



Sheridan APT Meeting Minutes September 15th, 2021

Principal Report = *Susan Milsk*

Ms. Milsk gave an update on a successful start to the new year and how wonderful it is to have the students all in and operating so everything feels very normal for our students and our staff. Susan informed the group on the “House” events from last Friday and explained how the process works with kids being in small groups of no more than 8 kids within their house (which they are assigned to as Kindergarteners and that is the house they stay in through 4th grade). The Shark Houses consist of the following: Hammerhead Sharks, Tiger Sharks, Black Tip Sharks and Reef Sharks. Shirts have been ordered for those who don’t have one but will be available by the next Shark House event in October. Ms. Milsk also discussed calming exercises with the kids, including the 5-Finger calming exercise and other strategies Sheridan uses throughout the school day.

Teacher Representative Report = *Maggie Seymour*

Maggie Seymour is our new APT Teacher Representative (replacing Laura Schlemm) and will be the hub of communication between the staff and the APT. Maggie is the tech coach at both Sheridan and Everett and has been incredibly instrumental when we hosted our virtual events in 2020 and early 2021. She is our teacher liaison to help facilitate any information from the staff and will communicate any needs the staff may have. Maggie will also assist in helping out being the SEL liaison for the SEL committee this year as well. Maggie will help facilitate our meetings to allow callers to join virtually if they cannot make it in-person.

Treasurer’s Report = *Jenn Adams*

We plan to get our Sheridan APT budget by early October and for any of those who have expenses that you paid for the APT that need to be reimbursed, please send to Jenn Adams.

Communications / Social Media Report = *Heidi Clifton / Angela Schremser*

The district has discussed about eliminating individual APT websites per school and focusing announcements on social media channels (Facebook and Instagram) and continue the information on the newsletter. At this time, the Sheridan APT Website is still up and will continue to be updated until Heidi hears more if it will be taken down. We encourage families to follow Sheridan on both Facebook and Instagram to continue to get information, reminders, updates, etc.

Back to School Luncheon = *Michelle Taubensee / Lindsay Nero*

Our Back to School luncheon for the Staff was on Friday, August 27th and Michelle thanked everyone for those who donated for the lunch. Staff got to order from selection of yummy wraps and each were boxed individually from Belvedere Catering. Families donated towards the cost of the lunch boxes as well as provided other treats & drinks for the staff. Always so appreciative of our generous Sheridan families.

Kindergarten Coordinators = *Vicky Bozic / Kristen Chun / Phoebe DePree / Susan Nehls / Alyssa Williams*

There was a Kindergarten playdate back in April 2021 to welcome new families and have a chance to meet Principal Milsk and meet other families and kids at West Park. An additional playdate occurred on July 19th, 2021 at West Park with just families and kids and following the walk-through on August 30th, a playdate was organized at West Park as well. These gatherings are wonderful ways for kids to get to know each other, parents meet other parents, ask questions about the school, procedures, tips, basics, etc. so ensure a proper start for our new Kindergartners.

New Families = Gretchen Athas / Lindsay Nero

On August 19th Sheridan opened its doors for all new families (as well as new families from 2020-2021). We met on the playground for a coffee social for both parents and kids. Sheridan principal, Susan Milsk, welcomed all new families and provided a general introduction. APT Sheridan president also welcomed new families and shared information on our APT and all upcoming events. Gretchen and myself were introduced as the new family chairs for Sheridan. Families then broke into groups and a tour was done of the school. Tour guides, new family coordinators and our kindergartner coordinators, helped out with the morning by walking groups through the school and providing information on the school day (drop off/pick up procedures, hot lunch, green notes etc.) as well as how to get involved with the APT. Tours ended on the playground where families asked individual questions. Heidi sent follow up email to all new families and she included Sheridan's parent resource guide and the dates for the upcoming events. New family signs were delivered, on August 20th, to all incoming kindergarten students as well as all new families for 1st-4th grade. T-shirts, car magnets and a welcome letter were also included.

