

## ***Sheridan APT Board Meeting-Wednesday, October 16, 2013***

Attended: Chun, Curry, Darling, Doheny, Glyman, Houston, Kotlarz, Laufenberg, Lundergan, Raines, Sands, Schlemm, Scully, Sullivan, Swartout, Whisler, Joy Markee, Shinn

Meeting started at 9:32

### **Guest Speaker-Joy Markee, LEAD's Director of Community Relations**

Red Ribbon Week is October 21<sup>st</sup> – 25th! Please visit our website to learn more about our Red Ribbon Race [www.redribbonrace.com](http://www.redribbonrace.com). LEAD works with CROYA to offer youth programs to help keep kids active with many positive healthy options! The Speak UP! Coalition is part of LEAD. The Parent University Keynote with Bruce Feiler is on November 6, 2013 at 7 PM at Gorton Community Center. To register or to learn more about the numerous parent education opportunities and youth programming being offered this year please visit the LEAD website <http://www.leadingefforts.org>.

### ***President's Report - Suzanne Sands***

*What a beautiful fall we are enjoying this year! October is such a fantastic month at Sheridan. School pictures are sent home, parents are gathering, field trips are happening, we have our first Fine Arts assembly, and of course MONSTER BASH!! I want to thank everyone who is here today for making the time to attend this meeting.*

### **BALANCE**

#### ***Inspirational Quotes***

***"Happiness is when what you think, what you say and what you do are in harmony."***

***– Mahatma Gandhi***

***"Love yourself first, and everything else falls in line. You really have to love yourself to get anything done in this world."***

***– Lucille Ball***

#### ***Think Pair Share***

***"What have you done for you lately?"***

#### **Website & Communication**

*If you ever have any thoughts or suggestions about how we could further improve either please let Carmen or myself know. Keep those pictures coming for our Scrapbook page.*

## **Directories**

*Due to a delay by the printer, parents can expect to receive school directories the week of October 21<sup>st</sup>. The folks working on this project have put in an incredible number of hours so please address any error or issues with patience and gratitude.*

## **Science Volunteer Initiative**

*We are working to find a few volunteers to help Ms. Puglisi with behind the scene lesson preparations from time to time throughout the year. Room parents will be reaching out on an as needed basis to get classroom volunteers to help out in science.*

### **EXPERTISE NEEDED:**

***At this time, we are looking for someone who might be able to talk to Ms. Puglisi and/or our 2nd graders about how the study of insects has had an impact on the development of things like NASA robots, heavy machinery, etc. (AKA: an engineer who works with biomimicry). She is working on a lesson based on this and needs help finding good resources, getting input from someone with field expertise and/or having someone come in to speak with students. She is hoping to put this together to be presented to 2nd graders prior to Thanksgiving Break.***

***A Few Questions from the Rec Department about Camp Offerings were shared and discussed. Feedback will be passed along to the Rec Department.***

## **The Turkey Project**

*We will again be doing our school-wide Turkey project this year. After Halloween we will send an email to all families encouraging participation. Attached will be instructions and blank feather templates. Students will be asked, "What will you give thanks for this year?" We will ask that all feathers be returned by November 15<sup>th</sup> so we have time to get our Turkey up for all to enjoy well before the Thanksgiving Break. If anyone is interested in helping with this project, please let me know.*

## **Highlights from the APT Executive Board Meeting**

*Guest Speakers Lauren Fagel, NEW Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, Technology and Assessment for our district and District 115 & Dr. Lori Wilcox, Executive Director of Growth and Talent Development visited our meeting. These new administrators introduced themselves and each spoke briefly about what initiatives she is currently working on. Lauren hosted two Curriculum Coffees for parents in District 67 over the last two weeks.*

*To learn more about all Districtwide happenings see the Executive APT Board minutes.*

## **October Appreciations**

- *Room Parents for organizing so many wonderful coffees and parent parties.*
- *Coffee and party hosts for graciously opening their homes to the Sheridan parent community.*
- *Eileen Swartout for her tireless work on this year's directory.*
- *Beth Laufenberg, Janet Burt and Megan Cartwright for their roles in helping with this year's directory and membership on Sheridan's behalf.*
- *Kate Rother and Kate Rappel for managing our Shark Wear sales and distribution.*
- *Kimberly Carris & Wendy Darling for facilitating the Visiting Author at Sheridan and making sure everything goes smoothly at our upcoming Fine Arts Assembly.*
- *Tish Houston, Michelle Burns, Carrie Cole, and Katie Frekko for planning a Spooktacular Monster Bash.*
- *Camile Mayer & Kristen Chun for getting the Celebration Book Club Bulletin Board up and reaching out to students with October birthdays.*
- *Kate Rother for beautifying the front of our school by refreshing our planters as needed.*
- *Alana Hender and Heather Kotlarz for bringing all of our questions and concerns to the attention of the School Board and Mr. Simeck and trying to get as many answers as they can for us.*
- *Amie Marks for helping to create our budget for the year.*
- *Carmen Doering-Clark for helping keep all of our parents informed and our website updated.*
- *Tracy Lundergan & Liz Scully for putting together the September minutes super fast.*
- *Joy Markee for joining us today to talk about Red Ribbon week and LEAD's other great program offerings for our community.*

