



Deer Path Middle School APT Board Meeting

Oct. 16, 2018 Minutes

Attendees - Deborah Bradley, Tom Cardamone, Shawn Conway, Shannon Cook, Carolyn DeLuca, Colene Hardy, Tish Houston, Beth Laufenberg, Kristen Lee, Anna McEvoy, Judi Olenick, Heike Regner, Laura Remus, Carolyn Vale-Atkius, Marty VanderVelde, Leslie Walton, Tammy Ward, Ingrid Weimer, Laurie Whisler, Dez Witte, Isabel Witte

Administrator Reports:

DPM - Tom Cardamone, Principal

- Happy 15th Birthday to Mr. Cardamone's daughter today (Oct. 16)!
- Parent Teacher conferences will take place Oct. 25th and 26th in the DPM gyms and multipurpose room. Sign up information was sent to parent from DPM regarding the registration process for conferences, including personalized login information. If you have any questions, please contact the respective 5/6 and 7/8 DPM offices.
- Thank you to Martha Zeeman, Linda Crowe, Megan Eigenrauch and all the 8th grade homeroom teachers for all the work that was put into making the Oct. 12th 8th Grade Community Service Day a huge success. The 8th graders, along with a number of staff members and DPM parents, went out to 23 different organizations throughout Lake County. Students volunteered two hours of their day to places such as CROYA, Elawa, Open Lands, Ragdale, Beacon Place, Equestrian Connection, and many more. It was phenomenal to see all the students out and about truly making a difference in the surrounding community. DPM could not be more proud of all of them!
- Congratulations to DPM's 7th and 8th grade girls' volleyball teams who both placed third in their respective conference tournaments. Way to go!
- Congratulations to all of DPM's cross country runners at sectionals! An extra congratulations goes out to the girls team who finished third at Sectionals and qualified for the Illinois state meet. Also, big congrats to 6th grader Xavier Garriques who finished 5th at sectionals and will also be representing DPM at state. Good luck! And, thank you to the phenomenal coaches: Mrs. Martha Sostre, Mrs. Lorraine Bennatan and Mr. Kevin Norman.
- On Wednesday, October 31st DPM will celebrate Halloween with homeroom parties as well as students being allowed to wear costumes. The school asks that the dress code be followed. If it is not followed, parents will be contacted to bring alternative clothing for their child.
 - 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.
 - Students are not permitted to wear masks.

- Students should respect political and/or religious beliefs.
- Students should not wear anything that has a sexual connotation or would be considered inappropriate dress.
- Costumes that promote graphic violence are not allowed (i.e. blood, gore, etc).
- Students should not use costume props of a violent nature, such as toy guns, toy knives, and/or swords, etc.

The students will enjoy a Halloween Party during their homeroom. Please make sure that all goods that come into school for any parties on Halloween are prepackaged and not homemade. It is important that everyone is able to read the ingredients to ensure students with allergies are safe.

- DPM has started on a journey to become a nationally recognized National School of Character. Mr. Cardamone and the assistant principals recently attended a 2 day workshop related to this and will begin to roll this concept out to the students in the coming weeks. One example is teaching the students the difference between “NICE” and “KIND”. Asking someone how they are doing without making a personal connection is “NICE”. However, looking someone in the eye, addressing them by name, and saying “I really want to know what’s going on with you...” is being “KIND”. Becoming a National School of Character will be a great achievement for DPM. Following is the definition according to <http://character.org/schools-of-character/national-schools-of-character-overview/>. Please check this web site for additional information.

“National Schools of Character are schools, early childhood through high school, that have demonstrated through a rigorous evaluation process that character development has had a positive impact on academics, student behavior, and school climate. These schools become part of a network of Schools of Character that serve as models and mentors to other educators and hold their designation for 5 years.”

- Thank you to the Staff Appreciation Committee in advance for the upcoming staff dinner during conferences!

Guest Speaker: Dr. Ingrid Weimer, Executive Director of Student Services K-8

Safety Improvement and Procedures

- Dr. Weimer presented the District’s safety procedures in the instance that there was an unfortunate situation at a D67 school. The goal of these initiatives is for all students to feel safe so that their minds will be open and able to grow.
- Dr. Weimer highlighted some recent enhancements which include:
 - Safety vestibules at all schools
 - Visiting management check in systems at all school entrances
 - Updated emergency plans
 - New classroom emergency flip charts detailing steps to follow

- Hand lock down posters with instructions
- Incident command system
- Safety vests for supervisors
- Renew partnership with other local schools (St. Mary's, Lake Forest County Day School)
- Physical security assessments
- Security consultant engagement
- Please contact Dr. Weimer with any questions or concerns regarding D67's emergency safety plans.

