



## APT Meeting Minutes - April 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:15am – 10:30am

**Participants:** Dr. Michelle Shinn, Kate Rother, Tish Houston, Laura Schlemm, Katie Frekko, Eileen Swartout, Becky Nagel, Jessica Muller, Laura Whistler, Brooke Kuehnle, Rachel Baker, Kimberly Carris, Ellie White, Yvonne Bruce, Meredith Hayes, Mollie O'Neal, Paige Robbins, Cherie Singh, Tracy Barrett, Heike Regner

### **Student Presenters:**

*Kindergarten* – Student representatives from the kindergarten classes individually explained to different APT members various strategies for coming up with their “number of the day”, which was 7. Thank you, Kindergarteners, you did a terrific job!

*4<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Service Club* – This club consists of student volunteers from the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes who are interested in participating in service projects throughout the school year. Some of their projects this year have included: helping coordinate the Fall H.U.G.S. food drive in conjunction with the APT; and, volunteering at the Winter Carnival. They announced the following upcoming activities:

- **Bernie Book Bank Collection & Volunteering** – The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will be volunteering their time at Bernie's Book Bank on May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> (1/2 the class attends each morning) to help sort and package books. Additionally, the 4<sup>th</sup> graders will run their own Book Drive from May 20<sup>th</sup> – Jun 3<sup>rd</sup> where they will be collecting books from the entire school. They are hosting a friendly contest to see which class from across Sheridan can donate the most books. That class will be awarded a prize. The students are excited about this service project as they are working on all aspects from collecting books, sorting books, and preparing them for final distribution to children who don't have any books.
- **Family Movie Night** – The 4<sup>th</sup> grade Student Service Club is helping the Emotional Wellness Committee host the upcoming Sheridan Movie Night this Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 7:30pm. Pizza, popcorn and water will be served and Disney's “Nature: Bears” will be shown. The Sheridan EWC is also sponsoring a BYOC (camera) photobooth that will be nature-themed. Mrs. Colene Hardy will be the parent guest speaker discussing websites and apps to use at home.
- **Family Sharing Night** – Parents are welcome to come to Sheridan with their students on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm – 7:15pm to see what their students have been working on. The Student Service Club will be distributing Sheridan car magnets provided by the APT to each student that night. Go Sheridan Sharks!
- **A.C.E.S. Walk** – This is Sheridan's 27<sup>th</sup> year participating in the All Children Exercise Simultaneously (A.C.E.S.) Walk (<http://lensaunders.com/aces/aces.html>), which will take place Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 10:30am. Parents are welcome to join the students on a 1 mile walk around the block. Students from over 50 countries participate in this event. Project ACES was created by physical education teacher Len Saunders in 1989 as a method of motivating children to exercise. ACES takes place on the first Wednesday in May as part of National Physical Fitness and Sports Month along with National Physical Education Week. It has been labeled as "the world's largest exercise class" by the media. Since 1989, millions of children from all over the world have exercised together to promote proper health and fitness habits.

## **Guest Speaker:**

*Dr. Lori Wilcox, Ass't Superintendent of Growth, Talent and Human Relations for District 67 & 115*

- Dr. Wilcox came to District 67 two years ago from her role as Principal of a Barrington school. Dr. Wilcox's role expanded at the end of last year when she was promoted to the Assistant Superintendent of Growth, Talent, and Human Relations for both District 67 and 115. She explained that her current position encompasses a variety of areas across both districts.
- Dr. Wilcox focuses on growth for all students and adults in K-12. In particular, she oversees all evaluations, including a process that will result in the inclusion of student growth measures in the teacher evaluation process by 2016. This is a new Illinois state mandated teacher evaluation process.
- Dr. Wilcox is responsible for all personnel issues and Human Resources procedures for K-12. As part of this, Dr. Wilcox ensures there is professional development for all teachers. This includes a curriculum of academic classes taught by current teachers to their colleagues given to help teachers hone their skills.
- In her role as assistant superintendent of human relations Dr. Wilcox coordinates the hiring process when needed and oversees a mentoring program for employees new to District 67 and 115. She also is involved with contract negotiations.

*Tracy Barrett, President of LF / LB Learning Disabilities Association (<http://lflbllda.com/>)*

- Tracy is President of the LF/LB Learning Disabilities Association (LDA), which is a chapter of the Illinois state Learning Disabilities group. The Lake Forest-Lake Bluff LDA is a non-profit organization where parents, educators and professionals come together to support, educate and provide resources for their children and each other. Every child learns differently and is able to be successful given the right tools and opportunities.
- LF/LB LDA hosts monthly meetings the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at LFHS West Campus (the District Administration building), Seminar B, Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, IL. LDA also hosts a Speaker Series at which experts, school administrators, teachers and parents share their valuable experiences and stories. All are welcome! Presentations will cover a wide variety of topics including transitions to middle and high schools, determining a child's learning style, social/emotional wellness, the IEP process, ADHD, and new initiatives in the LF/LB schools among other topics.
- LF/LB LDA raises funds through a bi-annual Spring dinner/auction event and other smaller events. They have granted over \$100,000 back to the LF/LB schools for learning tools, equipment and programs over the years. Recently, LF/LB LDA worked with the Spirit of 67 to jointly provide a grant resulting in the new climbing wall at DPM.

## **Principal's Report:** Dr. Michelle Shinn

- Sheridan will be undergoing construction this summer to replace the carpeting throughout the building. The IRC and the computer room will continue to have carpet while the rest of the school will have a new tile floor. This process will begin the day after school is over, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Everything in the school will need to be packed up and moved prior to this date. You might start to see the packing process begin in the next few weeks throughout the school. No one will be allowed to enter the building after June 9<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Shinn will continue to be available throughout the summer, but likely out of an office at DPM. The physical placement of the different classes throughout the school may be different next year as the process of clearing the entire building provides an opportunity to reconfigure classroom placements based on optimal space use. More information to come from Dr.

