity of publicity on the event, so be on the lookout for some articles.
- Ms. DeVore and Mr. Field's book talks were well attended. They thank everyone who came to listen to Queen Bees and Wannabes and Masterminds and Wingmen.
- DPMW's first ELO day, November 21st, is on the horizon and already being planned. Students will have the opportunity to sign up toward the end of the month.
- Parent Conferences are the 26th from 4-8 pm and the 27th from 8-noon. If parents have not signed up, then they need to contact the office to schedule conferences. They have until this Friday to do so.

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

- Parent Teacher Conferences: Conferences will be taking place on Thursday, Oct. 26th (4:00-8:00 pm) and Friday, Oct. 27th (8:00 am - 12:00 pm) If you were unable to sign up for conferences, please contact the DPME and/or the DPMW office depending on where you have students.
- Gallup Surveys: As a follow up to Superintendent Mike Simeck's message to all parents on October 6th regarding the Gallup surveys for students, 6th graders will be taking the survey on Friday, November 10th. 5th graders will be taking the surveys, during homeroom, at a date that is yet to be determined but will occur prior to October 27th. As a review, below is the message from Superintendent Simeck sent on October 6th.

Mr. Simek - "Gallup has spent the better part of the past decade researching student hope, well-being, and what are frequently called "non-cognitive factors in student learning." Gallup's research has demonstrated that they are passionate advocates of "shifting from what's wrong to what's strong." Schools and industry have long been too dedicated to fixing people instead of maximizing their contributions. Thus, we have two surveys we will be administering to our students.

The Gallup Student Poll poses questions parents care about when entrusting their students to our schools. Gallup has determined that simple questions produce clear answers, such as, "Do you have a best friend at school?" and "Do you have at least one teacher who makes you hopeful for the future?" These questions go straight to the heart of the school experience for students and the schools' ability to effectively serve every student at District 67. This fall, we are partnering

with Gallup, Inc. to gain a better overall understanding of our students in relation to hope, engagement, entrepreneurial aspirations, and financial/career literacy. Students in grades 5 and 7 will be taking a 10-minute survey in October. Survey responses are anonymous and reported to us by grade.

Gallup's Strengths assessment helps students identify their strengths. From many years of research, Gallup has determined that getting the best from people centers on leveraging their strengths rather than focusing on their weaknesses. In November, students in grades 6 and 8 will be taking the Strengths assessment. Individual reports will identify and define a child's top three strengths and provide guidance to students, teachers, and parents on how to put these strengths into action.

We hope our students take the surveys seriously, and we expect to gain more knowledge and understanding of how best to serve your students on a social and emotional level."

- It's Concert season! Wednesday, Oct. 18th = 6-8 Band Concert (Peck Gym), Thursday, Oct. 19th = 6-8 Choir Concert (Auditorium).
- On Friday, Oct. 13th DPME had its first ever Foundations assembly to celebrate students and staff who regularly follow the Code. It was an amazing way to connect with everyone, and to enjoy our achievements as a school thus far this year. A big thanks to our SLS and POPS Orchestra for making it an extra special event.
- SLS Fall Ball will be taking place on Friday, Oct. 20th (3:45 - 5:00) in the Gymnasiums and Cafeteria.
- ELO is coming! Student sign-ups for courses/sessions will begin on Monday, Oct. 30th via a googleform. More information to come soon!
- Halloween is Tuesday, October 31st. Parties will occur at 3:00 in DPME homerooms, and treats must adhere to the district allergy guidelines. Please review the following information regarding Halloween costume. If it is not followed, parents will be contacted to bring alternative clothing for their child.
 - 1) Students may only apply make-up, color their hair, or put on costumes at home. Parents should have full knowledge of what their child will wear to school.
 - 2) Students are not permitted to wear masks.
 - 3) Students should respect political and/or religious beliefs.
 - 4) Students should not wear anything that has a sexual connotation or would be considered inappropriate dress.
 - 5) Costumes that promote graphic violence are not allowed (i.e. blood, gore, etc).
 - 6) Students should not use costume props of a violent nature, such as toy guns, toy knives, and/or swords, etc.

Teacher Representative 5/6 - Katie Schiyer (read by Tish Houston)

- The Yearbook Club could use parent volunteers to send pictures that are taken at school events to Sabiha Rahman at rahman@lfschools.net.
- Thank you to all Room Parents for help at Curriculum Night!
- Bank Concert on Oct 18th 7pm at DPM and Choir Concert on Oct 19th at DPM. All are welcome to hear these wonderful musicians!

- 5th / 6th Grade Fall Ball Oct 20th from 3:35 - 5pm at DPM in the gym and cafeterias. Parent volunteers are needed. Please sign up on the district website or via the link in the Friday Flyer.

