

## **Sheridan APT Minutes November 17, 2021**

**In Attendance:** Phoebe DePree, Marie Woods, Lizzy Jaworski, Michelle Naffziger-Hirsch, Rae Lisenby, Laura Gabel, Lauren Himmel, Loren Specht, Lana Raines, Betsy Miller, Angela Schremser, Veronica DeNicolo, Noel Dolan, Brenda Murray, Liz Case, Molly O'Neil, Megan Engelberg, Heidi Clifton, Elyse Butler, Susan Milsk, Maggie Seymour

### **Executive APT Update** - Megan Engelberg

Thank you to the school APTs for their work. Directory update: Membership Toolkit online Directory through App or Online. App will have a "Cliff Notes" on the homepage, with class lists etc.

Wednesday Nov 17th there will be a Teaching and Learning 2021-2022 virtual meeting - will address what assessments are being used to look at gaps in learning; also what is being done to address social/emotional learning. Will be recorded for future viewing too.

**Teacher Report** - Maggie Seymour  
Teacher Bathroom and K Cup refresh.

### **Principal Update** - Susan Milsk

Veterans Day ceremony was new format and although it was a rainy morning, was a very meaningful event. Holiday Sing - decision to be virtual concert was done earlier in the year due to a number of reasons. New video equipment funded by the Spirit of 67 will allow the camera to not be static but will capture different views of the concert.

Two upcoming events - Family Reading Night and Virtual Holiday Reading Night. New events implemented last year that were well received and will be done again this year.

Parents back in the building - In-person parent opportunities in years past were not prolific, and some didn't have strong parent attendance. Can have the conversation for opportunities of parent involvement. Know that it's not all due to current restrictions, but to how Sheridan operated in the past, which can be re-explored.

### **Presidents Report** - Heidi

Turkey Feathers of Gratitude are up. APT Nominations are being accepted and Sheridan will need a new President, the nomination. Form is available online. Many Exec Board positions are up for nomination too.

### **Communications/Social Media** - Angela/Heidi

More collaborative efforts amongst the schools in social media. Trying to keep emails streamlined. If you have content or pic send to Angela to post.

### **Food Services** - Molly O'Neil and Lesly Lardino

The "fall into health" nutrition bulletin boards were put up a couple weeks ago and will be updated every other month with a different theme. The executive committee met with Rebecca (rep at Quest Food) to hear about updates to menu and offer suggestions/healthier swaps and other service-related matters (new info menu, : sushi, tomato soup/sandwich back). Looking to add a menu link to all APT pages and Friday newsletters so it's easier to find, and add pricing info on top of menu and note that getting second servings is ok and is not double cost but an additional \$2.75. A request has been made to Quest to add allergens and more nutritional info on those menus.

**Board of Ed** - Michelle Naffziger - Hirsch / Liz Case

The exec APT has updated a format on how school Board of Education reps will interact with the board and meetings. At this time, the format has not been finalized and interaction with the school board is on hold at the moment. We hope to have a more finalized update by the January 2022 meeting.

**Community Service** - Elyse Butler / Carrie Cole / Lydia Cannady

The annual food drive was successful with the district filling 300 meal bags for local food pantries. These organizations will pick up the bags from Gorton on Friday. Any extra food collected will be given to these food pantries for additional holiday meals.

**Directory** - Gina Misiara / Raquel Jackson

1. The APT Directory is available online and there is an app as well. To access the app, go to the app store and download the "Membership Toolkit" app. Put in your username and password and it will take you to the directory. If people are having trouble accessing, please have them shoot me a note.

2. The APT Directory was going to print copies, but due to the new vendor and additional page count and the timing of the delivery of the books (late January or February 2022) the exec APT made the decision to hold off on printing. A short version of the directory that will include class lists with student names and teachers for PreK through 8th will be sent out. Timing of that is TBD.

**Holiday Cookie Box Committee** - Marie Woods / Kristen Livesay / Lana Raines / Elyse Butler / Michelle Taubensee

Holiday Cookie committee is meeting Wednesday to determine the details for staff cookie boxes this year.

**Meals for Teachers** - Phoebe DePree / Jenn Adams / Laura Dauer / Vicky Bozic

We recently provided a dinner for teachers during conferences using donations from parents. We raised over \$900 from Sheridan Families and fed over 30 teachers and staff at Sheridan catered by Belvidere, cookies from Bent Fork in Highwood. Big thank you to Jennifer Adams for coordinating cookie purchase and delivery to school.

