



Sheridan School APT

Minutes from 10/17/2012

Call to order by Suzanne Sands at 9:35 am.

Board Members in attendance: Chun, Cole, Curry, Doheny, Garrigan, Hatfield, Hender, Houston, Ivanjack, Kelly, Kotlarz, Laufenberg, Long, Lundergan, Marks, Robson, Sands, Schlemm, Scully, Shinn

Delicious baked goods provided by Suzanne Sands! What a treat! ☺

President's Report – Suzanne Sands

What a beautiful fall we are enjoying this year! October is such a fun month at Sheridan. School pictures are sent home, field trips are going on, 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.

Community

TEAMWORK is the September/October focus for Emotional Wellness district wide. For more information about Emotional Wellness and to find some parent resources check out the EW page on the district's website. <http://www.lf67.org/district/programs/EWC.html>

"I do not go to a meeting merely to give my own ideas. If that were all, I might write my fellow members a letter. But neither do I go simply to learn other people's ideas. If that were all, I might ask each to write me a letter. I go to a meeting in order that all together we may create a group idea, an idea which will be better than all of our ideas added together. For this group idea will not be produced by any process of addition, but by the interpenetration of us all."

-Mary Parker Follett

Communication: Website & Email

Should we go back to sharing email addresses with our parents? If so do we share just the class you are in or the entire grade? Is it okay to communicate this via email to give people the option to opt out? I hope you are finding our periodic emails and website updates helpful and informative. 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 were delivered on Monday. I would like to thank everyone who has become a member of the APT this year for your support. APT members are now listed on the APT Executive Board website.

Meetings & Agendas

Our meetings will be here at West Campus for the remainder of the year after all. The IRC really cannot easily accommodate us in its new configuration. We will continue to send a reminder one week in advance of the meeting. Please be sure to reply to the reminder if you would like to be on the agenda. Also, please send Liz and Amy a summary of what you plan to share so they can add your input to the minutes without having to take dictation during everyone's reports.

Coffees & Cocktail Parties

The coffees and cocktail parties are in full swing at this point. At our November meeting please come prepared to offer your feedback on these events. Are they well attended? Do people enjoy them? Are there any suggestions for improvement or changes you think we should make to this tradition?

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 to think about our community and to share what they are thankful for in our community. We will ask that all feathers be returned by November 9th 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.

October Appreciations

- *The White Family for opening their home for the 1st Grade Parent Party.*
- *The Rother Family for opening their home for the 2nd Grade Parent Party.*
- *Coffee hosts:*
 - *Ingrid Biela for hosting Kluchka's 4th Grade coffee.*
 - *Cindy Pasquesi for hosting Roat's K coffee at Pasquesi Home and Garden.*
 - *Kristin Ryan for hosting Maine's 2nd Grade coffee.*
 - *Kelley Hoopis for hosting Hannemann's K coffee.*
 - *Wendy Darling & Jane Rodriguez for hosting McGinnis's 3rd Grade coffee at the Darling Home.*
 - *Linda Scholly for hosting Glynn's 3rd Grade coffee.*
 - *Kim Robb for hosting Braca's 4th Grade coffee.*
 - *Dodie Swift for hosting Albinger's K coffee.*
- *Ily Robson, Dacia Gravlin, & Tish Houston 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.*
- *Margaret Tomaselli 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.*
- *Amy Kelly for putting together the September minutes super fast.*

Principal's Report – Dr Shinn and Associate Principal Report - Julie Moser

Please stop in to the office to meet and welcome our “dynamic duo”. Liz Duffy is our new Secretary and Cherie Setteducate is the Office Assistant! They are a great team!

The subject of Teacher Evaluation for our teachers was discussed. The whole state of Illinois has changed its Teacher Evaluation requirements. In order to meet the new state requirements, District 67 has adopted Charlotte Danielson’s “Framework for Teaching” which measures teachers in four domains: planning and preparation, classroom environment, instruction, and professional responsibilities. Administrators have been trained to use this evaluation tool. All teachers will now be evaluated regardless of their tenured status to assure we have the best possible teachers. More information may be available in the minutes from the September School Board Meeting once they are posted on the district website.

Special thanks to Kate Bryant and Beth Laufenberg for a fabulous new 2012/2013 Directory!

