



Deer Path Middle School APT Board Meeting

Sept. 18, 2018 Minutes

Attendees - Deborah Bradley, Ellen Camoletto, Tom Cardamone, Kristen Chun, Shannon Cook, Kirsten Dugan, Megan Eigenrauch, Mary Kay Hanlon, Lisa Hough, Tish Houston, Beth Laufenberg, Becky Nagel, Judi Olenick, Heike Regner, Laura Remus, Kim Robb, Umang Singh, Kim Smith, Vicki Stach, Lisa Walsh, Leslie Walton, Laurie Whisler, Dez Witte, Roberta Zaramella

Administrator Reports:

DPM - Tom Cardamone, Principal

- Mr. Cardamone introduced DPM's two new assistant Principals and their areas of focus:
 - Megan Eigenrauch - focus on administrative items (e.g. Schoology roll out to staff and parents and other initiatives)
 - Shaun Conway - focus on student services
- DPM has a common goal this year for staff and students as they all work together to unite the 5th through 8th grades into one campus: "The net is unbreakable, so don't worry about falling." The school is one large net and everyone is excited to work together, staff and students alike, to ensure that no one falls though. The entire campus came together on the first day of school for an energetic assembly in the Peck Gym where this theme was introduced.
- This theme will continue throughout the school year. Tuesday Nov. 20th has been tentatively scheduled for the campus to come together split into "mini families" consisting of students from each grade level. Planning for this special day is still underway.
- Back To School Night was a huge success as all DPM parents were invited to get a glimpse of the classes their children were taking. Ms. Eigenrauch started the evening off with a presentation to parents of Schoology, the new student communication software that is currently being rolled out. There will be additional times where parents can come into the Haskins Center for help on using Schoology. The dates/time of these will be communicated in the Friday Flyer.
- This year the staff is undertaking a Master School Review. They are investigating schedules used at other schools and brainstorming of ways things could be improved at DPM. All options will be reviewed with the goal of coming up with best practices for DPM going forward. This could include changes or might results with thing staying the same. The Master Schedule Review is undertaken every 4 to 5 years to ensure that DPM is always assessing new ideas and improvements. The final Master Schedule will be recommended to the Board of Education around February.
- Picture Day for all students and staff is Monday September 24th.
- DPM Athletics are in full swing.
 - DPM hosted its first cross country meet of the year Monday September 17th at which DPM overall performed very well. Congratulations DPM athletes!
 - Basketball and cheerleading will be starting in the beginning of October. Please watch the Friday Flyer for dates and details.

- Ryan Carney and Ed Juergensen are DPM's newly appointed Co-Athletic Directors.

Officer Reports:

President - Beth Laufenberg

- THANK YOU to all the APT Committees who have been hard at work throughout the summer and the start of the school year. We're off to a great start!
- THANK YOU Beth for all your time and effort as the web site looks AWESOME! Please check out DPM APT's new web site at: <https://dpmapt.weebly.com/>.
 - This year the role of Room Parent only exists for 5th grade classes. It was decided that there was not much need at the higher grade levels after parents had become acclimated to DPM. THANK YOU Beth for recruiting a great team of 5th grade Room Parents! Listing of Room Parents can be found at <https://dpmapt.weebly.com/room-parent-coordinator.html>
- On Wednesday September 19th from 6:30 - 8:00pm Lake Forest Police Lt. Ben Grum will present Internet Safety as part of the free parent lecture series co-presented by Lake Forest Montessori School. Topics will include how to keep you children safe with today's pervasive cyber world.
- The Garden Club would like to take over the planting of the giant planters in front of both of the DPM entrances. They DPM APT is looking at its budget to see if it could help fund the cost of the plants for these planters (changed 3-4 / year).