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

Monster Bash was held October 29th from 5 to 6:30 pm. Although the weather was rainy, the party was fun and very well attended despite the weather. We brought in \$2650 dollars from entrance fees. Our budget was \$1700 and we are still working through reimbursements.

A HUGE thank you to Susan for helping make the Monster Bash happen this year and to everyone on the committee for all of their time, and work, especially in the rain. Kaylan's decor and goody bags were huge hits, along with Kim's fantastic cupcakes, pizza and drinks! And many kids had fun getting their photos in the Photo Booth, dancing with the DJ, and playing games arranged by Lana. Special thanks to Mrs. Newtown for hosting a spooky story time. Sixteen 4th grade students submitted original movies that were enjoyed by many throughout the party. And of course very special thanks go to Tyler and Rae Lisenby who sorted decorations, planned, recruited volunteers and ran the whole haunted hallway.

Special thanks also go to Heidi, for hauling and helping set up tents for the haunted hallway in the pouring rain. Special thanks also to Kristen Livesay and Veronica DeNicolo for donating the use of their tents. We wouldn't have been able to have a haunted hallway without them!

### **Room Parent Report** - Marie Woods / Courtney Magliochetti

Room parents have been busy this fall planning and executing the following activities:

- Designing activities & providing craft materials for classroom Halloween celebrations.
- Several grades have organized parent socials.
  - Other parent socials are in the works including a mix of outdoor/indoor patio parties, paddle parties, etc.
- On the horizon, we'll be working with teachers to coordinate Holiday activities/crafts for upcoming classroom parties along with staff gifts
- Please don't hesitate to use the room parents as a channel for school-wide reminders like volunteer opportunities and food drives, etc.

### **SEL** - Marie Woods / Mary Gould Moorhead

Teacher Hot Cocoa bar will move to January as something fun to look forward to after Winter Break.

### **Spirit of 67 Donor Representatives** - Brenda Murray / Noel Dolan

Update: The Crosstown Competition is ON but Sheridan is losing! If at least 80% of Sheridan families make a donation to the Spirit of 67 Foundation by midnight on December 31st, then Sheridan will win a special \$1500 grant, which can be spent at Ms. Milsk's discretion for whatever is needed most at Sheridan. Right now, only 43% of Sheridan families have made a donation to the Spirit of 67. We need at least 69 more families to make a donation to hit 80%.

To thank all Sheridan families who make or have made a donation to the Spirit of 67 for the 2021/2022 school year, we will be holding a raffle. For any family who donates, their child(ren)'s names will be entered into the raffle, and they will have a chance to win 1 of 5 exciting prizes:

1. 1 student from each grade will win a chance to enjoy cookies and cocoa with Ms. Milsk and they will be able to invite a friend to join them.
2. 1 student from each grade will win an extra recess and they will be able to invite 3 friends to join them.
3. 1 student from each grade will win a special lunch bunch where they can invite 2 friends to enjoy Ferentino's Cheese pizza with them.
4. 2 students will win a tin of putty for themselves and all of their classmates.

5. 1 student will win a special Suzy's Swirl snack break for their entire class.

Ms. Milsk will draw the names of the lucky winning students on December 15th. So please if you haven't already made a donation to the Spirit of 67, please consider doing so now if you're able. And please encourage your friends to make a donation, if they are able.

Collection of at least some of the prizes may occur after the winter break. Anyone with questions, please feel free to reach out to Noel Dolan or Brenda Murray. Thank you and good luck to you all!

**Treasury** - Jenn Adams

The 2021-2022 budgets were finalized district wide as of November 1st. We are up-to-date with the expenses for Sheridan thus far in the year, and we are working with the school to finalize reimbursements from Monster Bash. Just a reminder that we are a tax exempt organization and a copy of the tax form is available on the APT website. Please reach out to Jenn Adams or Heidi with any questions.

**Visiting Author/Scientist Coordinators** - Courtney Loacker/ Gretchen Athas / Dina Lamberson

On Tuesday, October 19 two Sheridan fourth grade classes welcomed Playmakers Laboratory with an interactive performance. The students will have the chance for a follow up engagement with this group virtually in the near future.

**Yearbook** - Heidi Clifton / Noel Dolan / Katie Wilson

The Yearbook team has been collecting and archiving photos from events earlier in the year (Back to School Bash, Monster Bash, 4th Grade Cover, Kindergarten playdates, etc) and will continue to capture photos of what's ahead (Winter Sing, Turkey Feathers, Winter Storytime, etc). The yearbook team starts to compile the yearbook in the months of January through March until it's due date in April. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let the Yearbook team know.

Submitted by: Elyse Butler