Officer Reports:

President - Beth Laufenberg

- The 2018-2019 DPM APT budget (see attachment) was presented by Beth Laufenberg to the Board. Beth graciously filled the open DPM APT Treasurer spot this year...thanks for all you do, Beth! The budget was unanimously approved.

Teacher Representative:

Colene Hardy

- Thank you from all of the DPM staff for all the wonderful meals provided by the Staff Appreciation Committee. Please know these are GREATLY appreciated by the entire staff.
- Please send any pictures taken at DPM events to either one of these two DPM teachers: Mr. Rahman at irahman@lfschools.net or Mrs. Rahman at srahman@lfschools.net. These pictures are great to have when putting together the DPM yearbook with the student led yearbook club.
- Colene is helping implement the roll out of Schology to both the teachers and the students. If any parent has question, please feel free to contact Colene at chardy@lfschools.net.
- Parent University was a great success. There were lots of interested parents attending all of the sessions. The new additions (world language, technology help, social emotional wellness, etc.) seemed to be well received as they had high attendance.

Committee Reports:

Art Fair - Ellen Camoletto, Nicole Korczak, Laura Remus, Vicki Stach

- DPM Art Fair Committee set the following collection dates for the Art Fair: January 22 and 23 in the Cube for 5/6; and January 24 and 25 in Haskins for 7/8. The Parent Open House will be on February 20, 2019. Further details to come.

Board of Ed Liaison - Dez Witte

- District 67 September BOE meeting September 25th, 2018 notes:
 - President Mike Borkowski opened the meeting updating the Board's core values: Student centric governance, fiscal responsibility, and vision centric leadership. He spoke

about the transformation of learning in District 67 with new math and language arts curricula, differentiation in the classroom, inquiry model, focusing on social emotional learning. He concluded his remarks by stating Mike Simeck's contract has been renewed until 2022 and thanked him for being a transitional leader for our district.

- Mike Simeck spoke about the classroom changes and how the new furniture and lighting has had a positive impact on the teaching and learning in our classrooms. He showed us a video of what a classroom looks like today and how different it is to how when we all grew up sitting at desks in rows.
- The next BOE meeting is October 23th at 7:00 pm.

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

- Friday, Oct 12th's 8th grade Community Service Day was a huge success. DPM 8th graders, along with a number of staff members and DPM parents, went out to 23 different organizations throughout Lake County. Students volunteered two hours of their day to places such as CROYA, Elawa, Open Lands, Ragdale, Beacon Place, Equestrian Connection, and many more. The students enjoyed themselves while being out and about and truly making a difference in the surrounding community. Way to go 8th graders!
- A HUGE thanks goes to Mrs. Martha Zeeman, Mrs. Linda Crowe, Mrs. Megan Eigenrauch, and all of DPM's 8th grade homeroom teacher for all of the work that was put into making this day run smoothly and be memorable for all. Also, thank you for the Rotary Club of Lake Forest for once again sponsoring the cost of the buses used for transportation.
- Information relating to the Class of 2019 activities 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. Please send in donations with your student Thursday, November 1st - Friday, November 9th to help feed children and families in Lake County this Thanksgiving.
 - 5th grade – Corn Muffin Mix
 - 6th grade – Canned Chicken or Turkey Broth
 - 7th grade – Canned Corn
 - 8th grade – Rice
 - Optional for all - \$10 Gift Card to Jewel to help purchase turkeys

Donations will be collected at all schools from Thursday, November 1st through Friday, November 9th. Volunteer opportunities will be promoted to all student to add a service option to the drive.

Volunteer opportunities for students and families include:

- Sort food and make meal bags at Gorton Center afterschool November 13-15.
- Load the delivery trucks November 16 from 3-5:30 p.m.
- Deliver the food to food pantries on Saturday, Nov 17 at 9 a.m.

Sign up to help online on any of the school's APT websites.

LFHS Liaison - Anna McEvoy, Kristen Chun

- Please see attached Exhibit2 for highlights from the LFHS APT October meeting.

School Supplies- Cynthia Tobin and Julie Sakici

- School Supplies distribution has wrapped up for the year. The Committee does not anticipate use of the sandwich boards in the Spring as changes to the school supplies process will be rolled out. More information will be forthcoming.

