



## Deer Path Middle School APT Board Meeting

### April 17, 2018 Minutes

**Attendees** - Ellen Camoletto, Kim Campbell, Tom Cardamone, Renée DeVore, Mary Kay Hanlon, Tish Houston, Sushama Krishnaswamy, Beth Laufenberg, Kristen Lee, Patty Meneely, Judi Olenick, Lindsay Seaman, Alyssa Sinclair, Vicki Stach, Heather Strong, Anna Theodore, Marty VanderVelde, Leslie Walton, Laurie Whisler

#### **Administrator Reports:**

##### DPME - Tom Cardamone, Principal

- Mr. Cardamone and the administration team received 115 applicants for the two open Assistant Principal slots. The field was narrowed to 4 possible candidates who were then brought to DPM the evening of Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> for a series of interviews. The hope is to have this process finalized and recommend two candidates to the School Board soon. The community will be invited into DPM to meet the new Assistant Principals prior to the start of the new school year (e.g. perhaps August).
- The Assistant Principal role next year will not be grade specific, but rather “role” specific. Mr. Cardamone will be Principal overseeing the entire 5-8 campus. His two Assistant Principals will also be overseeing the entire campus instead of the current “side” (5/6 or 7/8) responsibilities. The Assistant Principals will have oversight over certain areas, such as: curriculum, testing, EWC, Foundations, etc. This will ensure it is easier for students, parents, and the administration to get to the correct person with ease.
- Student picture ID lanyards will be used across the entire 5-8 campus next year. All students will be given a picture ID lanyard at the beginning of next year’s school year. Students are expected to wear these while on DPM campus for safety and security reasons. The need for quick and easy identification of all people on the school campus continues to become more evident as national security concerns have changed over the past few years. The need for this type of identification was especially evident after the recent school shooting in Florida. Parents, please be sure your students understand the need to wear this lanyard at all times while on the school property. Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe.
- Due to declining enrollment there will be 2 fewer core teachers needed at DPM next year. Class sizes are expected to stay at the same approximate number of students. The expectation is that there will be: 10 sections in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, and 9 section in 5<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2018 - 2019 school year. The administration is assessing the needs at all of the D67 schools and looking at the available staff in the hopes of keeping our quality teachers within D67 to the extent it makes sense wherever possible.
- All incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents are invited to a Parent Orientation at DPM on April 30<sup>th</sup> at either 10am or 6pm. Please look out for more information about this event.
- MAP testing (NWEA) will be held the week of April 23<sup>rd</sup> on Monday through Thursday across 5-8 grades. Students will have only 1 MAP test per day and there will not be testing on Friday (as parents have requested the school try to avoid Friday testing).

##### DPMW - Renée DeVore, Principal

- Ms. DeVore’s exciting next chapter will be beginning on June 7<sup>th</sup> when she moves to Mexico for a year! She will be spending time learning Spanish and volunteering with a kids program there. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Ms. DeVore for her countless contributions to DPM and our District and wish you the best for We wish you the best and feel lucky to have had you at DPM. Thank you!

## **Officer Reports:**

### President - Beth Laufenberg

- The final DPM APT meeting for this school year will take place on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> @ Beth Laufenberg's house 9:00am. This will be a working meeting where prior year Committee chairs can meet with the incoming Committee chairs in order to discuss the duties each role requires. More information will be forthcoming. Please try to attend this important meeting.
- Motion to approve January 2018 APT Board meeting minutes - Laurie Whisler brought forth the motion and Kim Campbell seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the APT Board.

### Lindsay Seaman - Treasurer

- Please turn in all receipts for reimbursement to Lindsay as soon as possible. The fiscal year will be coming to an end soon and it is helpful to have these in early to ensure a quick response. Thank you for your help in this effort.

## **Committee Reports:**

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

- Congratulation to the students chosen to be part of the Emerging Artist Exhibit! The Emerging Artist Exhibit highlights art from the surrounding area schools, in celebration of Youth Art Month. The exhibit will be shown at "The Gallery" 202 E Wisconsin, Lake Forest. The art opening is April 8th 12-3pm, where the artists on display will be celebrated. The show will run through the month of April. 15 schools and over 180 pieces of art will be on display! The following students were chosen to have their work on display: 5th Gr: Christopher Kucera, Stella Henretta, Lizzy Bailey 6th gr: Giselle Koonce, Mia Fabre, Sami Mulani, Jack Cushing, Arison Oates, Maddie Williams"

### BOE Monthly Report - Beth Laufenberg for Dez Witte

- Please see attached "Feb and March BofEd notes" submitted by Dez Witte highlighting discussions that took place at both of these recent District 67 Board of Education meetings.

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

- *Graduation Party* -- After a series of meetings and voting by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class, "Starry Night" was selected as the theme for the graduation party. Decorations have been ordered and layout (gym and cafeteria) has been planned. An email with a Sign Up Genius volunteer sign-up will be going on soon requesting volunteers to help with decorating and chaperoning the party. Thank you to Carol White for supplying 2 custodians for May 23 - 25<sup>th</sup>. Food has been ordered through Quest and Bent Fork. Students allergies were accommodated.
- Thank you to Tammy Fiordaliso for organizing the photographer for graduation ceremony.
- Abbot is sponsoring the graduation program again this year.
- The Class of 2019 committee will help with the decorations and refreshments for graduation ceremony.
- The Committee, Colene Hardy and Mrs. Rahman have created a slideshow of K and 8<sup>th</sup> grade pictures of the members of the Class of 2018. Most families submitted pictures.