Officer Reports:

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

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.

Committee Reports:

BOE Monthly Report - Dez Witte (read by Tish Houston)

- Link to minutes and board packets is available at <http://dpmapt.weebly.com/BOE.html>
- The meeting began with a reminder of the Board's core values: to provide Student Centric Governance, to value Fiscal Responsibility, and to provide Vision Centric Leadership. The Board aims to keep these three values at the forefront of its decision-making process.
- The renovations at Haskins 2.0 (or H20 for short) at DPM-W have largely been completed, and our students and staff are actively using the space. For those who have not yet seen it, all are invited to attend the October Board meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 7:00pm, as it will be held in the H20.
- Superintendent Mike Simeck overviewed test classrooms that are being implemented and evaluated throughout the district. This pilot will help the district select the proper furniture and classroom amenities to best support student instruction and learning.
- Mike Simek also highlighted the upcoming presentation by Julie Lythcott-Haims, author of "How to Raise an Adult" on Monday, December 4 at 7pm in the Lake Forest High School Auditorium.
- The next meeting is Tuesday, October 24th at DPMW Haskins 2.0 Center. The November meeting

will be held on 7pm on Tuesday, November 14th at the West Campus Administration Center.

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 (CSD) was held on Friday, October 13, 2017 and was a great success! 18 different organizations participated this year including: Beacon Place, Bernie's Book Bank, Boys & Girls Club, CROYA, Deerfield Food Pantry, Elawa Farm, Equestrian Connection, Fill a Heart 4 Kids, Forest & Found, House of Peace, Lake County Forest Preserve, Lake County Haven, Lake Forest Library, Lake Forest Open Lands, Lake Forest Parks & Recreation, North Chicago Community Partners, Ragdale Foundation, and Wildlife Discovery Center.

All 231 8th Grade students were surveyed to identify preferences and placed at one of these locations for the 2-hour volunteer event. Three groups walked to their locations and the rest were bussed. Transportation expenses were donated by the LF-LB Rotary Club, a very generous amount. All are very grateful for their continued support. 33 parents volunteered to be chaperones and DPM staff members also accompanied every group.

Volunteer activities included cleaning, sorting and organizing, setting up for events, stickering books, collecting seeds, assembling Halloween packages, making crafts, and making a meal. The 8th graders did an excellent job representing DPM and Lake Forest so well. Positive feedback was received from several organizations about the kids' great attitudes, work ethic, and behavior.

Parents and staff members took pictures and they have been added to two Google photo albums:

Teacher album: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B0g53zRqITc1VG93eTFxekI5N2s>

Parent album: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/U04nTP1MZyKR00wG3>

Community Service hours are being tracked online and will be added to a poster in the hallway. The goal for the class is to volunteer 2,018 hours throughout the school year, their "gift" to the community.

The Lake Forester, Lake Forest Leader and Daily Northshore all covered the event and we expect to see stories in their publications this week.

- The committee's letter to parents went home on Friday, September 22, outlining the key dates and activities for 8th grade and ways families can get involved. Following is a link to the letter: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ezg1V1TcQb4Z0v0ldnRgu2fxZA1SH69US8qCDGsu0Vc/edit#heading=h.gjdgxs>. Families are asked to pay a \$40 fee to the APT to help fund the graduation party and class gift. Though the fee is optional, we are aiming for 100% participation. The committee will begin reaching out to those who have not yet paid shortly.
- Graduation Party - Julie Benda Helms and Mary Kay Hanlon met with the new entertainment company, Energy Productions, to discuss the DJ package and possible enhancements that fit within the budget. The DJ will be selected closer to the date of the party. The party theme will be determined via student-led presentations after Winter Break.

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 will be sent home this week. Directories go home with the youngest District 67 child in a family.

Food Service Liaison - Kimberly Carris

- The Food Service Liaisons from all D67 school held their first meeting collectively with Anne Simons, Director of Quest Food Service in October. They discussed opportunities to identify food ingredients for allergy concerns. Anne asked for allergy concerns to be called into office with a few days' notice (847) 604-7476 or e-mailed to Food Service office (bcarstens@lfschools.net). The allergy info is best communicated with specific purchase date & lunch items student would like to buy. Kitchens do not carry items with Peanuts or Tree nuts and are allergy aware. However, shipping and handling before entering the kitchen cannot be verified.
- All school liaisons are looking into updating their APT web site to include a link to the Dist. 67 lunch page where menu and contact info for Food Service is posted. Also, the smart phone link for Food Service page will be reviewed by each school's Tech person and verified with Anne Whipple. Sheridan has pioneered the APT website and Food Service info, however some corrections need to be made in regards to allergy statement. The Sheridan link needs to be re-bookmarked for Weebly.
- National Nutrition Month will be March 2018 with the theme of "Go Further with Food". Food Service Liaisons are brainstorming and some fun ideas have already surfaced.
- The next Food Service Committee Meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 7th 9:30 am. Please contact Kimberly Carris kimosc@aol.com or by cell: 312-371-4502 with any concerns or suggestions for DPM food service.
- Cafeteria Bulletin Board theme thru November is Bone Health and Calcium.