## **Monster Bash - Tish Houston**

*We are ready for the Monster Bash!! It will be held on Friday, October 25th from 6 - 7:30 pm! All parents who attend in costume get in for free! Older siblings who want to volunteer are welcome to sign up! New this year: The Haunted Obstacle Course for the brave and a Pumpkin Patch with a story reader for the younger Sharks and siblings! \*\*\*WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS! Please sign up through the website!\*\*\**

## **Directory - Beth Laufenberg, Janet Burt and Megan Cartwright**

*The Directories arrive from the printer Monday! You will be receiving yours soon!*

**Parent Awareness - Brooke Garrigan and Eileen Swartout**

We are always looking for parent topics that need to be addressed. Please email the Brooke [brookeminchin@yahoo.com](mailto:brookeminchin@yahoo.com) or Eileen [ebswartout@yahoo.com](mailto:ebswartout@yahoo.com).

**Yearbook - Beth Laufenberg, Debbie Jensen and Carmen Doering**

The website is open to start downloading your photos for the yearbook! There will be a prize to the 1st person to submit their completed assigned page! Very Exciting! Be the first for bragging rights! Any pictures can be submitted to Lifetouch, a sign up code will be supplied on the Sheridan website. Please email Beth [beth60045@me.com](mailto:beth60045@me.com) with any questions.

**Food Service - Laurie Whisler and Vanya Kramer**

HOT DOGS ARE BACK ON THE MENU!!!! Yay!

**Fine Arts - Kimberly Carris and Wendy Darling**

A/C Rock will perform for K-4 Sheridan students on Thursday, October 24 at 1:15. It is an A Capella quartet. Very exciting!

**Spirit of 67 - Bridgette Doheny and Michelle Curry**

It's SPIRIT WEEK! Please visit the participating stores for specials! The kids all with receive a "67" tattoo this Friday for them to put on! Fun! We will be highlighting at each monthly meeting a specific Grant that 67 is supporting. This month is Fine Arts visiting author! If you haven't already joined, please join "Spirit of 67"!

**Time Zone-Bridgette Doheny and Kristen Chun**

The location is back at DPM! Super news! See the Sheridan APT website for the schedule.

**Laura Schlemm – Teacher Representative**

October 21st - October 25th is Red Ribbon Week! We are focusing on the theme of "Making Good Choices". There is a Sheridan Team for the Red Ribbon Race being held at Elawa on Saturday, November 2! Contact Dr. Shinn if you would like to run with our Team!

**Principal's Report-Michelle Shinn**

Dr. Shinn announced that Pat Donoval will likely be returning to the classroom sometime in November. Pat is feeling great and wants to get back to what she loves! Teaching! Last week Sheridan celebrated Unity Day at the request of a group of third graders. They had learned about Unity Day in class and suggested that it be celebrated at Sheridan. The idea was for students to wear orange to show that they want bullying to be stopped! The testing for "Instant Alert" to your cell phones and landlines will be October 17. As a result of the Common Core there are big changes to how students are going to be assessed. PARCC is the new assessment after this year. The ISAT will be gone.

Dr. Shinn talked at length about overall school scores, the ISATs and MAP scores. Please contact Dr. Shinn with any questions you may have.

***Board of Education - Alana Hender and Heather Kotlarz***

*Very exciting news! There are 145 new Kindergarten students District wide! We are always looking for parent concerns or questions, please contact us with anything!*

***Minutes from the September 24, 2013 Board of Education Meeting***

*2013 Budget Hearing:*

Jennifer Hermes, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, led the presentation of budget.

- All legal standards have been followed prior to this vote.

Budget highlights:

- Common Core standards have prompted purchases in Math, Language Arts and Science. In Math, Bridges (K-4) and Agile Minds (5-8) programs have been selected. This cost includes materials as well as instructional support for our staff. In Language Arts, non-fiction materials have been purchased.
- Technology - the STEM program continues to add to its curriculum
- Clubs – several new student clubs have been formed at DPM requiring materials to be purchased. Some of the clubs include robotics, STEM, gamers.
- Capital Projects – all four buildings have received updated PA systems to ensure safety for all, DPM has a new roof. All buildings are continually examined to see where updates should be made.
- Overall, 3.84% increase in revenues and 4.81% decrease in expenditures
- Some variables that may impact the budget going forward are late enrollments requiring an increase in staff. Ongoing professional development by our teaching staff would require increased pay to staff. Energy costs are variable depending upon the weather. Tuition costs of special education children who require services not available at District 67. Delayed state revenue payments may also impact the budget.
- All board members approved budget.

