



Deer Path Middle School APT Board Meeting

Nov. 13, 2018 Minutes

Attendees - Deborah Bradley, Tom Cardamone, Colene Hardy, Tish Houston, Beth Laufenberg, Patty Meneely, Amy Mulani, Becky Nagel, Heike Regner, Kim Robb, Amy Wagliardo, Dez Witte, Isabel Witte

Administrator Reports:

DPM - Tom Cardamone, Principal

- DPM had its first Family event on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. The staff met prior to the event to try out some ice breaker activities and come up with goals for the event. The students were introduced to their Family at the event. There are 70 DPM Families across the 5th - 8th grades. Each Family has 12 students, typically 3 from each grade. The students will stay in their Family throughout their time at DPM led by the same faculty leaders. The event featured some ice breaking games to facilitate the students learning about their new "brothers and sisters". The event ended with Matt Wilhelm (funded by The Spirit of 67) sharing his motivating story of perseverance and his ridiculously entertaining and mind-boggling BMX bike tricks. It was an awesome way for the school to head into the holiday weekend.
- DPM's first ELO day will be on Friday, Dec. 21st. The ELO experience will be split into 3 rotations, which include: service, learning, and play. It will be a great day of excitement and extended learning opportunities for all!
- A group of 8th grade students and the DPM Jazz Band traveled to Washington DC over the Veteran's Day weekend. The 19 DPM Jazz Band students performed at a few places in DC during their time there including in front of the WWII Veterans Memorial. The performances were a unique and exciting opportunity for the students.
- Thank you from Mr. Cardamone on behalf of the entire staff to the Staff Appreciation Committee and all DPM parents for the amazing dinner during Fall Conferences!

Guest Speaker: Amy Wagliardo, Executive Director, Gorton Community Center

- Amy Wagliardo, Executive Director at Gorton Committee Center shared information about Gorton.
- Gorton Community Center is one of only a few privately-funded community centers in the United States and serves as a unique partnership between community volunteers and the City of Lake Forest. Adults and children find quality programs here, from classes, dance, film, performing arts, and day care. The newly renovated John & Nancy Hughes Theater is a state-of-the-art performing arts venue that has become the signature of Gorton Community Center. A new entrance leads visitors into a stunning 309-seat theater with new technology systems, including sound, lights, and projection. The theater offers children, teen, and adults the unforgettable experience of performing on a world-class stage or attending their favorite

events..

- Gorton Community Center, a private nonprofit 501c3 organization, relies on the generosity of area residents and business to support building improvements, programs and services which are offered in the historic building owned by the City of Lake Forest.
- Please see <http://gortoncenter.org/> for information about Gorton and upcoming events.

Officer Reports:

President - Beth Laufenberg

- Nominations are now being solicited for the following District 67 APT Executive Board positions to serve during the 2019-21 school years:
 - APT Executive Board President
 - APT Executive Communications
 - APT Executive Board Treasurer
 - APT President, Everett School
 - APT President, Deer Path Middle School
- Please note that nominees MUST have prior experience serving on an APT Board (or as a Room Parent) in order to be considered. Also, only parents from a local school can submit a nomination for that building's APT President.
- See the Executive Board website for Nomination Forms with descriptions of the positions being nominated: <https://lfapt67.weebly.com/>
- If you would like to nominate someone (including yourself), you may do so in one of the following ways:
 - Download the 2019-21 APT Nominations Form from the District 67 APT website: <https://lfapt67.weebly.com/>
 - Complete the form and email it to beth60045@me.com
 - Complete the form and mail to Beth Laufenberg, 435 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045
 - Contact Beth via email at beth60045@me.com or by calling/texting 224-735-8593 to submit possible candidate names.
- Final deadline for submissions is Thursday, January 10, 2019. Questions? Contact Beth Laufenberg, APT Nominating Committee Chair, at the email address or phone number listed above.

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.
- 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.

Committee Reports:

Board of Ed Liaison - Dez Witte

- See attached Q&A with Superintendent Mike Simek. Please pass on any questions for Mr. Simek to Dez Witte.

Community Service - Kate Rother

- District 67 participated in the Lake County Cares Thanksgiving Food Drive, which provides Thanksgiving meals to food pantries in Lake County. Donations were collected at each school Thursday, November 1st - 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.

Food Service - Kirsten Dugan, Lisa Walsh

- The Food Service Committee met this past month Met this month with the DPM Garden Club and DPM's Food Service Manager Anne Simons with the goal of bringing food grown by the Garden Club into the cafeteria as early as next Spring. The Committee also discussed plans for a trip to Elowa Farms for training in organic gardening and a seed donation for from Quest Foods (for non GMO seeds.)

Emotional Wellness Committee (formerly SPA) - Umang Singh, Heike Regner

- The SPA Committee changed its name to EWC (Emotional Wellness Committee) to better reflect its purpose and goals.
- The APT Executive SPA Committee met on October 17th at which time Emilie Correa presented the District 67 SEL Curriculum.
- The 67 E-Pulse Newsletter will be released in the beginning of November reinforcing that SEL is about curriculum
- At EWC's November 14th meeting the Committee will focus on auditing each schools EWC Website in order to link information and make the web sites uniform and consistent. Amy Lamberti, D67's Inquiry and Innovative Practices Teaching and Learning Facilitator, will help assist in this transition.
- Information can also be found at <http://www.dpmapt.weebly.com/spa.html>.

Spirit of 67 Liaison – Deborah Bradley

- Spirit of 67 donations from DPM families is at 55.6% family participation. Please consider any size donation and help get DPM to 100%!

- 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

- Thank you to all who helped in providing the conference dinner for DPM's outstanding staff!
- Please consider baking or buying cookies for the annual DPM Holiday Teacher's Cookie Walk, which will take place on Thursday, December 13th. The Cookie Walk is for the faculty and staff at DPM in appreciation for all the wonderful work they do for our children. Volunteers are asked to bake or bring 2-3 dozen holiday cookies/treats to the 7/8 office by 2pm on December 13th. Volunteers can sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/HolidayCookieWalk>
- Information can also be found at <http://www.dpmapt.weebly.com/staff-appreciation.html>.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, Jan. 15th at 9am in DPM's Haskins Center

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