VP / Communications - Laurie Whisler

- DPM APT Communication Procedures 2017-2018 - The following guidelines describe procedures for communicating an APT event or information to the Deerpath Middle School parent community:
 - When a committee has information to share in the DPM Friday Flyer, calendar or DPM website, please email your information to laurawhisler@hotmail.com. Friday Flyer messages should include "APT" or "APT sponsored" in the title and should be short - less than 3 lines. Links may be included. These must be emailed to Laurie by 12 noon of Wednesday to be included in that week's Friday Flyer. Each message will only be included in that week's Friday Flyer. If the message is to run for multiple weeks, it will need to be re-emailed to Laurie each week it is to run before Wednesday at noon. For DPM APT website messages, please include "APT" or "APT sponsored" in the title. Short Links may be included. APT event dates should be emailed to Laurie as soon as the event is confirmed to be included on the school's online calendar.
 - If your committee would like to use the sandwich boards for an APT or Spirit of 67 event, email Laurie a copy of the poster, events dates (5 day use max) and your committee contact person responsible for delivering the poster. Laurie will review the poster with the principal for approval and schedule with the District.
 - Please send Laurie any photos of APT events for inclusion on the DPM website as well as for distribution with the District office.

Committee Reports:

Care and Concern - Kim Robb

- The mom of a 7th grade boy passed away just after school started. The care and concern committee delivered a basket containing apples oranges, grab and go snacks a sympathy card and a couple gift

cards to local restaurants.

Class of 2018 Activities - Lydia Conopeotis, Kristen Lee, Kirsten Maxwell, Kristin Ryan, Martha Zeeman

- Community Service Day is set for Friday October 12st from 9-11:30 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 2,019 hours as their "gift" to the community. The Committee has confirmed 22 local organizations for the event. Students will request their choices and then DPM principals will make assignments. The Committee is currently gathering names of parent chaperones. Please see 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.
- Information relating to all things Class of 2019 can be found at <https://dpmapt.weebly.com/class-of-2019.html>.

Community Service - Kate Rother

- District 67 will participate in the Lake County Cares Thanksgiving Food Drive, which provides Thanksgiving meals to food pantries in Lake County. Food donations will be collected at all schools from Thursday, November 1st through Friday, November 9th. Volunteer opportunities will be promoted to all kids to add a service option to the drive. The communications plan includes customized flyers & talking points that students will use to promote the drive in each building, morning announcements, Schoology messages, Friday Flyer postings, and Sandwich Boards.

CROYA - Leslie Walton

- The CROYA Fall Dance for all 7th and 8th graders from all LF/LB schools will take place Friday September 28th from 7:30pm - 10pm at CROYA (400 Hastings Rd, LF). Tickets are \$5 and DPM students can purchase them during lunch at DPM. Tickets must be purchased in advance or with a parent at the beginning of the dance. There will be food, music, games and FUN! Questions: contact Leslie Walton at walton@cityoflakeforest.com or (847) 810-3999.

Directory / Membership - Kristen Lee

- The Committee has some impressive statistics to share:
 - 98.9% of District 67 families have entered their information in this year's Directory
 - 89% of D67 families have joined the APT
- The Directory has been finalized and sent to the printer. Directories should be delivered during October.

Food Service - Kirsten Dugan and Lisa Walsh

- Garden To Table Program: The Committee created a new partnership between QUEST Food Service and the DPM Garden Club (headed by Jill Zoul) to bring freshly grown food from the garden into the cafeteria for samplings and possible future meals.
- The Committee has discussed possible future plans for organic lunch options in partnership with the Garden Club and QUEST Food Service.
 - Ideas include: organic gardening with Elawa Farm - working with Catherine Gregg from Elawa Farm to learn about some of their successful organic farming practices. The goal is to then incorporate the techniques into the Garden Club at DPM such as composting and crop rotation.

- Another idea is to serve organic fruits and vegetables in the cafeteria. This is a longer process as we will have to go through the district which includes several schools for approval.

LFHS Liaison - Anna McEvoy, Kristen Chun

- Please see attached exhibit for highlights from the LFHS APT September meeting.

New Families - Emily Savage and Megan Engelberg

- The Committee attended the New Families meeting in August where they passed out folders and answered questions. Beth Laufenberg hosted an APT get together on 9/14 that included the English Learner Families so they could meet other DPM families and ask questions.

School Supplies - Julie Sakici and Cynthia Tobin

- On August 15th, DPM received their delivery of school supplies from School Pak. The Committee delivered 394 boxes after working about 7 hours over two days to complete this project.
- After the walk-through on August 21st, the Committee worked with Executive APT School Supplies rep Katie Frekko to resolve issues that arose (i.e. missing items in paks). Unfortunately, School Pak had a large number of incomplete boxes this year, especially in 5th grade, and people who ordered for home delivery received their boxes in the 11th hour. It took a few weeks to resolve some of the issues. Many parents ultimately purchased the items at a local retailer at the last minute in order for their children to have the required supplies.
- Due to a myriad of problems with the vendor and a decreasing trend in the number of D67 parents who have ordered School Paks the past two years, the Executive APT is looking to change vendors for the following school year and/or completely change the process and have parents directly order the supplies they want online, for home delivery. This is currently being discussed. More information will be forthcoming.