*Please refer to the 2013-14 budget which is posted on the district website for further details.*

BOE Meeting:

President's Report by Bill Anderson:

- Mr. Anderson started by welcoming the 2022 Deer Path graduates to District 67. There are 145 new students entering our Kindergarten this year. He also welcomed all new families to our district. He is excited about the formation of an updated vision statement for our District and the possibility of two new committees being added to the existing BOE structure.

Superintendent's Report by Michael Simeck:

- Mr. Simeck was excited to see the district's forecast of losing 125 students was not accurate. In fact, we are only down 24 students from last year's numbers. A booming housing market as well as the lure of our exceptional schools attracted many new families to our district this year.
- The new families have come from a variety of locations – both international and down the road.
- Two new administration positions have been added this year. Lauren Fagel as Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, Technology and Assessment and Lori Wilcox as Executive Director of Growth and Talent Development. Even though we hired two new administrators this year, the District is actually down a ½ administration position since last year. There were several retirements.

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, Technology and Assessment Report by Lauren Fagel:

- Staff received the first of their monthly updates via a newly published newsletter. A variety of topics will be covered each month. This will provide a streamlined message among staff. It will also bring all resources together to make information more centralized.
- Curriculum Coffees will also be offered in the coming months. Parents will be invited for daytime and evening sessions to learn about the current curriculum, view learning standards and discuss issues. The first coffee will be in October.
- Ms. Fagel discussed the Common Core and the opportunity we as a District have to teach in a more in-depth manner and focus on life long skills instead of covering so much information. This essentially gives teachers permission to dig deeper and challenge students.
- Lori Wilcox who is the Executive Director of Growth and Talent has organized courses for all staff to attend if interested. There are four courses currently offered and are being taught by our district experts in the field. Enrollment is high, demonstrating our teachers' strong desire to learn and grow.

Beth Clemmenson, Board Member:

- Ms. Clemmenson and Mr. Simeck are investigating a process to develop an updated mission statement, vision and goals for our district

Lesley Fisher, Board Member, Education Committee:

- Invited public participation at any education committee meeting
- Three new Board members and three new Community members are on the Education Committee
- LASIC (Language Acquisition and School Integration) was discussed at the last meeting. The LASIC group is comprised of staff, parents and community members who will meet to discuss the language opportunities in our district. This will be lead by an outside facilitator. It is anticipated recommendations will be made to Mr. Simeck in December.
- Agile Minds in grades 5-8 and Bridges in grades k-4 have been adopted as the Math curriculum
- Common Core will give teachers an opportunity to “go deep, not wide” when teaching
- This will probably be the last year for ISATs

Jeff Folker, Board Member, Joint Shared Services Committee:

- Invited public participation at all meetings
- Current agreement between District 67 and 115 will be reviewed

Rick Schuler, Board Member, Finance and Operation Committee:

- Committee will be looking at capital projects in all schools

Mike Borkowski, Board Member, Policy Committee:

- Review all existing charters of committees and make updates as needed
- Draft purpose of an audit and compensation committee
- Held a joint high school policy meeting to discuss proposed changes from Illinois School Board. Discussed the legislation and proposed updates. Shared highlights from the Youth Summit

Liaison Reports:

Youth Summit – Mike Borkowski

- Sponsored by LEAD for teens in our area
- Discussed the challenges and advantages of living in our area
- 100 8<sup>th</sup> graders attended from area schools – 40 from DPM
- Some challenges are school stress, bullying, living in the bubble, social pressures, family drama
- Students developed impact plans to cope with their challenges

- Third year of Youth Summit – similar challenges every year

#### NSSSED – Mike Borkowski

- Shared priorities re: NSSSED from Lake Bluff and Lake Forest boards
- Want to shift from higher membership fees to lower initial fees and pay as you go structure
- Some services currently being used are North Shore Academy, NSSSED classes, Occupational Therapy, professional development and shared NSSSED superintendent.

#### Spirit of 67 – Lesley Fisher

- History of the Spirit of 67 shared. Created by APT with the sole purpose of fundraising for our District
- Two big fundraisers – Fall luncheon and Home Tour
- Donation levels are very good right now – significant increase from last couple years at this point

#### APT – Lesley Fisher

- Ms. Fisher will be attending all Executive APT meetings

#### Votes were held on the following:

1. 2013-14 budget – approved
2. Siemens Contract Renewal – approved This is a sophisticated HVAC system used in all four buildings. Contract includes monthly on site visits, training, as needed, software and 24 hour emergency response. This system has helped to save us money by preempting problems.
3. Financial Planning Program – approved This is a software program that assists in the hiring process
4. Board Policy Update 2:150 - approval of audit committee to existing board, deferred vote of compensation committee until further discussion takes place
5. PRESS issue 81 and 82 Policy Update – approved
6. Finance and Operation Goals – approved
7. Human Resource Items - approved



