



Deer Path Middle School APT Board Meeting

January 16, 2018 Minutes

Attendees - Ellen Camoletto, Kim Campbell, Kimberly Carris, Tom Cardamone, Heather Clements Renée DeVore, Tara Eggers, Mike Field, Mary Kay Hanlon, Tish Houston, Beth Laufenberg, Becky Nagel, Judi Olenick, Julie Sakici, Katie Schiyer, Mike Simek, Alyssa Sinclair, Vicki Stach, Heather Strong, Laurie Whisler

Administrator Reports:

DPME - Tom Cardamone, Principal

- On January 17th and 18th the 5th and 6th grade, 1st semester, music students perform in their General Music Show, "Can't Stop the Feeling!" Ms. Hersey and the students have put together an amazing show, so try to stop by and see these talented students in action.
- Earlier in January, Ms. Chana Wilczynski directed her 6th grade drama classes in "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and her 5th grade in "Alice in Wonderland". Each student added their own unique and personalized twist to the tale and to their performance. Great job!
- ELO Day - The 5th and 6th graders will have the second of two Extended Learning Opportunity days on February 15th. The students were given an opportunity to choose from a large variety of classes to take on this day. They will receive their final schedule the morning of the 15th. Everyone is looking forward to a great day of excitement and extended learning opportunities for all!
- The Deer Path Middle School Cheerleaders competed at the IHSA/IESA Lake Zurich High School Cheer Invite in early January. The team did an awesome job and placed 3rd in a very competitive group of teams. The team did an excellent job competing and in exhibiting good sportsmanship behavior. The team also participated in the January 11th after school DPM event "Pack the Gym" and performed a modified version of their routine. They will continue to practice and compete in the in the IESA State competition the weekend of January 19th/20th.
- The 6th grade Social Studies Team will host a Cultural Fair for students on Feb. 9th from 1:30 - 3:30pm. Any parents who have experiences, knowledge or talent relating to: medieval and present day Europe, the Byzantine Empire and the regions that are now the Middle East, Imperial China, Africa and the Americas please contact Ms. Lisa Makoul at lmakoul@lfschools.net, 5-6th Social Studies Department Chair. This can be modern day and historic experiences and knowledge, cultural background, or perhaps interesting travels. Topics of expertise can range from historic to modern day knowledge about really any aspect of life in these areas: cultural (including religion), geographic, business, and scientific. The key thing is that the information be meaningful, thought provoking, and interesting to our kids, and that the person is able to present to rather large groups of students in a 30 minute time period.
- DPM's Art Fair begins next week. 5th and 6th graders should submit their art pieces in the Cube Tuesday, January 23 and Wednesday, January 24 from 7:45am - 9:00 a.m. 7th and 8th graders should submit their pieces in the Haskins Center Thursday, January 25 and Friday, January 26 from 7:45am - 9:00 a.m. Art will be displayed in the Cube and Haskins from January 26 through the middle of February.

DPMW - Renée DeVore, Principal

- There was a great turnout for last week's "Pack The Gym" event sponsored by DPMW's StuCrew (student leadership group_ and EWC. Both the girls and boys 6th grade DPM basketball teams hosted games. Also, the Cheer Squad performed and the Pep Band played in the stands. A great time was had by all the students and parents who attended.

- Congratulations to the DPMW 8th grade Robotics team who competed in the state Lego League competition. This is the 2nd year of robotics at DPM and it's quite a feat for this group to have made it to state and placed 26th out of 50 teams. Great job!
- Andy Duran of LEAD hosted an informational meeting for the DPMW staff on the growing trend of vaping (inhaling vapor produced by a vaporizer or electronic cigarette) among young people and its associated dangers. DPM is working to incorporate information about the hazard of vaping into the student's health classes.
- 8th grade parents - LFHS course selection with LFHS counselors, students, and parents will take place on February 2nd and February 5th for all 8th grade students. Also, on Wednesday, January 24th from 6:30 - 8:30pm all incoming freshmen and parents are invited to The Scout Experience in the Fieldhouse and Competition Gym, LFHS East Campus, 1285 N. McKinley Rd. This will be a fun evening that will highlight all that LFHS has to offer.

DPMW - Mike Field, Asst. Principal

- ELO Day - The 7th and 8th graders will also have the second of two Extended Learning Opportunity days on February 15th. The students were given an opportunity to choose from a large variety of classes to take on this day including: yoga, film study, creating beats to music, architectural studies, and many other options. There was very positive feedback given by the students after the first ELO day last Fall. Students will receive their final schedule the morning of the 15th. Everyone is looking forward to a great day of excitement and extended learning opportunities for all!

DPMW - Renée DeVore, Principal

- Renee DeVore announced her resignation to take effect at the end of this school year. Ms. DeVore is excited about the opportunities and experiences that lie ahead, but also recognizes how important her journey, while in Lake Forest, has been. She is extremely grateful for the amazing DPM staff and mentioned that they taught her a lot about herself and who she wants to be as a leader in her next chapter. Ms. DeVore further stated that she has been honored to have had the chance to build relationships with many of the families of whom have come through DPM, and thankful for the level of support and trust given to her. And most importantly, she is thankful for and will miss the students. She stated that the students drive her commitment and she cares deeply about them. There are still five months left and Ms. DeVore and her team are going to finish with a strong year! Tom Cardamone will take the reigns for all of DPM next year as the principal of the 5-8 building with an assistant principal for either side - East and West.