- *Class Gift* -- The class gift is going to be a wooden back drop for families to take graduation pictures after the ceremony. It will have Class of 2018 on it, but with ability to change the year, so that it can be used in subsequent years. Thank you to Keith Stohlgren for designing and creating this.
- *Budget/Finances* -- Of the 233 students, 24 still have not paid the \$40 graduation fee. The wording on info snap might make it sound optional. Consider for next year to change it to "fee for ticket to graduation dance and other activities."
- Thank you to Sue Milanak for generously sponsoring the cost of t-shirts for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Thank you to Megan Stockton for helping with the graphic for the front. The back of the tshirt will include a list of the names of all the students in the class of 2018.
- Information relating to all things Class of 2018 can be found here: <http://dpmapt.weebly.com/class-of-2018.html>.

#### CROYA - Leslie Walton

- The CROYA Spring Dance for all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders from all LF/LB schools will take place May 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:30pm - 10pm at CROYA (400 Hastings Rd, LF). Tickets are \$5 and DPM students can purchase them during lunch at DPM starting Monday April 30<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:walton@cityoflakeforest.com) or (847) 810-3999.
- A 6<sup>th</sup> grade Welcome Party will be held on Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup> after school - 5:30pm for all incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders to come over and check out the great CROYA space. From that day on, these almost-7<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to use CROYA.
- A Parent Welcome Party will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> in the evening for parent to learn more about what CROYA has to offer 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

#### Fine Arts - Maureen Fitzgerald

- The 5<sup>th</sup> graders were treated to the show *Tales of Olympus* that coordinated with their Greek studies.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> graders enjoyed a presentation of *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* on April 19<sup>th</sup>, which coordinated with their Fantasy LA section.

#### 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>
- The Committee is looking for new members, especially for the upcoming 2018-19 school year. The Committee's last meeting for this school year will be Wednesday May 9 at 9:30 am at LFHS West Campus.

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

- The *Jump Start To 5<sup>th</sup> Grade* presentation will be held on Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 - 11am in DPM's Cube. This is a great event for all incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents and changes each year based on new situations that crop up for DPM students. Plan on attending if you have an incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grader!

- Information can also be found here: <http://www.dpmapt.weebly.com/spa.html>

#### Spirit of 67 Liaison – Kimberly Carris

- As a further incentive this year, the Spirit is holding a friendly competition between all five 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 after the Home Tour. Currently participation across the district is at 51.1% of families - this is the highest level in the Spirit's history!

Donor Family Participation Contest results as of 4/16/18:

- Sheridan: 61.5%
- Cherokee: 57.8%
- Everett: 53.7%
- DPM E&W: 47.95%

Please consider making an annual donation to the Spirit if you have not done so this year at <http://www.spiritof67foundation.org>.

- Grant Presentation Days was April 11<sup>th</sup> at DPM and April 16<sup>th</sup> at the elementary schools. There was many, many exciting grants awarded that will be enhancing our schools next year! Ask your kids to share the good news with you.
- The Home Tour will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup>. There is a great variety of houses this year that are all new to the Home Tour. A luncheon will be at the Lake Forest Club and include a "first-ever" sweet table. Tickets for both the event and the cash raffle can be purchased online through May 8<sup>th</sup> at <https://goo.gl/PR6Ca1>. All donors to the Spirit receive a reduced price on Home Tour tickets. In addition to attending the Home Tour, please consider volunteering time in one of the 4 homes. Home volunteers can purchase a discounted ticket. The shift times are as follows:
  - Shift 1: 8:45-11am
  - Shift 2: 10:45-1pm
  - Shift 3: 12:45-3pm

Please contact staffing captains to sign up:

- Everett - Meara Kelley [mearakelley@gmail.com](mailto:mearakelley@gmail.com)
- Cherokee - Carolyn Hutchinson [carolyngrace@hotmail.com](mailto:carolyngrace@hotmail.com)
- Sheridan - Brooke Rolek [bbrolek@gmail.com](mailto:bbrolek@gmail.com)
- DPM - Amy Collins [scollis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scollis@sbcglobal.net)

- A Sip & Shop at The Perfect Setting (downtown LF) was held on April 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 5pm. 10% of the proceeds that day were donated to the Spirit. A Sip & Shop will also be held at Sara Campbell (downtown LF) on May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6pm - 8pm. Please try to stop by! Sara Campbell is offering 10% off and also donating 10% of proceeds back to the Spirit. This is a great time to shop for Mother's day outfits, gifts, and Home Tour dresses! Thank you to both retailers for your generosity.
- 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.
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Staff Appreciation – Anna Theodore (Rachel Baker, Sophia Koliatsis, Sushama Krishnaswamy, Lisa Lamb, Amanda Lamberti, Kristen Lee, Nicole Mangiaracina)

- The March 8<sup>th</sup> Spring Conference Pizza Dinner from Lou Malnati's went well. Thank you for all the dessert donations!
- Staff Appreciation Week is April 30<sup>th</sup> - May 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Lindsey Seaman and Beth Laufenberg for increasing the Committee's funds for the week. In keeping with the theme that "We traveled the globe and the best teachers are right here at DPM", we have a different country represented each day of the week. Food and drink will be provided in the teachers lounges and the students will be invited to fill out postcard style notes stating how their teachers help them to see the world differently. These can be completed during lunch time in the days prior to Staff Appreciation Week or also at home and dropped into mailboxes which we will have at both offices. Link to the file will be sent through the Friday Flier and also posted on FB and sent via Room Parents. Also, please consider donating items that are needed for this week at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0948afaf2cabf85-dpmstaff>. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up!
- Information can also be found here: <http://www.dpmapt.weebly.com/staff-appreciation.html>.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> @ Beth Laufenberg's house 9:00am**

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