

Sheraton APT Meeting January 23, 2013

APT Board Members in attendance: Belzer, Borkowski, Carris, Chun, Darling, Doheny, Hayes, Hatfield, Kelly, Laufenberg, Marks, Rappel, Robinson, Scully, Sullivan, Swartout, Whisler. Also, Mrs. Schlemm, Ms. Moser, Dr. Schinn, Tracy Lundergan, Laura Raines, Vanya Kramer

Meeting started at 9:35 am

Guest Speakers:

Anissa Chaudhry, Lake Forest Open Lands. LF Open Lands partners with District 67 for our children to have the ability to come be a part of all the wonderful programs we offer. The “Summer Camps 2013” program is now available on their website at www.LFOLA.org. Please visit the website to explore all the exciting options available! “Campers” ages range from incoming Kindergarteners to 8th grade!

Lake Forest Parks and Recreation was also scheduled to speak but was unable to attend at last minute. Information available for Summer Programs and Camps will be available on their website. http://cityoflakeforest.com/cs/rec/cs_rec2.htm

Principal’s Report-Dr. Shinn and Ms. Moser

It was great to see so many families at the Winter Sing!

New Principal search is underway for Sheridan. Please check website for any new info and updates!

Due on February 1st is the poster contest for Emotional Wellness! Each grade is assigned a certain character trait! The winning posters will be displayed proudly in our school!

K-Caring

1st-Teamwork

2nd-Responsibility

3rd-Respect

4th-Honesty and Integrity

Please make sure you have hats and gloves packed for your children during this chilly winter season! If it is 15 degrees or warmer, we are playing outside! We are considering adding more grass area in the back for safer play for all. Incoming Kindergarten packets were mailed for the 2013/2014 year!

President’s Report-Suzanne Sands

Hopefully everyone had a restful and enjoyable break and has had a smooth transition back into the regular routine. Today we have Anissa Chaudhry from LF Open Lands as well as Rob Carmichael and Jeff Wait from LF Parks and Recreation here to speak with us. I want to thank everyone who is here today for making the time to attend this meeting.

Community Quote of the Month

HONESTY & INTEGRITY (Doing what you know is right.) is the January and February focus for Emotional Wellness district wide. Rather than a community quote this month I have two quotes about integrity to share.

“The time is always right to do what is right.”

~Martin Luther King Jr.

“Live so that when your children think of fairness, caring and integrity, they think of you.”

~H. Jackson Brown, Jr., Author of Life's Little Instruction Book

Communication: Website & Email

We are updating the website on a weekly and monthly basis. All of the news you can use about current happenings can always be found on our home page. Keep those pictures coming for our Scrapbook page.

Meetings & Agendas

We will continue to send a reminder one week in advance of the meeting. Please be sure to reply to the reminder if you would like to be on the agenda. Also, please send Liz and Amy a summary of what you plan to share so they can add your input to the minutes without having to take dictation during everyone's reports. Our next meeting will be February 20th in the Board Room at West Campus starting at 9:30. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Simeck, our superintendent.

From the APT Executive Board Meeting

Mr. Simeck reported that he is moving forward with the principal search process. I will be participating in the interview process as a parent representative. There will also be a letter coming out about safety and security in our schools.

Anne Whipple shared that the district is working on selecting a new website provider. The food service survey results will be shared in the weeks ahead via that committee. Also, she wanted to let everyone know that District 67 is now on Facebook and Twitter, it's just another way parents can get current information and updates.

Allen Albus, Deputy Superintendent of Finance and Operations, spoke about facility planning at the high school and middle school. His full presentation to the high school BOE which has been misrepresented in local media and blogs is available on video on the high school website if you are interested in learning more. He also gave an update on the construction of the CUBE at DPM. The project is well underway and should be completed by mid to late February.

Andy Henrikson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, spoke about the Common Core Curriculum. He gave us an overview of some of the changes that will take effect statewide in 2014. The Common Core is focused on readiness for college and career. It has been adopted in 46 states. There is an increased focus on higher level thinking skills such as analysis, evaluation, and creativity. He recommended a few website resources for parents wanting to learn more.

National PTA has created grade level parent guides.

<http://pta.org/parents/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2583>

Common Core Standards

<http://www.corestandards.org>

Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC)

**This is the group that Illinois is currently planning on using for statewide assessments.*

<http://www.parcconline.org>

He also wanted to know what DPM parents might think about having 4 or 5 late start days throughout the school year to give the entire DPM staff opportunities to meet as a whole group. The benefits of late start as opposed to early dismissal are that there is less interference with after school programming and teachers and staff get more out of it. There was a brief discussion and if you have thoughts about this please share them with me. The Monday early release time at the elementary schools was also discussed. This time is used for Building Meetings, District-wide grade level meetings, team meetings within each building, and articulation meetings between special education teachers, specialists and classroom teachers.

Laurie Rose from the Board of Education encouraged parents to attend Board of Education meetings.