Shinn as this is finalized.

- The final sections of the PARCC test will be given to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders during the week of May 12<sup>th</sup>. There are two math sections and one language art section remaining for the children to take.
- Mrs. Berardi is retiring at the end of this year, Congratulations! There will be a new face at Sheridan teaching preschool next year.

#### **APT President's Report : Kate Rother**

- Building the 2015/16 Board – Next year's Board is coming together. Please contact Kate Rother if you have interest in a certain position.
- Sheridan Sharing Night - April 30<sup>th</sup> – Come and see what the students have been working on. Each student will be receiving a Sheridan car magnet provided by the APT.
- Treasury Report – Please be sure to submit all check requests and related receipts as soon as possible.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Learning Service Project Pilot - Bernie's Book Bank – The 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be embarking on an important service project in championing the Bernie's Book Bank drive at Sheridan May 20<sup>th</sup> through June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The students will be both collecting the books and helping sort/process them to be ready for donation to children who do not have books. Congratulations 4<sup>th</sup> graders on donating their time to such a worthy cause.

#### **Gratitude (a.k.a. Super Hero Corner!): Kate Rother**

- Molly O'Neil and Kate Rappel – March Nutrition Month Tastings
- Wendy Darling and Tish Houston – Fine Arts Performance – School House Rock
- Brooke Kuehnle - Planters

#### **APT Committee Reports**

##### **Teacher Appreciation Week – May 11 - 15: Becky Nagel, Cherie Singh, Ellie White**

- The Teacher Appreciation Committee has been working hard to put together a fun week of activities and surprises for all teachers and staff at Sheridan. Although the official dates were originally May 4-8, it was decided to move the celebration to the week of May 11th due to the conflict with the District 67 Home Tour on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The week will be as follows:
  - Friday, May 8th: Hang Shark Bites
  - Monday: Roll out the Red Carpet/Photos Taken of All Teachers and Staff/Breakfast Provided in the Lounge
  - Tuesday: Lunch provided in the Lounge - 11am
  - Wednesday: Coffee Run
  - Thursday: Frozen Yogurt Bar served in the Lounge 11am - 1pm/Wall of Fame put up
  - Friday: Lunch Cooler giveaways for all Teachers and Staff/Shark Bites organized per person and placed in mailboxes.
- An email with a link to sign up at [volunteerspot.com](http://volunteerspot.com) will be sent shortly. Please sign up to help celebrate Sheridan's great teachers and staff.

**Spirit 67 – Home Tour (May 7<sup>th</sup>) and Grant Day Report:** Kimberly Carris, Eileen Swartout

- The Spirit of 67's primary annual fundraiser, the Home Tour, will take place Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup>. The Sheridan house still needs volunteers to help staff it for the day. The shifts are as follows: shift 1 - 8:45am to 11:00am; shift 2 - 10:45am to 1:00pm; and, shift 3 - 12:45pm to 3:00pm. Please email Bridgette at [bridgette@doheny.com](mailto:bridgette@doheny.com) if you are able to help.
- A special thanks to Spirit of 67 Supporters! The Spirit recently awarded \$209,305 for 20 grants across the district. For a complete list of grants visit website [www.spiritof67foundation.org](http://www.spiritof67foundation.org).

**Parent Awareness:** Eileen Swartout, Shannon Maguire

- Jumpstart 5<sup>th</sup> grade planning is underway. Panelists have been confirmed and 2015 questions are being finalized. The presentation will be held May 12<sup>th</sup> at The Cube DPM, 9:30am - 11:00am. Also, the unofficial "Guide to Freshman Year" at LFHS planning is also happening. This presentation will be held next Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at RMA LFHS, 9:00am - 10:00am.
- Check out the LEAD website as there are a great amount of available resources for parents. Everything from help dealing with bullying, to signs of substance abuse, to parenting tips to help with the social and emotional well-being of children are available ([www.leadingefforts.org](http://www.leadingefforts.org)).
- The "LEAD Community Conversation: The Harmful Effects of Marijuana" will be held Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm - 8:30pm at Gorton Community Center. Please join in this community conversation about marijuana. No RSVP required. Visit <http://www.leadingefforts.org/communityconversations> for more information.

**Old Board / New Board Lunch:** Nanci Knipfer, Paige Robbins

- The next APT meeting is the Old Board / New Board lunch to be held on Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup> 11:30am - 1:30pm at The Knipfer Home, 1359 Edgewood Road. Please RSVP to the evite so the host can plan food.

**Wellness / Field Day – June 5<sup>th</sup>:** Kimberly Carris, Hans Matson

- Field Day is scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Please consider volunteering to help make it a great day!

**Board of Ed Liaisons:** Brooke Kuehnle, Holly Matson, Suzanne Sands

- Please see attached minutes from the last Board of Education meetings. Minutes are also available on the District 67 website at: <http://www.lakeforestschools.org/board-of-education/district-67-boe/boe-meeting-minutes-archive/index.aspxmeetings>.

**Directory & Membership:** Eileen Swartout, Anna McEvoy,

- Jen Goldman will be the new Executive APT chair for Directory for 2015-16

**Next APT Meeting – Wed. May 20<sup>th</sup> 11:30-1:30 - Old Board / New Board Luncheon  
@ The Knipfer Home 1359 Edgewood Road**