Spirit Wear= Jenn Adams / Ashley Yakes

We had a successful Spirit Wear drive for Sheridan this year! The cross-district committee began meeting in July. Ashley Yakes, Heidi, and I worked with Kiddles to review the order forms and make suggestions for new items for the year. We primarily messaged Spirit Wear through social media posts and by word of mouth this year - we had printouts of the order form at the new families walk through, we sent copies home in the students' backpacks, and we put copies in the teachers' mailboxes at school. Families could order online or through the paper form. We included the QR code on the paper forms this year as an easy way to order online. The orders were due on September 12th. Liz and Mary Kay in the front office were a big help in gathering the paper order forms from Sheridan families. We personally delivered Sheridan's paper order forms to Kiddles this past weekend. It should take about 3-4 weeks from now for the orders to come in from Kiddles. A big thanks to Ashley and Heidi for their help on the Spirit Wear committee!

Back To School Party Committee = Jenn Adams / Kelly Reformando / Kristen Chun

We had a great Back to School Bash last Friday! Kelly Reformando, Kristen Chun, Heidi and Jenn Adams began meeting in July to plan for the BTS Bash. We were able to secure donations from local vendors - pizza was donated from Buffo's in Highwood, and the ice cream truck was donated from Forest Orthodontics and Pediatrics Dentist here in Lake Forest, and the BTS Bash committee donated the Airbrush tattoo artist from Jazzi Entertainment. We had money in the budget to hire a fantastic DJ from A to Z Entertainment. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who helped to make the event so successful. It was great to see so many Sheridan families together again.

Monster Bash Committee = Noel Dolan / Brenda Murray / Lana Raines / Kim Henn-Denapoli / Kaylan Kane / Rae Lisenby / Whitley Herbert / Heather Gaspar

The Monster Bash will be October 29th this year. It will be an outdoor event and the committee is meeting September 16th to begin planning. More info to come to the APT board on volunteers, details on the event and more. Stay tuned!

Room Parent Coordinators = Marie Woods / Courtney Magliochetti

The Room Parent Roster is complete and listed below. All room parents have reached out to their classroom teachers. We are ready for an amazing year! A list of room parents by homeroom is below. We are tentatively planning for a Room Parent coffee in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!

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Spirit of 67 Reps = Noel Dolan / Brenda Murray

The Spirit's big fundraising event, Home Tour - Outdoor Spaces will be Sept 30th from 10 am- 2 pm, rain or shine. Tickets are \$125 for non-donors and \$100 for Spirit donors. VIP tickets are available for timed entry to tour 2 additional very special outdoor gardens. It is an additional \$67 for VIP tickets. Any ticket purchase by a non-donor will count toward Sheridan's donor participation percentage for the Crosstown Competition. We NEED to hit at least 80% this year. Our goal is to do so by year end. We currently sit around only 33%. We need to reach out to new families especially.

APT Directory = Raquel Jackson / Gina Misiara

The district is working on updating the system of our APT Directory. The online directory should be up and running in a few weeks and those who are APT Members can access online. The district plans to print the APT Directory book as well but timing on that is TBD at the moment. More info to come on more details later this month. You will receive an email asking you to confirm your information. However you entered your information when you registered is how it will appear in the system. Please update and correct your information because however it appears when you are asked to view it, is exactly how it will appear in the directory.

Yearbook = Heidi Clifton / Noel Dolan / Katie Wilson

The yearbook has a fresh team and have already started to archive photos for events to be featured in the yearbook. The 4th Grade class photo will be taken on the playground on September 22nd for the cover. We will continue to take photos of events as the year continues and the actual designing of the yearbook takes place in early 2022.

Food Service = Molly O'Neil / Lesley Lardino

Molly and Lesley are direct contacts for Food Service and will have new ideas and options for kids in the coming months for healthy living and nutrition. Bulletin boards will be decorated by the cafeteria area and updates/recipes to come via social media and newsletters.