D67 & D115 Superintendent - Mike Simek

- Mr. Simek commented that Ms. DeVore has been a passionate advocate for students during her six years at DPMW. She has also hired a large number of high quality new staff. The District will miss her passion for education, her advocacy for students, and her eye for talented staff.
- Mr. Simek announced that later this month he would be recommending to the Board of Education the appointment of Tom Cardamone as the new Deer Path Principal across all grades 5-8. Mr. Cardamone began his career with District 67 in 1997. A graduate of Boston University, Mr. Cardamone has served the district in a variety of capacities including teacher, coach, team leader, and most recently DPME Principal.
- Mr. Simek stated that our District has been fortunate to have such talented and dedicated educational professionals serving our school community. He wishes both Ms. DeVore and Mr. Cardamone the best as they each begin their exciting next opportunity.

Teacher Representative 5/6 - Katie Schiyer

- THANK YOU from all the teachers for the wonderful holiday cookies and all the Staff Appreciation Committee (and all of the APT) does for the teachers/staff.
- Ms. Schiyer has been promoting the upcoming Art Fair to the students. (see Mr. Cardamone's report above for details). Please ask your child about this and encourage them to participate.
- The EWC is hosting the 1st ever "Pay it Forward" night (formerly Family Game Night), Friday, February 9th. Please join DPM in this community endeavor to support the NPH USA organization. Last year's event was super fun, and this year's promises to be as well. A huge thanks to Mrs. Elise Stetson-Willis, Mrs. Amy Infanzon, all of the EWC members, the APT, and the Spirit of 67 for putting together and supporting such a phenomenal event. It should be a great time so come join the fun!

Officer Reports:

President - Beth Laufenberg

- On Monday, January 29th at both 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., LEAD will be teaming up with local Lake Forest and Lake Bluff schools to discuss the myths, facts and questions about e-cigarettes, vapes and JUUL's. This presentation is geared to help parents understand the harming effects, why vaping and JUULing appeal to youth, and how to safeguard children and homes. LEAD will also be presenting their interactive e-cig/vape exhibit, where you can actually see and smell these devices and understand how they are being used. Parents are encouraged to bring their middle school and high school students to the evening presentation. For more information, contact LEAD atinfo@leadingefforts.org.
- Motion to approve November 2017 APT Board meeting minutes - Laurie Whisler brought forth the motion and Alyssa Sinclair seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the APT Board.

Committee Reports:

Art Fair - Tara Eggers, Mary Kay Hanlon, Nicole Korczak, Vicki Stach

- To raise awareness of the art fair, early in January the committee taped small posters throughout DPM. The event was also advertised via the DPM website, APT website, Friday Flyer, sandwich boards, via an Edmodo message, and over the PA announcements. The DPM staff APT counterparts, Patti Fleser and Katie Schiyer, have been helpful spreading the word as well. Additionally, Colene Hardy helped get a promotional slide show displayed on the monitors throughout DPM.
- The dates are as follows:
 - 5/6 art collection in Cube: Tues, Jan 23 and Wed, Jan 24 from 7:45 - 9:00 a.m.
 - 7/8 art collection in Haskins: Thurs, January 25 and Fri, Jan 26 from 7:45 - 9:00 a.m.
- Art will be displayed in the Cube and Haskins from January 26 through the middle of February. Winners will receive a prize ribbon.
- The Committee created a Google Form for judging by a professional artist, plus all DPM students and faculty. The judging will take place the week of January 29 and should be complete by Friday, February 2. Ribbons will be hung the following week. Art will be on display for three weeks.
- An artist reception/open house is planned for Wednesday, February 21 from 5-7 p.m. At this event student artists can share their creations with their families. After the event, art will be taken down and returned to the students.

BOE Monthly Report - Beth Laufenberg for Dez Witte

- A replay of the board meeting is available at: <https://www.lakeforestschools.org/board-of-ed/district-67-boe>.

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

- *Graduation Party* --Committee will be meeting with both students and parents in January to start preparations for the Graduation Party. This is a student-led initiative, so we have several meetings planned (Jan 17, 24 and 30) to brainstorm themes and then narrow down to a few for a class-wide vote on Feb 2nd. The winning theme will be announced on February 5.
- Once the theme is selected, the Committee will engage interested parents to help with a variety of areas: decorating ideas and schedule, food, chaperone plan, other party details. The first meeting with parents is scheduled for February 6th.
- *Class Gift* -- ideas are being generated.
- *Budget/Finances* -- need to follow up with families who have not paid the 8th grade activity fee
- *Community Service Hours* -- There will be a poster to track the students' progress toward the class gift of 2,018 service hours.
- Information relating to all things Class of 2018 can be found here: <http://dpmapt.weebly.com/class-of-2018.html>.

