



APT Meeting Minutes – November 18th 9:15am

Participants: Dr. Michelle Shinn, Kate Rother, Tish Houston, Laura Schlemm, Becky Nagel, Heather Strong, Nancy Meier, Rae Anne Alvarez, Whitney Keller, Jessica Muller, Consuelo Wilkinson, Yvonne Bruce, Meredith Hayes, Holly Matson, Beth Laufenberg, Kate Zimlich, Danielle Sullivan, Veronica Patt, Sara LaCasse, Sarah Lockhart, Tracy Barrett, Eileen Swartout, Brooke Kuehnle

Guest Speakers: Mrs. Gross's 4th Grade Math Class

- Mrs. Gross's 4th grade math class presented a summary of their West Park Redesign project. The students have been working on this project since the beginning of the school year. They have met with engineers from the City of Lake Forest and representatives from NuToys, a local company from which the City of Lake Forest purchases park equipment. The students: measured the playground area of the park; assessed safety concerns related to the existing playground structures; measured the footprint of the current equipment; and identified the simple machines used in the existing structures. The students each made a scale drawing with new equipment they picked adhering to the City of Lake Forest's requirements (e.g. have a slide, have equipment for toddlers, include swings for more than one person, etc.) Further, each student put together a budget including the price of the new pieces of playground equipment, a total, and how this compared to the \$80,000 budget. Finally, the students also assessed Sheridan's back playground. They plan to submit a grant proposal to the Spirit of 67 for funds to construct a new playground at Sheridan. Great job students!

Guest Speaker: Barry Rodgers, Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, Technology & Assessment K-12

- Barry Rodgers introduced himself to the Sheridan parents including a summary of his background and prior experience. Mr. Rodgers was most recently the principal at LFHS for two years before he was promoted to his current shared position within Districts 67 & 115. Prior to that, Mr. Rodgers was principal at Northside College Prep, the #1 ranked high school in the state of Illinois in 2013.
- Mr. Rodgers discussed many of the changes the District is implementing as part of the shift to "21st Century" learning. Mr. Rodgers is excited about the continued change and innovation within the District. For example, yesterday he was at the opening of a new STEM lab at a Lake Forest District school. Mr. Rodgers took questions from parents primarily relating to the multitude of curriculum changes seen throughout Sheridan stemming from the change to "21st Century Learning". He stated that this type of feedback is useful and he appreciated the opportunity to meet with Sheridan's parents.

Principal's Report: Dr. Michelle Shinn

- Conferences have begun and will continue through next week. Parents will see a new report card format that aligns to the Common Core and includes specific target areas for student growth. There is also a new grading system ranging from 1-4. Dr. Shinn will be sending out a parent information sheet further explaining the new report card.
- Sheridan launched its House System last week at a Sharing Assembly. The students seem very excited to meet new friends within their Houses. Parents received an email requesting each child's

t-shirt size. Dr. Shinn and the Sheridan Team are working on finalizing the House t-shirt order. At future Sheridan Sharing Assemblies students will sit with their housemates and certain days will be designated as days to wear House t-shirts. Additionally, other events will be structured around the Houses similar to the recent H.U.G.S. Food Drive in order to encourage cross-grade interaction and friendship among housemates. More to come!

APT President's Report: Kate Rother

- Art Project - Mrs. Tkachuk – Thank you, Mrs. Tkachuk, for welcoming Sheridan's Visiting Author, Barb Rosenstock, with the Kandinsky inspired art work display on the front hall bulletin board. Mrs. Rosenstock was especially touched and requested a special picture of her in front of the welcome sign & various student modern art pieces. It was wonderful to see an art and history lesson tied in with the Visiting Author's presentation. Thank you!
- Teacher's Lounge - Becky Nagel – Thank you Becky Nagel for redesigning and managing the renovation of the teacher's lounge...now fondly referred to as The Café! Stop in and see Becky's fabulous work!
- Exploration Day – Tish Houston, Deena Puglisi, Laura Schlemm, Kate Rother & Dr. Shinn – Thank you to this awesome team for helping put together a wonderful Exploration Day that truly inspired the students!

Gratitude (a.k.a. Super Hero Corner!)

Sheridan Halloween Party - Yvonne Bruce, Lindsay Nero, and Kim Strothman

H.U.G.S. Food Drive – Kristen Chun, Carrie Cole, Rae Ann Alvarez, and Sarah Lockhart

Celebration Book Club - Kristen Chun and Rae Ann Alvarez

Food Service Liaison / Lunch Duty Coordinators – Kate Rappel and Molly O'Neil

Visiting Author – Tish Houston and Katie Frekko

Spirit Wear - Shannon Maguire and Jessica Muller

Making Sheridan Beautiful – Brooke Kuehnle and Team

Raines Family (grade coffee), Frekko Family (grade parent party), and Falls Family (grade parent party)

Teacher / Student Service Club Update: Mrs. Schlemm

- Mrs. Schlemm and her 4th grade Student Service Club will be helping collect warm hats and beanies for "Carolina's Cause." These hats will go to children who are at the Oncology Division at Ann & Robert Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. Carolina was diagnosed with Leukemia at the age of 5 on August 19, 2011 and was a Survivor as of March 28, 2014. Carolina has always been courageous, brave, and hopeful throughout the past 4 + years. She always keeps so positive, happy and a big smile! Her Family refers to her as their "Little Warrior"!