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

- The APT Executive SPA Committee had their first meeting Wednesday September 19th for all reps across all D67 schools.
- Heike and Umang welcome Carlyn Vale Atkins, a DPM and Everette mom, to the SPA Committee for this year.
- With many new members with younger kids on this committee at the elementary school level, a common theme of the group's questions was:
 - Clarity and consistency of messaging around emotional wellness at the district level. There was discussion about how not all the school APT websites are created equal so all information that the SPA Committee needs to share and receive should have a common "portal" access via the District website. Related to this was a request to have/build a shareable database of all EW/SEL efforts across the District so that schools (via the APT SPA Committees) can share best practices. Before we do this, we would like to know if anyone has ever started (or compiled) one.
 - Implementation of Lion's Quest SEL Curriculum: how many teachers at each school are part of the pilot and how best can parents get questions answered?
- D67 e-pulse newsletter - will come out this month
- DPM's SPA Committee is currently looking for interesting speakers for SEL and emotional wellness topics of interest for our Parent Speaker Series. There will be 2-3 this year. Please contact Heike or Umang with any ideas.
- The *Jump Start To 5th Grade* presentation will be held on Tuesday 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 at <http://www.dpmapt.weebly.com/spa.html>.

Spirit of 67 Liaison – Deborah Bradley

- 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 (<http://davidjflood.com>), who will speak about treating others with dignity, respect, and compassion.
- Donations, not including the fall luncheon event, are \$100,000 thus far and district-wide family participation is just over 54%.
- Thank you to all Spirit donor families. This support makes a lasting impact on every student, in every school, every day. Please visit Spirit's website at <http://www.spiritof67foundation.org> to learn more about becoming an annual donor.
- Information can also be found at <http://www.dpmapt.weebly.com/spirit-of-67.html>.

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

- The Committee is hosting a dinner the night of Conferences (Oct. 25th). Thank you to all who helped in providing this for DPM's outstanding staff!
- Information can also be found at <http://www.dpmapt.weebly.com/staff-appreciation.html>.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, Nov. 13th at 9am in DPM's Haskins Center

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

EXHIBIT 2: DPM APT LFHS LIASON REPORT – OCTOBER 2018

Anna McEvoy and Kristen Chun

Highlights of the LFHS APT October Meeting Minutes

This month's "Meet the Team" Megan Miles

- Counselor for students with last name S-Z, leads Student to Student
- 19 years at school
- Alum of LFHS
- Degrees from Wheaton and Loyola
- Lives in Lake Bluff
- 2 daughters - freshman at the high school, 6th grader at LB middle school
- Both parents are therapists Jennifer Gleason
- College Resource Coordinator
- 12 years at LFHS
- Grew up in Lake Forest, attended Woodlands
- Attended University of Denver, then transferred to Syracuse University
- Husband and 2 daughters went to LFHS

● Recently sold Lake Bluff home and moved into a condo in Vernon Hills Two thank you notes from seniors who received contribution awards we read. Shout Outs: BTTYS - amazing night, thanks to all participants EKGs Directory Career Connections - Open Doors coming up Chill Out Scout recent event

Career Connections/Open Doors - Luke Mutter

So far we have nearly 400 job shadowing spots. Lots of employer partners returning to support us along with some great new opportunities including Great Lakes Naval Station (39 slots in engineering, construction, journalism/public affairs), Octagon (20 slots -represents 1200 athletes), Culinary Fight Club (food competition events 8 slots), GreenbergFarrow Architecture (10 slots).

Registration for students took place Oct 9-12. Tables in the cafeteria each day advertising opportunities and talking to students.

Mandatory Orientation for students will be Oct 15-17.

Job Shadows Nov 1 and 2. Need a few parents on hold in case employers request chaperones.

CROYA - Todd Nahigian

Had a wonderful summer at CROYA. The 8th grade service day is at the end of next week. CROYA was involved with the Artisans Fair over Labor Day weekend.

High school meetings at CROYA are every Wednesday night. The van goes to LFHS every Monday through Thursday after school to transport kids over the CROYA, which is open

3:30-5:30. Although we have mostly middle school students, there are high schoolers who come to CROYA too. We also offer music lessons and youth/family counseling services.

Last year was the hardest year in the 23 years of CROYA due to problems with kids' behavior. We consulted some experts about these problems and determined what values are most important to CROYA. We took down the 15 rules that had been posted for many years and now we focus instead on our core values, which we also emphasize during peer training classes.

