



## Deer Path Middle School APT Board Meeting

### Feb. 19, 2019 Minutes

**Attendees** - Tom Cardamone, Megan Engelberg, Colene Hardy, Tish Houston, Beth Laufenberg, , Judi Olenick, Heike Regner, Vicki Stach, Leslie Walton, Laurie Whisler, Dez Witte

#### **Administrator Reports:**

##### DPM - Tom Cardamone, Principal

- Last week D67, D115 (LFHS), and D65 (LB) staff met for a Tri-District Institute Day at LFHS. At the meeting an inspirational speaker, Tom Murray, mentioned two statements that stayed with the audience and are worth thinking about:

- “Culture is built 30 seconds at a time.”
- “Sometimes the things that we’re saying and the things that we’re hearing are two different things.”

The attendees at this Tri-District meeting also were able to participate in three sessions of what is known as an Educational Camp. For these sessions all participants choose the their sessions based on topics that were of great interest. The sessions had no moderator or agenda except to share ideas. It was a very unique experience appreciated and enjoyed by all.

- Parent teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, March 7 between 4:00PM-8:00PM and Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> between 8:00AM-12:00PM. Students are welcome to join their parents at these conferences. Please contact the office if you have problems registering for conferences.
- APT Fine Arts Presentation line up is as follows:
  - Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe (6<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> Tales of Olympus (5<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - March 4<sup>th</sup> World Language presentation (kick-off the World Language week)
  - March 7<sup>th</sup> Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry (7<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - March 21<sup>st</sup> Diary of Anne Frank (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Some other dates to note:
  - Art Fair Open House Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 5pm
  - Disney trip Preview Concert Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> 6pm
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester report cards sent home Friday Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - March 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> grade BOC Disney trip
  - IAR (formerly known as PARCC) testing during the week of March 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Holocaust Immersion Week (8<sup>th</sup> grade) week of March 18<sup>th</sup>

- Spirit of 67 Faculty Talent Show - March 20<sup>th</sup>

### **Officer Reports:**

#### President - Beth Laufenberg

- Announcing the APT Executive Board Slate for the 2019-21 School Years:
  - APT Executive Board President - Kristen Lee
  - APT Executive Board Communications - Lacy Fidler
  - APT Executive Board Treasurer - Julie Benda Helms
  - Deer Path Middle School APT President - Megan Engelberg
  - Everett Elementary APT President - Jacey Rhoads
- Voting on this slate of candidates is open to all District 67 APT members and will take place at the APT's Annual Meeting. All District 67 parents and community members are invited to attend our Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 a.m. at CROYA (located in the Lake Forest Recreation Center.)
- For further information on the slated candidates as well as a listing of members of the APT Nominating Committee, please visit the APT Executive Board website at <https://lfapt67.weebly.com/> by Friday, 02/15/19.

### **Teacher Representative:**

#### Colene Hardy

- There is now a piano in the Haskins Center and it is getting a lot of use from students. A piano was donated to the school for use in the auditorium and the piano from the auditorium was moved to the Haskins. It's great to see the students excited about playing the piano and nice to hear the music they produce.
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade Washington DC trip - Attention Parents of 7th graders! What could be a better, more valuable form of learning than immersing oneself in the history and culture of Washington DC? Come join us for an evening meeting to learn about the 8th grade Washington DC trip for next November. We will be meeting in the Haskin's Center at DPMW on March 13 at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions or cannot make the meeting, please email Karen Pedersen at [kpetersen@lfschools.net](mailto:kpetersen@lfschools.net) or kristin at [ktiveron@lfschools.net](mailto:ktiveron@lfschools.net) for further information.
- Please send photos of students participating on the DPM sports teams to either Mr. or Mrs. Rahman: [irahman@lfschools.net](mailto:irahman@lfschools.net) or [srahman@lfschools.net](mailto:srahman@lfschools.net).

### **CROYA:**

#### Leslie Walton

- Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> is the Middle School Donut Cup! All 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome! We kick off the event by playing floor hockey with the Lake Forest and Lake Bluff Police Officers. After the floor hockey games wrap up we eat pizza and donuts then get the opportunity to ask the officers questions. No prior sign up is required and the event is free. Please contact Leslie if you have any questions. We hope to see you all there!

## **Committee Reports:**

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

- The Art Fair items have been displayed in Haskins and The Cube since late January. Hope all have had a chance to see the great artwork by our talented DPM students. There are a total of 115 entries, with 66 students participating this year across 5th-8th grades.
- Judging by external judges Cecelia Lanyon and Dominic Zumpano of The Gallery, and DPM faculty and students occurred around the polar vortex this year. All ribbons are up.
- Everyone is invited to the Art Fair Open House this Wednesday February 20 from 5-7 pm. Please spread the word. Refreshments will be served and the artists may pick up their artwork that night. Any remaining artwork will be distributed by the librarians.

