



### **APT Meeting Minutes – January 20<sup>th</sup> 9:15am**

**Participants:** Dr. Michelle Shinn, Kate Rother, Tish Houston, Laura Schlemm, Heather Strong, Nancy Meier, Rae Anne Alvarez, Whitney Keller, Jessica Muller, Holly Matson, Beth Laufenberg, Danielle Sullivan, Sarah Lockhart, Ellen Trager, Lindsay Nero, Kimberly Carris, Angela Borneman

**Guest Student Speakers:** Mrs. Swift's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class - Writing

- Mrs. Swift's 2<sup>nd</sup> graders shared some of their informational writing pieces including their books on: sea otters, camping trips, and pandas. Great job students!

**Guest Speaker #1:** World Language Teachers from DPM

- Four world language teachers from DPM introduced the languages they teach (Spanish, Latin, French, and Mandarin). They shared a video showing an overview of current language classes being held at DPM. The teachers will present this to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students at Sheridan this week. Students and parents are then asked to select a first and second language choice using the link in the email sent to parents on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Students commit to one language at DPM for the next four years and then have the choice to switch (or continue with the same language) upon entering LFHS.

**Guest Speaker #2:** Ingrid Wiemer, Executive Director of Students Services, and Officer Conrad Christensen, School Resource Officer

- Dr. Wiemer and Officer Christensen presented the District's comprehensive school safety plan. This Emergency Management Plan was revised in 2012 and includes four parts: (i) Prevention/Mitigation; (2) Preparedness; (3) Response; and, (4) Recovery. A consulting firm was brought in to work with the District to develop a separate plan for all possible emergencies. As part of this plan, the Administration (also available to teachers) has a CrisisGo APP that enables them to access the specific emergency plan steps, relevant contact details, and the whereabouts of students whose teachers have been able to check in via this APP within the District during a crisis from their smart phone. Officer Christensen collaborates with the District on all relevant projects and spends time at all four District schools.

**Guest Speaker #3:** Susan Milsk, Director of Student Learning

- Ms. Milsk presented a summary of the Lucy Calkins' Writing Workshop that was approved by the Board of Ed last year and has been implemented throughout the District during the first half of this school year. There is also a corresponding Reading Workshop, which Ms. Milsk said will also be implemented during the next eighteen months as both Workshops were scheduled to be rolled out over a two year time frame. The Workshop is an instructional model that offers students the ownership and choice, mixed with explicit teaching, to teach them as true readers and writers.

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

- Sheridan held its first House event last week. House Captains were announced and each of the Black Tip, Hammerhead, Reef, and Tiger Houses were given a task. Each house had to build a paper chain using slips of paper printed with each student member's name. The chain had to be in alphabetical order by first initial. Teams had to plan, listen, collaborate, communicate, alphabetize, and work

quickly to be the first house to finish. The Reef Sharks (yellow) were the fastest team and received their first Competition Badge for this event. The students and staff all enjoyed the event.

- Starting in December students were given the choice to go into school rather than around the back of school prior to the first bell ringing at 7:55am. This has been a success as it gives the students a few more minutes to get settled in the morning before class starts. It also has lessened the back up in the car drop off line.

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

- Family Game Night – Next Thursday Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> 6 – 7:30pm at Sheridan. Have your child(ren) wear their house t-shirt! Bring a new or used game, play it, and then donate it to Lake County Cares. The Lake Forest Librarians will be on hand to discuss how to access leveled reading materials from 6:35 pm – 6:55pm in the IRC. Children will be supervised during this time to allow parents interested to attend this presentation.
- Mr. Michael Simeck, Superintendent, made a presentation to the APT Executive Board regarding the changes in learning styles and curriculum that have been implemented throughout the District. He has stated that he will be taking this presentation “on the road” and visiting each school (with an evening session) to further relay and discuss the new teaching methods. Dates will be circulated shortly. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about curriculum changes.
- The Spirit Home Tour will be May 12<sup>th</sup>. A volunteer spot sign-up will be emailed to all in the next month or so. Please help make the Sheridan house run smoothly by signing up for volunteer slot early!