S.P.A. (Student and Parent Awareness) - Umang Singh, Heike Regner

- The APT Executive SPA Committee recently finalized reps across all four school (3 reps per school). They will have their first meeting Wednesday September 19th at 11:30am in Haskins Room C.
- The *Jump Start To 5th Grade* presentation will be held on May 7th in DPM's Cube. This is a great event for all incoming 5th grade parents and changes each year based on new situations that crop up for DPM students. Plan on attending if you have an incoming 5th grader!
- Information can also be found here: <http://www.dpmapt.weebly.com/spa.html>

Spirit of 67 Liaison – Deborah Bradley

- The Spirit of 67 is the fundraising engine for District 67 schools. The Spirit raises funds each year to support the award of Spirit grants which benefit every student, every day. Grants can be submitted by students, parents & teachers.
- As a further incentive once again this year, the Spirit is holding a friendly competition between all four of our schools (Cherokee, Everett, Sheridan, DPM) to see which school has the highest level of donor participation. The winning school will receive a special celebration. Please consider making an annual donation to the Spirit if you have not done so this year at <http://www.spiritof67foundation.org>.
- Please join the Spirit of 67 Foundation at its Annual Appreciation Luncheon Friday, October 19, 2018 from 11:00 am - 2:30 pm at Knollwood Club. The Guest Speaker is David Flood.

- 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>

Spirit Wear - Jen Portalatin

- There were less sales via forms this year. The online sales are currently being tallied. For next year it might be advantageous move the table back to the 5th grade side on the walk through day as 5th grade families tend to have a higher interest level in purchasing spirit wear.

Staff Appreciation – Amanda Lamberti, Rachel Baker, Megan Engleberg, Susan Weninger, Emily Savage, Natasha Schnack, Missy Walsh

- The Committee has hosted 2 events this school year - the back to school luncheon and the post curriculum night breakfast. Both were very well received and well attended. The Committee would like to improve the communication about these events in advance to the teachers. There has been some confusion on the timing and locations of the events.
- Information can also be found here: <http://www.dpmapt.weebly.com/staff-appreciation.html>.

WEB Day - Ellen Camoletto and Kristin McCain

- On Friday, August 23rd 180 5th graders enjoyed an exciting and fun filled Where Everybody Belongs (WEB) day. They participated in ice breakers and team building activities. Close to 60 8th grade students volunteered as WEB Leaders. Their training took place from 8am -12pm Wed and Thursday and they were at DPM at 7:15am until 12:15pm on Friday to lead WEB Day. There were three WEB leaders for each of the 18 5th grade WEB groups. Teachers Ken Smith, Natalie Bolgrien, Karen Pederson and Kevin Joyce trained the leaders and lead the activities on the morning of WEB Day. The DPM APT generously purchased 200 Class of 2022 T-Shirts which every 5th grader received. The T-shirts were purchased from Kiddles. At the conclusion of WEB Day, the students enjoyed a pizza lunch.
- Parent volunteers greeted the students when they got out their cars in the morning, and helped hand out the T-shirts at the end of the day. Thank you to parent volunteers :Laurie Whisler, Jenn Goldman, Julie Arseneault, Carrie Gaston, Karen Uihlein, Alyssa Sinclair, Judy Gofron, Sarah Lockhart, and Tara Eggers.

Announcements:

Grotto Dance - Becky Nagel (event Co-Chair)

- The Gorton Community Center is hosting its Annual 6th grade Grotto Dance on September 28th or 29th from 7-8:30pm. The theme this year is FIRE AND ICE. This event is open to all LF/LB 6th graders. It is held on two evenings as the Gorton space cannot accommodate all students at once. Both nights are the same format and both nights are super fun! For more information or tickets visit <http://gortoncenter.org/event/grotto-dance-2018>.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, Oct. 16th at 9am in the DPM Cube

<http://www.dpmapt.weebly.com>