

## **Minutes from January 17, 2018/ Sheridan APT**

### **Dr. Shinn Principal Report:**

A lot of new families that have started at Sheridan in the new year. Offering preschool information meetings January 17, 2018 in the AM and PM. Hoping to offer a morning and afternoon preschool class broken down between ages. Recently order the Bridges program for the preschool class to better prepare them for the elementary schools. Kindergarten registration begins February 8th, 2018. Kindergarten team is working on what the day is going to look like given there will no longer be a charge for full day kindergarten. Staff is expecting more families will consider the full day option. Will still plan for ½ day students as they realize not all students are ready for a full day class. Recently installed a 4th grade self manager program. This a set of characteristics that the 4th grade students self rate. Then they meet with their classroom teacher to determine if they have met all these characteristics as 4th students should be working towards self manger. Once teacher signs off on these items the students must also obtain signatures from all their other teachers (playground/lunch room teachers, Dr. Shinn, etc) prior to final approval (and receiving bracelet). Can also lose their bracelet if they don't continue to demonstrate these positive characteristics (they then will need to start the process over). Students have been learning and enjoying this process. PARK testing first three weeks of March. Principals are meeting and trying to review how they can implement a testing schedule so not as long through the month of March. Once confirmed will outline in the newsletter. Couple new student teachers beginning. And Brooke Rolek began as a permanent building substitute.

### **Kelly Cohen- Treasurer Report:**

Budget is up to date. Asking for all committees who had events during the 1st half of the year to submit expenses by January 20, 2018. As a reminder to committee chairs please submit original receipts with requisitions for reimbursement. Remember the executive treasurer cannot reimburse tax.

### **Suzanne Sands Communications Report:**

Check the website for updated information. Always available for helping getting the word out on activities. New furniture being delivered throughout the school year. Next week approving another round of furniture.

### **Megan Engelberg Secretary Report:**

Next APT meeting will be March 14th at CROYA. Please attend as we will be voting in our new president for the Sheridan APT.

### **Emily Savage- President's Reporting**

Welcomed everyone back to the new year. Provided brief overview of the activities that have taken place early in December the staff cookies, hot chocolate bar, visiting scientist (wonderful pics were posted on the FB page). Executive meeting last week Andy Duran gave a report about the vaping and julliing that are taking place. On January 29, 2018 Andy Duran will be giving a presentation at Gorton @ 10:00 am and 7:00 pm. Such an important topic & conversation to have with our children. Andy is also having assemblies at DPM and the high school. It is important for parents to be consistent with their message starting at an early age. More information through LEAD. Kelly Cohen is also a good resource.

### **Yearbook- Debbie Jensen, Heidi Clifton, Jessica Robbins, Tiffany Alexander**

The team will be cranking on finalizing all the pages in the yearbook in the next six weeks to make deadline. The front/back covers have been submitted and Heidi is working directly with the yearbook collage volunteers to finalize the collage pages per class to be completed by the 12th. All new students at Sheridan will be in the yearbook as well. The last school events that we need photos for will be the Winter Party on 2/23/18 and Exploration Day on 3/16/18. The team has assigned pages to complete the yearbook well in time of the final due date.

### **Fine Arts - Lindsay Nero, Melissa Pant, Katie Frekko**

January 11th all students of Sheridan got to experience the visiting scientist. One of our amazing programs sponsored through the Spirit of 67! Kindergarten through 2nd grade attend a group presentation while the 3rd and 4th graders have individual classroom presentations. The visiting scientist is always a highlight of the students!! Thank you Spirit of 67!!

### **Winter Party: Rachel Baker, Elyse Butler, Kimmy Taylor, Melissa Pant, Heidi Clifton, Meg Lynch, Katie Donovan, Noel Dolan, Megan Engelberg, Lindsey Kelly, Kim Strothman**

Sheridan's winter party is 2/23 5:30-7. It is an Olympics theme will be super fun!

### **Sheridan Cookies for Teachers: Michelle Hirschfield, Kristin McCain, Jess Muller, Lana Raines**

Sheridan parent volunteers came through again and each delivered at least 2 dozen cookies & Lana Raines held a cookie boxing coffee at her house on 12/15 where more parent volunteers came out and helped make all of the cookies boxes and deliver them to each teacher//staff at Sheridan. This is always a favorite event for teachers at Sheridan & they were super appreciative!