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>
- 2017- 2018 SPA Committee Goals
 - Re-submit Spirit Grant for more inclusive lunch room tables with bench seating at DPM
 - Provide more in school pattern breaks for kids - suggestions include: 2 minutes movement break in class; mindful breaks in class; yoga; music in lunch room, picnic lunches, longer lunch period?? Conduct Kid focus groups on what they are feeling throughout the day and what they think can alleviate stress in school or provide outlets during the day
 - EW Student speaker in schools - When? Assembly or during homeroom. What topics? TBD DPM vs Elementary schools needs will be different. Who? - Coaches, Dr Finn, Child Psychologist, the high school teacher, high school students to talk to students
 - Jump Start to 5th Grade - Please continue to think of some good candidates for the Jump start to 5th grade panel on May 8.
 - 67 - E Pulse Newsletter - Continue to share ideas, suggestions and hot topics you are hearing in the community with Emilie to include or address in the newsletter.
- Important dates Coming up:
 - Nov 7th @ 7 pm West Campus/Admin Building. Local experts consisting a college admissions, HS counselor and middle school social worker discussing the book How to Raise and Adult before author discussion in December.
 - Nov 10th @ 12:55 LFHS auditorium Celebrates Veteran's Day. Open to everyone!
 - Nov. 20th @ 7pm LFHS auditorium Neuro-Behavioral Center for Adolescence first of a 2 part

series on Executive Functioning

- Dec 4th @ 7pm LFHS auditorium How to Raise and Adult author visit.

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 ending at noon at the Thanks-4-Giving Inaugural Appreciation Luncheon. Please bid, we have some great items! Special auction items will be available exclusively at the luncheon.
- 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>. The special Guest Speaker is Steve Pemberton, the Divisional Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer of Walgreens. He wrote an inspiring memoir entitled A Chance in the World: An Orphan Boy, a Mysterious Past and How He Found a Place Called Home.
- 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 as of 10/2:

- Cherokee: 43.6%
- Everett: 32.7%
- Sheridan: 46.2%
- DPM E&W: 37.9%
- 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

- Most of the spirit wear orders will be dropped off at DPM by Friday 10/20 to hand out to students to bring home. There are some orders outstanding for the under armour gear.

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>
- The next staff appreciation event is a conference dinner on Oct 26th. Thank you to Patti Fleser for allowing the use of the Haskins Committee Rooms A/B for the dinner. This dinner will have a Chinese theme in keeping with the "round the world" theme for the year. This gives plenty of gluten free and vegetarian options to cater for all dietary needs. The team is not soliciting donations of dessert for this event as we have done in the past.
- After October, the Staff Appreciation Committee will focus on holiday themed events in Nov and Dec. More information will be forthcoming regarding these events.

Other Business:

Sign Discussion - Beth Laufenberg and Laurie Whisler

- Laurie Whisler suggested that a sign board in front of DPM would be useful to communicate upcoming events to both the school community and the Lake Forest community including things such as the Spirit luncheon and even announcing what date is the first day of school. Laurie is gathering ideas and support in anticipation of requesting this in the future. Please forward your thoughts as to what the best placement would be, how large, etc. to Laurie at laurawhisler@hotmail.com.

Going Uptown Guide - Beth Laufenberg

- There have been questions by parents of incoming 5th graders regarding the safety and logistics of students walking to town after school. These questions are discussed at the annual May Jump Start to 5th Grade presentation; however, not all parents are able to make this presentation. Therefore, a handout/booklet is being put together to be distributed to parents of new 5th graders and new families to the District. If you have any ideas of things you think should be included, please forward to them to Beth Laufenberg at beth60045@me.com.

Budget Discussion and Approval - Beth Laufenberg

- Beth Laufenberg and Lindsay Seaman finalized the attached budget for DPM APT's 2017 -2018 fiscal year. There are 878 students at DPM and the DPM APT receives \$11.32 per student, or \$9,938, to be used for its programs. Beth explained each line item of the budget and took a vote. The budget was unanimously approved.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 14 @ CROYA 9:00am

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