Community Service - Kate Rother, Christina Walsh

- The 2017 Thanksgiving Food Drive was a HUGE success!
- District 67 families carried the day contributing a RECORD amount of food that filled more than 250 meal bags! This year, there was a mix up at Lake County Cares and other past groups were not contacted to participate. This was discovered mid-drive. Therefore, knowing the need is great & not wishing our neighbors to go hungry, District 67 APT Exec Board members, in addition to LCC, donated the additional food for another 250 meal bags - bringing the total to over 500.
- Hats off to Christiana Walsh, Katie McClelland, Cathy Montanari, Heather Vishnubhakat, Ester Viti, Ivonne Georgas, Dana Anderson, Carrie Cole and Kim Strothman as they lead the charge at the District schools.

Fine Arts - Maureen Fitzgerald, Laura Cushing

- Visiting author
 - Shellye Pearsall presented to the 5th and 6th graders at DPME on December 6th and 7th. Ms. Pearsall was requested by the DPME LA teachers as she presented at DPM years ago and did a wonderful job. She again exceeded expectations and was enjoyed by all!
 - Jack Gantos will present to the 7th and 8th graders at DPMW on January 11th and 12th. Mr. Gantos was recommend by Ms. Susan Milsk, the District's Director of Teaching and Learning.. Mr. Gantos has written award winning books for all age groups and is a nationally recognized speaker.

- Fine arts

The following shows have been generously funded by Spirit grants for DPM:

- 5th grade-Tales of Olympus; March 16

- 6th grade-Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe; week of April 16
- 7/8 grades-50 States in 50 minutes; tentatively shows 8:45-9:45 and 2:30-3:30 on Jan 22nd (Mon.)

Food Service - Kimberly Carris

- Food Service Meeting 12/5/17: Details discussed: National Nutrition Month, March 2018 theme is "Go Further with Food". Food Service Liaisons have decided to offer Fruit Infused Waters on 3 separate dates in each elementary school and 2 dates for DPM. The chosen Herbs & Fruits (tentative upon nurse approval) are MINT, CUCUMBER & ORANGE.
- Quest is providing a Dispensing unit with fruit infused H2O, Visual Container, actual fruit for display (not for consumption) & tasting cups for drink.
- The school liaisons will create original bulletin board displays for MARCH THEME "Go Further with Food". Parent volunteers will pour and provide sips during the lunch periods at all 3 elementary schools, and also at DPM. There will also be other elements to create awareness to National Nutrition Month and the tasting event.
- The dates were selected to optimize Quest Food Service logistics include:
 - Everett: March 5, 12, 19
 - Cherokee: March 6, 13, 20
 - Sheridan: March 7, 14, 21
 - DPM: March 15 & 22
- The next Food Services meeting with Anne Simons from Quest is February 6th at 9:15am DPM Cafeteria. The Committee plans to make an APT "News Story" to help make the March event fun! If anyone would like to volunteer at DPM, please contact Kimberly Carris at 312-371-4502 or kimosc@aol.com.

LF - LB LDA Liaison - Tracy Barrett, Stephanie Mannarino, Vicki Stach

- Save the date - APRIL 26th, 9am-3pm is the LDA Spring Marché at the Lake Forest Club. This event includes wonderful shopping, raffle items and a tasty bistro lunch (available for purchase). All proceeds raised support LDA's "Make a Difference" grant program. This year, 2017-18, the LDA awarded over \$25,000 to area schools and to date, has awarded over \$370,000. Items awarded this year included an extensive catalogue of leveled reading books for Cherokee, Everett and Sheridan <http://lflblda.com/slider/save-the-date>

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

- The Committee is working with the StuCrew leadership team of students at DPMW to write a Spirit grant for new tables for the cafeteria. The group is looking for round tables with benches to allow for more inclusiveness at lunch tables. Also, they are suggesting a few different types of tables including bar high tables around the edges to ensure every student has a comfortable spot to eat and interact with other students.
- Information can also be found here: <http://www.dpmapt.weebly.com/spa.html>

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

- 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! Currently participation across the district is at 47.7% of families.

Donor Family Participation Contest results as of 1/16/18:

- Sheridan: 56%
- Cherokee: 55.9%
- Everett: 48.6%
- DPM E&W: 46%
- Home Tour will be held May 10, 2018. The Home Tour Chairs: Erica Granda, Meg Lynch, Lisa Florjanic, are currently in the process of securing homes for this Spring event. If you have any leads, please contact them.
- 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.
- Information can also be found here: <http://www.dpmapt.weebly.com/spirit-of-67.html>

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

- Thank you so much to all the generous volunteers who donated items to the November Thanksgiving Treats event and the December Cookie Walk/Hot chocolate bar. There was an abundance of donations which the staff were able to enjoy.
- The next Teacher Appreciation events are being planned for Valentine’s Day and Spring Conference luncheon. Also, plans are beginning for Teacher Appreciation Week in May, so please look out for more information to come.
- Mary Mercer is finding the Committee storage space until the end of the school year. The Committee tries to buy in bulk where possible to save funds, which necessitates some storage.
- Information can also be found here: <http://www.dpmapt.weebly.com/staff-appreciation.html>.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 13th @ CROYA 9:00am

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