### Board of Ed Liaison - Dez Witte

- Your Board of Education Liaison (Dez Witte) need your questions! If you have a question or concern about Deer Path Middle School or the District, that you'd like answered by our Superintendent, now is your chance. Please submit questions/concerns to Desiree Witte [dezwitte@gmail.com](mailto:dezwitte@gmail.com). All questions should be general district/school related questions (not personal). Submissions are kept confidential.
- The BOE Liaisons meet twice a year with the Superintendent to address the questions/concerns of our school community. Our next meeting is February 25th.
- Due to weather conditions, the originally schedule February meeting was cancelled.

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

- The Committee's had a table at a recent 8<sup>th</sup> grade lunch period in order to gather dance party ideas from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. They had a great response and have narrowed the theme down to 4 choices, which the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will vote on. The Committee believes it is best to have the students as involved as possible to ensure a successful event and was pleased with the enthusiasm shown by the 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Information relating to the Class of 2019 activities can be found at <https://dpmapt.weebly.com/class-of-2019.html>.

### Fine Arts - Maureen Fitzgerald, Laura Cuushing

- Following are upcoming performances at DPM:
  - On 3/1 Tales of Olympus
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  - On Thursday 3/7 GreatWorks will present "Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry" to the 7th graders at 9 am.
  - On Thursday 3/21 American Eagle Productions will present "Diary of Anne Frank" to the 8th graders at 9 am.

### Food Service - Lisa Walsh, Kirsten Dugan

- All Food Service Liaisons met as a district to plan the March Nutrition month theme. The

theme this year is "Healthy snacks you can make at home," Healthy snacks (approved by the DPM nurses) will be served at lunch at DPM on March 14 and 21. Volunteers are needed to assist with the prep and serving for all lunches during both dates. Please consider volunteering: <http://signup.com/go/FfcOZPz>.

#### LF-LB LDA - Vicki Stach and Tracey Barrett

- The LF LB LDA just finished awarding its grants. This year almost \$21,000 was awarded in grants across all local schools--Districts 65, 67 and 115 and St Mary's. DPM requested and received awards on its two grants--for software licenses that will provide better differentiated learning in Social Studies and Science in 7/8th grades; and, 2-sided white board paddles for the World Language classrooms.
- The next LF-LB LDA meeting is Wednesday February 27 at 9:30 at LFHS West Campus.

#### Social Emotional Learning (formerly EWC and SPA) - Umang Singh, Heike Regner, Carlyn Vale-Atkins

- The SPA Committee changed its name for the final time to Social Emotional Learning (SEL) to best reflect its purpose and goals.
- The following are discussion topics from SEL's last meeting:
  - Emilie updated the group on her ongoing efforts to streamline and clarify SEL's mission and objectives across the District.
  - The meeting's goal was to further streamline and simplify the way SEL (emotional wellness) efforts are promoted across the schools.
  - We came up with some discussion topics for our next meeting (to take place on 3/20), including ideas on what other grants our committee might want to submit to The Spirit of 67 or to other educational funding sources. Our fellow DPM SEL Rep Carlyn Vale-Atkins is leading this brainstorming effort.
  - We are actively working with Emilie Correa and the DPM EWC Committee to organize at least one (hopefully, two) speakers for our Parent Speaker Series.
  - Heike and I have asked Emilie if the school-based (non-APT) Committee name will be changed from "EWC" to "SEL" to mirror the name change that the APT has undertaken. We will update all APT Boards as soon as we have an answer.
  - We are sending 1-2 APT SEL Committee school representatives to the DPM EWC Meeting that will be on 2/26 @ 3:45-4:45pm in Haskins.
  - Emilie reported that:
    - The *SEL Spotlight* (formerly known as the D67 ePulse Newsletter) was included in the Friday Fliers (Self-Management) on 2/15.
    - The EWC submitted a Spirit Grant requesting a selection of picture books that are based on SEL themes including mindfulness.
    - Her team is still working on a new SEL logo and website format. All this is being done in collaboration with Janice Patterson, etc.

- Upcoming Community Event of Interest - Gorton is showing an important movie called "LIKE-The Movie" on 2/26 @ 7-8:30pm. This movie is about the impact of social media on our lives and the screening will be followed by a panel discussion with community experts on the topic. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased online at the Gorton website.
- Six panelists (2 from each elementary school) have been secured for the *Jumpstart to Fifth Grade* event scheduled for 5/7/19. Sandwich Boards have been reserved to advertise for this event 5/2-5/6. By our April meeting, we will have all the questions updated/reviewed and ready to divide up among the panelists.
- More information can be found at <https://dpmapt.weebly.com/sel.html>.

**REMAINING 2019 MEETINGS:**

**Wed., March 13<sup>th</sup> Annual APT meeting 9am CROYA**

**Tues. April 16<sup>th</sup> 9am Haskins Center**

**Tues. May 14<sup>th</sup> Old Board / New Board meeting (info to come)**

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