### **Emotional Wellness: Rae Ann Alvarez, Becky Nagel:**

EWC parent reps coordinated the annual Sheridan Teacher/Staff Holiday Hot Chocolate Bar December 4th - 8th. This included consulting with EWC teacher reps, creating an online sign-up/volunteer sheet for parents, coordinating and managing the delivery of needed supplies, as well as keeping items replenished during the week.

An overwhelming success, this newly minted annual tradition paired with the staff holiday cookie boxes to underscore the Sheridan parent community's deep appreciation for staff and teachers, and provide a warm send-off before Winter Break.

### **Community Service Report. Carrie Cole and Kate Rother**

There will not be another until the end of the year school supply drive is getting ready to kick off. (dates depend on snow days etc.)

The 2017 Thanksgiving Food Drive was a HUGE success!

District 67 families carried the day contributing a RECORD amount of food that filled more than 250 meal bags! This year, there was a mix up at Lake County Cares and other past groups were not contacted to

participate. This was discovered mid-drive. Therefore, knowing the need is great & not wishing our neighbors to go hungry, District 67 APT Exec Board members, in addition to LCC, donated the additional food for another 250 meal bags - bringing the total to over 500.

Hats off to Christiana Walsh, Katie McClelland, Cathy Montanari, Heather Vishnubhakat, Ester Viti, Ivonne Georgas, Dana Anderson, Carrie Cole and Kim Strothman as they lead the charge at the District schools.

Tips for successful future drives:

1. Start the planning early with Lake County Cares. They are wonderful and easy to work with. Confirm with LCC the other groups that will be working on the drive and how much food is expected for District 67 to collect.
2. Confirm the dates early and have the sandwich boards printed and space reserved early. (We try to keep some sandwich boards to reuse each year.)
3. Get Principle buy-in for the promotion of the drive.
4. Have a solid communication plan: customized flyers & talking points that students can use to promote the drive in each building, morning announcements, Edmodo messages, Friday Flyer postings and Sandwich Boards.
5. Take pics at Gorton during the food sort and delivery for the follow up thank you

#### **Food Services - Karen Hornberger, Kristen Chun**

For food services, we are at work planning some activities for national nutrition month in March. The theme is "Go further with food". More to come on that. And we've got our 'blues brothers' bulletin board up with the theme of bone health through November.

Reminders:

- Veggie/fruit bar, milk, organic milk & water can be purchased even if students bring lunch from home.
- New bulletin board has been set up and looks great!

#### **Spirit of 67- Yvonne Bruce and Lana Raines**

##### **District-Wide Family Donor Contest Update:**

Our friendly competition continues between all 4 of our schools (Cherokee, Everett, Sheridan, DPM) to see which school has the highest level of donor participation. The winning school will receive a special celebration at the end of the school year! Its a close race — be sure to get the momentum going in your schools so your child's school can win an school celebration treat day this spring!

##### **Contest Results as of 1/11/18:**

**Cherokee: 55.9%**

**Everett: 48.6%**

**Sheridan: 56.8%**

**DPM: 46.0%**

**Overall District Participation: 47.7%**

**Visiting Scientist** were well received on Thursday, January 11th at Cherokee, Everett and Sheridan.

**Home Tour, May 10th:**

The Home Tour Chairs: Erica Granda, Meg Lynch, Lisa Florjanic are in the process of securing homes for our spring Home Tour. If you would like to volunteer your home, or know someone who would, please contact Erica Granda at [ericajgranado@gmail.com](mailto:ericajgranado@gmail.com) or by cell: 773-580-3408. APT Execs and school building, district administrators should be on the lookout for contact from house staffing captains to set up their home VIP greeter assignments.

Thank you to all of our donor families! Your support makes a lasting impact on every student, in every school, every day. If you are not a donor yet, please visit (<http://www.spiritof67foundation.org>) to learn more and make your donation on-line today.

**Upcoming Dates:**

January 29, 2018 LEAD Presentation - Gorton Community Center

February 23, 2018 Sheridan Winter Party

March 14, 2018 APT Meeting - CROYA

March 16, 2018 Exploration Day