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

- H.U.G.S. Food Drive (Community Service) – Carrie Cole, Rae Ann Alvarez, and Sarah Lockhart
- Meals For Our Teachers – Rachel Baker and Becky Nagel
- Staff Holiday Cookie Boxes – Kristin McCain, Jessica Muller, Brooke Rolek, Laura Whisler
- Making Sheridan Beautiful – Brooke Kuehnle and Team

#### **APT Committees Reports**

##### **Fine Arts:** Tish Houston and Katie Frekko

- American Eagle Productions will present “Where the Sidewalk Ends” to the Sheridan students on February 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:15pm. “Where the Sidewalk Ends” is a dramatic presentation of Shel Silverstein’s classic children’s poetry book. The book’s poems address many common childhood concerns, and also present purely fanciful stories. 2014 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this children’s classic and teacher favorite. “Come in...for where the sidewalk ends, Shel Silverstein’s world begins. You’ll meet a boy who turns into a TV set, and a girl who eats a whale. The Unicorn and the Bloath live there, and so does Sarah Cynthia Sylvia Stout who will not take the garbage out. It is a place where you wash your shadow and plant diamond gardens, a place where shoes fly, sisters are auctioned off, and crocodiles go to the dentist.” Shel Silverstein’s masterful collection of poems is outrageously funny and profound, and will be entertaining and relevant to our Elementary students. Thank you to the Spirit of 67 for the grant that made this presentation possible.

**Winter Carnival:** Lindsay Nero, Yvonne Bruce, Kimmy Taylor, Kim Strothman

- Mark your calendar for Sheridan's annual Winter Carnival Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> at Sheridan from 5:30pm–7pm. Volunteers will be needed. More information to come. You don't want to miss this fun event!

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

- THANK YOU to all volunteers! Cookie boxes were delivered and greatly appreciated by all.

**Yearbook:** Beth Laufenberg, Tracy Barrett, Debbie Jensen

- THANK YOU to all volunteers as the first 32 pages of the yearbook have been submitted to the printers. Progress continues on the remaining approximate 40 pages. All is moving along smoothly.

**Parent Awareness:** Ellen Trager, Eileen Swartout, Ellen

- The Parent Awareness Committee recently sent their first Quarterly Newsletter "67 E-Pulse." Please go to the following web site to read it if you have not already done so: <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs146/1102168925530/archive/1123039257564.html>.
- There will be "Jump Start to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade" parent meetings offered in May. The Parent Awareness Committee is currently looking for volunteer parents whose students have made the transition from Sheridan to DPM to volunteer to participate on the panel. Please let Ellen Trager know if you are interested.
- There is a new parenting workshop entitled "Paving The Way" being offered by LEAD and the LEAD Clinical Advisory Committee on Wed Feb 24<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 1pm at Gorton. Please check this web site for more information: <http://www.leadingefforts.org/events/>
- LDA's Spring Marché shopping bazaar will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Meals for Teachers:** Becky Nagel, Rachel Baker

- The Meals for Teachers Committee, along with support of many volunteers, provided a Mexican themed dinner the night of Fall Conferences. All left-overs were taken to the Lake Forest Fire Department. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this such a great event!

**Spirit of 67:** Kimberly Carris, Brooke Kuehnle

- Spirit of 67 Grant applications were due Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>. The following videos about the Spirit grants were produced by LFHS students – enjoy: <http://lfhsnewmedia.com/video/play/4zoAXdoJnZfx> (by Kallin Hermann); and, <http://lfhsnewmedia.com/video/play/m-KsRsMejzjp> (by Van Staunton.)
- The Spirit Board has the following open spots for the 2016-17 school year: Corporate Fundraising; Fall Event Co-Chairs; a Home Tour Co-Chair; Community; Student & Family Events Chair; one Spirit Board Rep each for Everett and Sheridan; a Photographer; Writer/Social Media; Treasurer; Business Manager; and Nominating. If you are interested, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee (Connie Hollingsworth, Christine Goshgarian, Amy Lazzaretto, Tracy Barrett, Amy Gray and Brooke Garrigan.)
- The Spirit of 67 is in the process of getting a new web site. Until it is up, please go to the District's website at [spiritof67foundation.org](http://spiritof67foundation.org) for information.
- The annual Spirit of 67 Home Tour will be held on May 12, 2016. There is still a need for the following positions: two additional committee members at this point a DPM House Captain and a

Reservations Manager. If you are interested in either position or know someone who might be, please contact one of our Home Tour Co-Chairs: Bridgette Doheny at [bridgette@doheny.com](mailto:bridgette@doheny.com); Megan Engelberg at [megan.engelberg@yahoo.com](mailto:megan.engelberg@yahoo.com); or Emily Savage at [emilysav@gmail.com](mailto:emilysav@gmail.com).

- Please see attachment for full Spirit of 67 meeting notes.

**Board of Education:** Holly Matson, Whitney Keller

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

**Next APT Meeting:** Wed. Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> 9:15am - Mr. Mike Simeck, Superintendent, is the guest speaker