21st Century Learning and Technology Presentation for Parents of 3rd and 4th Graders

Last week Judith Epcke, the Director of Instructional Technology for the District, held two meetings for parents of 3rd and 4th graders to talk about the various ways in which those students are now using technology in the classroom. The staff focusing on how to best use technology in the classrooms is very thoughtful about what will be useful to our students and teachers as well as what level of access they need and what safeguards must be in place for students at different ages. The handouts and electronic presentation are now available online for those who missed it. <http://d67pd.weebly.com/the-3rd-and-4th-grade-learner.html> There is also a lot of other great information about 21st Century Teaching and Learning available at this web location if you explore the menu on the left hand side of the screen.

January Appreciations

- Nancy Allard & Bridgette Doheny for organizing TIME Zone this month with the Third Grade Native Americans program.*
- Michele Belzer & Kimberly Carris for facilitating the upcoming visit from author, Aaron Reynolds.*
- Wendy Darling & Michele Belzer for organizing the Holiday Cookie Boxes as well as all of the parents who donated cookies to fill the boxes and beyond.*

- *Kate Rappel and Kate Rother for managing the upcoming Spirit Wear sale.*
- *Beth Laufenberg, Nanci Knipfer & Carmen Doering-Clark for their work on the yearbook as that deadline approaches.*
- *Camile Mayer & Kristen Chun for reaching out to students with December and January birthdays.*
- *All of our Room Parents who continue to organize volunteers for field trips, TIME Zone and more.*
- *Carmen Doering-Clark for helping keep all of our parents informed and our website updated.*
- *Amy Kelly for putting together the November minutes quickly so all our parents could stay informed.*

Treasurer's Report-Amie Marks

The budget has been updated and is available on our website! Please send me any receipts and check requests for reimbursement as soon as possible!

Bandstand-Carrie Cole and Kristin McCain

The ever popular Sheridan Bandstand is Friday, February 22nd! New Pricing – There will be an APT member price and a non-member price for advance payment and one door price for all. We are looking for volunteers. The rest of the details will follow via email, in the Friday Flyer and on our website so be on the look out. The same GREAT DJ from the Monster Bash is coming to “spin some records” for the kids-should be fun for all!

Board Of Education-Alana Hender

1.) Mr. Simeck commented on how Spirit Grants are requested and reviewed. Last year 33 Grants were issued. Anne Dunn showed an example of a Grant. Fourth graders from Everett School came to the meeting. They gave a presentation on how Proscopes (microscopes) are used in the Science lab. Proscopes are part of a science Grant provided by the Spirit of 67. For anyone who would like to submit a grant they are due this Thursday, January 24.

2.) Mr. Simeck also commented on Student Giving. Students from DPM were on hand to discuss how they raised money for the Association House. Through various efforts, DPM students raised over 4000\$. The money they raised in school was used to buy gifts for the families at Association House.

Fine Arts and Visiting Author-Michele Belzer and Kimberly Carris

The upcoming visiting author will be Aaron Reynolds on Wednesday, January 30!

Spirit Wear-Kate Rappel

Spirit Wear will be on sale from January 25th – February 8th! Once we have the information from Kiddles, the Spirit Wear page of our website will be back online. There are a few new items: spring jackets, athletic shorts and cute knee high socks that are all the rage! Great look for Spring!

Community Service-Angie Hatfield and Emily Savage

The Book Drive is from February 1st to 15th! New exciting incentive...the class that brings in the most books, WINS A PRIZE!! Go Sharks!!

Food Service-Laurie Whisler and Michele Belzer

The response to the survey was tremendous!! Results will be posted soon! Stay tuned!

Parent Awareness-Eileen Swartout and Brooke Garrigan

Next event is on February 7th at Lake Forest Country Day School from 7-8:40 pm. This interactive workshop is for parents of children in Pre K-3rd Grade. The focus is on your child's success in all aspects of their life! Flyer available at <http://www.leadingefforts.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/flyer-findingyournorthstar-2-07-2013.pdf>

Yearbook-Beth Laufenberg, Nanci Knipfer and Carmen Doering-Clark

The yearbook is really coming along! The class page deadline is February 28! Another new and exciting incentive.....the first person to finish their class page gets a prize purchased by the person who submits their page last!!! The pressure is on!

Spirit of 67-Bridgette Doheny and Michelle Curry

We are very low in our Membership. Currently, less than 40% of Sheridan families are members. Important to know: APT Membership is separate from Spirit 67 Membership. The Membership numbers greatly impacts Corporate Sponsorship! Please consider joining if you haven't already done so! You can email Bridgette Doheny if you wish to join or have any questions! You can also visit the Spirit website and donate online.

<http://www.spiritof67foundation.org/>

Teacher Liason-Laura Schlemm

Thanks so much for the cookies! They are always a great hit!

A new program is starting at Sheridan for 3rd and 4th Grade girls called "Girls on the Run"! This program is offered after school starting on February 26th from 3-4:15. The focus will teach girls self esteem, health and eating habits and offer lots of "girl power" energy!

Shark Bite-this month went to Carrie Cole!! Enjoy your Caribou Gift Card Carrie!!!! ☺

Next APT Meeting with Guest Speaker Michael Simeck, District 67 Superintendent

Wednesday, February 20th

9:30 at West Campus!

Stay warm! Think snow for the kids!! ☺