APT Committees Reports

Meals for Our Teachers: Rachel Baker, Becky Nagel

- The Meals For Teacher's Committee is using Volunteer Spot to put together a Mexican themed dinner on Nov. 23rd for the teachers who are at school late that evening for parent conferences. Food is requested to be delivered to the Café (formerly known as the Teacher's

Lounge) by 4:15pm on the 23rd in order for sufficient set up time. Becky Nagel, Rachel Baker and their children will set up, help serve/replenish as needed, and clean up.

H.U.G.S. Food Drive (Community Service): Carrie Cole, Rae Ann Alvarez, Sarah Lockhart

- Sheridan successfully collected food for Lake County Cares Thanksgiving food drive last week and this week. This year the food items were split by House instead of grade to foster House collaboration.
- After the first day of sorting through the donated food, Lake County Cares finds themselves in desperate need of powdered milk, canned yams/sweet potatoes, and canned pork & beans. Lake County Cares' goal with this food drive is to help feed at least 500 needy Lake County families this Thanksgiving. They are still getting deliveries from people who conducted food drives, but even with those deliveries, they know it will be a challenge to meet this goal. Please donate the above mentioned items or stuffing, corn bread mix, and canned fruit, as there is also a need for these items. Food donations can be brought to the Gorton Community Center in Lake Forest by Thursday morning.

Spiritwear: Shannon Maguire, Jessica Muller

- Online sales were double the amount sold on the morning of the Sheridan walkthrough in September. This was the first year there was an online ordering option. In summary, 76 items (aprox \$1,400) was ordered online and 43 items (aprox \$750) were purchased/ordered during the morning of Sheridan's walkthrough.

Staff Holiday Cookie Boxes : Kristin McCain, Jessica Muller, Brooke Rolek, Laura Whisler

- Please see the volunteerspot online sign-up for staff holiday cookie boxes at <http://sheridanapt.weebly.com>. This event is similar to last year in that people can volunteer to bring cookies or ribbons. Sheridan has expanded the list of people who receive a plate of cookies to include Sheridan's night maintenance staff. Reminder: you do not have to bake the cookies as cookies purchased from the store are welcome as well. Also, if you are bringing in gluten free cookies, please be sure to properly label them.

Yearbook: Beth Laufenberg, Tracy Barrett, Debbie Jensen

- Great progress is being made. The cover photos of the 4th graders were taken on picture day and will be submitted shortly. You are still able to order a yearbook for your child if you have not done so. The deadline for classroom collage pages is December 17th.
- Please email any pictures from Monster Bash to Beth Laufenberg.

Parent Awareness: Eileen Swartout, Ellen Trager

- The Parent Awareness and Emotional Wellness Committees recently met with Emilie Correa (District Emotional Wellness Coordinator), Anne Whipple (District Communications) and Janice Patterson (Communications). Topics discussed included the current Emotional Wellness initiatives within District 67 and the possible communications channels for keeping parents informed. Communications channels include: blast emails for upcoming events; use of Edmodo to reach both students and parents; and, a quarterly newsletter for Emotional Wellness topics/events. The Committee is currently working with Anne Whipple and Janice Patterson to produce the first Quarterly Newsletter with a targeted December 2015 release.

Spirit of 67: Kimberly Carris, Brooke Kuehnle

- The Spirit of 67's Fall events were a huge success raising just shy of \$47,000 that will be used to fund grants. Thank you to everyone who attended the "Kick Up Your Boots for Education at the Barn" dance benefit at the home of Jeff and Joan Lynch. Also, a big thanks to everyone who participated in the "Raise Your Hand for Education" online auction. The Spirit is grateful to their Fall FUNdraising Events' Sponsors: at properties, Fisher Financial Partners, and Forest & Bluff Magazine. Also, PostNet, the Shanty and Sunset Foods provided their services at a discount and provided in-kind donations to the event. Additionally, the Spirit is very grateful to their Partners in Education, which include: Goshgarian Orthodontics, Lake Forest Pediatric Dentistry, ULINE, and The Grainger Foundation (a President's Circle Partner) for their ongoing support.
- The Spirit of 67 has 478 families this year that have made donations thus far totaling of over \$77,000. Thank you to everyone on the donor list. Please consider a donation to Spirit of 67!

Board of Education: Holly Matson, Whitney Keller

- Please see attachment for full Board of Education meeting notes and attachments. These are also posted on Sheridan's APT website.

Next APT Meeting: Wed. Jan. 20th 9:15am