Everyday 20% of kids come to school with some kind of mental disorder. We've begun a Peer Advanced Program, which is modeled after Glenbrook South's - high school upperclassmen teach the class to underclassmen.

Upcoming events include the poinsettia sale and the 7th/8th grade trip to Fright Fest. There will not be a high school meeting on Wednesday, 10/31.

One issue we are working on is related to last Friday's 7th/8th grade dance. Parents complained that inappropriate songs were played, but really the DJ played the "clean" versions of songs while the kids sang along using the bad language (because they already knew them). If this becomes an ongoing issue, we will not be able to count on dances for fundraising anymore.

BTTYS

This year we had a smaller crowd (98, compared to 140 last year), but donations, paddle raiser, auction proceeds, and raffle ticket sales were all up. We raised \$18,637.43 in total.

We will be thinking about changes for next year. We will be able to start planning earlier for next year, since this was our first year and we weren't able to begin our planning until summer.

EKG - Kathy Ivinjack, Karen Uihlein

EKG testing took place in September. Our numbers were down - 4 years ago we tested over 800 students, 2 years ago we tested over 600, and this year we tested 433 (4 were referred to cardiologists). We are assessing the decline and what we can do better. It was held on a block day, so perhaps that was not ideal. Also, there was a fee this year. Maybe we can get student council involved to promote testing; a video clip shown at volunteer session was effective.

Directory - Martha Zeeman

Directory has been sent to the printer. Once I know when they will be shipped, we will set a date for mailing. I will need volunteers to help with the mailing but don't have a date set as of yet. Thanks to Kristen for all of her hard work in managing the "data" end of the process, which is not easy.

Superintendent - Mike Simeck

I know from personal experience that EKG testing is a valuable and important tool. My nephew passed away after collapsing during his sport, a result of a previously undetected heart condition. Even if a problem isn't detected during a test, it is important to test again after 2 years.

Open Doors is a very meaningful and valuable experience for our students. Please encourage your students to participate.

The FDA gave the e-cigarette industry 60 days to prove that its products are not being advertised to children.

We have results from the IL Youth Survey. Binge drinking among our students is off the charts. Kids who know their parents don't approve have a markedly lower level of binge drinking, so talk to your kids. Social hosting is off the charts, so parents need to check up and make that difficult phone call to ask other parents if there will be drinking at their house.

The IL State Board of Education is using 10 indicators to rate and place schools in certain tiers. We aren't sure which tier we will be in because we know we will receive a high rating for some indicators (e.g. proficiencies), but others are questionable (e.g. chronic absenteeism, due to the number of families who pull students out for travel).

A master facility plan for LFHS has been submitted to the Board. The "drive by" appearance of the school is great, but that can work against us because it doesn't reveal needed upgrades. Neighboring schools have been making upgrades, renovations and improvements and we need to as well. The last big project was in 2006.

Principal - Chala Holland

The start of a new school year is an exciting time and it has been busy, but all is going well. I'm sorry to have missed the first APT meeting. We are presenting our strategic plan at next board meeting. Ashleigh Malec has been a great addition to our staff. She's careful and thoughtful, and been able to help more kids connect faster, often in subtle ways. Lane Linder is doing a great job as our new Director of Safety and Security. The school culture is now centered around everyone doing their part rather than just one department being responsible for safety and security.

There have been some issues surrounding movement between classes (switching levels). We hope to create well-balanced class schedules. After a lot of hard work forming classes and class lists, we then receive many requests for class changes. It's not as easy to make changes after school has started because it can affect other students, teachers, etc. This is not a new issue, but we are trying to improve the system to the more consideration of course loads and interests are considered on the front end.

We want to make sure our partnerships with CROYA and LEAD are visible to kids. We will be having more events for students to raise awareness and inform them about certain issues.

LFHS Communications - Anne Whipple

The software that is used for the LFHS E-Highlights has changed, so it will look different. You may need to click to expand stories.

Closing comments - Liz Gescheidle

On October 29th at 9am, there will be a Community Connections meeting at the Lake Forest Place auditorium. If you know of anyone who would benefit from an overview of the high school and community, this is an excellent event for them to attend.

Deborahanne Reimer has left her position at LFHS to pursue her own private practice. She implemented some wonderful programs at the schools and we wish her the best of luck in her new pursuits.

We were not able to reserve the Board Room for next month's meeting. Tentatively, it will be held at CROYA; more details to come.