Tardiness is still a problem in the morning for students. Please try to drop your children off earlier!

Superintendent Michael Simeck stopped in to say hello!!!

Mr Simeck stopped by the meeting to say hello! He discussed the new teacher evaluation system as well (see above for details). The evaluation tool we have adopted is one that he is familiar with from his previous district and he spoke highly of it’s potential to give teachers the feedback they need for continued professional growth and development.

VP/Treasurer Report- Amie Marks

The Executive Board finalized the 2012/2013 budget! It is on our website if anyone is interested. There are links to the check payment forms, reimbursement procedures and budget spending guidelines on the website. If you need to get reimbursed for anything please fill these forms out and send to Amie.

Guest Speakers: There was no guest speaker this month.

Committee Reports

LF Rec Center/Open Lands – Danielle Sullivan and Kristen Ryan

The Rec Center's theme this year is also Community. They are hoping to build a sense of Community through free, family events that help reconnect families and their neighbors in the cities parks. They will do them quarterly-they held a very successful first picnic event at Elawa Farm on 10/7. The next one will be in the winter.

October 27-28 at Lake Forest Beach-Halloween Regatta
High School Students from all over come to sail in this exciting race. Spectating families can carve pumpkins, eat caramel apples and even get out on a boat!

October 28 at the Rec Center-Annual Halloween Party from 1-4!

Board of Education-Alana Hender and Heather Kotlarz

Teacher Evaluation was discussed. Next meeting is Oct 23. Four of our current School Board Members terms end in 2013. Candidate nominating packets were made available on September 18, 2012. The Lake Forest Caucus is currently vetting candidates. Next meeting with Mr. Simeck is Oct 29. For more information visit the [District 67 School Board webpage](#).

Monster Bash – Ily Robson, Tish Houston and Dacia Gravlin

The scary and ever popular Monster Bash will be on Friday, October 26th from 6pm-7:30pm in the gym! Boo! They hired a FUN new DJ, so get your kids ready to boogie down! And if you are interested in volunteering that evening please contact Ily Robson, Tish Houston or Dacia Gravlin. Costumes for parents are encouraged! And you get in for free if you dress up! The flyer that came home in Friday's backpack is the only flyer! Please sign up! [Volunteer Spot Link](#)

Fine Arts-Michele Belzer and Kim Carris

The first Fine Arts presentation this year was *Charlotte's Webb* on Thursday, October 18th at Sheridan School. It was great! February 19th at 1:15pm the African Acrobats will be performing. More authors for 2013 will be announced soon. If you have any author suggestions, please email Kimberly Carris.

Parent Awareness – Brooke Garrigan and Eileen Swartout

Check the website for the flyer! Wed, Nov 14th at DPM Auditorium from 7:00 to 8:30 pm will be an evening with Dr. Marvin Berkowitz discussing "Parenting For Good: Practical Advice for Parents". This event is free!

Spirit of 67 – Bridgette Doheny and Michelle Curry

The City of Lake Forest is very supportive of District 67 and as such the Mayor proclaimed the week of October 15th Spirit Week on Monday. The week culminated with the Centerpieces for Education Luncheon on Friday, October 19th.

Emotional Wellness – Micaiah Robinson

Important information for parents to know: Info for Emotional Wellness is much easier to locate on the school website. You click on Emotional Wellness (between Dr. Shinn and Ms. Moser's pictures) then you are sent to the District 67 home page that informs you about the character traits and what months they are focusing on specific traits. From here you can click on other sites ranging from Bullying policy, WEB Program to many other resources for staff and parents.

Next time you are in the classroom, take a minute to look around the room for character traits posted. TEAMWORK-I will try to let everyone participate and CARING-I will try to include others in play, conversations and class activities.

Mark your calendars 11/14! From 7 to 8:30 pm Dr. Marvin Berkowitz at DPM School Auditorium!

Teacher's Report – Laura Schlemm

Red Ribbon Week is this week! (10/23-10/27) we are focusing on "making good choices and being true to yourself"! The pink "Red Ribbon Week" flyer went home in Friday's backpacks!

And the **SHARK BITE** goes too...Lana Raines (Suzanne forgot so she gave the Glow in the Dark Halloween hand soap to Lana following the meeting.

Have a Spooky Terrific October!!! 😊