



Sheridan School APT

Minutes from 9/19/2012

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

In attendance: Belzer, Houston, Carris, Chun, Cole, Curry, Darling, Doheny, Glyman, Hayes, Hatfield, Hender, Kelly, Kramer, Kotlarz, Laufenberg, Long, Marks, McCain, O'Neil, Rappel, Robinson, Robson, Ryan, Sands, Schlemm, Sullivan, Swartout, Shinn, Moser, Nagel

President's Report – Suzanne Sands

Welcome to another fantastic year at Sheridan School. Our role as the APT is to provide support for our teachers, encourage cooperation with the school community, facilitate communication between school and home and provide educational enrichment for our children.

Community

“Cooperation is the thorough conviction that nobody can get there unless everybody gets there.”

Virginia Burden

Communication: Website & Email

This year we are going to continue to use email as our primary form of communication with parents in an effort to abide by the districts efforts to be as paperless as possible. We are also going to use our website as a more dynamic source of information for all things APT. Visiting our homepage will be like viewing the bulletin board in the school lobby. We also have a new scrapbook page for posting pictures taken at school or at APT events. Anyone can submit pictures. Plus any information you might need about the APT can likely be found there. Carmen Doering-Clark is our Communications Coordinator. She is the person you will need to contact if you wish to send an email to all Sheridan Parents or if you would like something added to the Friday Flyer. She is also the contact person for our lovely new sandwich board that has already been used for the Beach Bash, Spirit Wear sales and this meeting. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time.

Meetings & Agendas

Our meetings will usually be at Sheridan. 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.

APT Membership

Please make sure that you have joined the APT. I have a list of current members as of September 5th if you are unsure of your status you can check with me. I have forms and they can also be found on our Sheridan APT website home page. At this point the quickest way to join is to fill out the form, attach a check to LF APT and return it to Kristen DeNoble at 623 E. Glenwood Rd. She is the membership chair for the APT this year.

September Appreciations

- **Dr. Shinn, Ms. Moser and all Our Amazing Teachers and Staff** for all they have done to make the transition back to school a smooth one.
- **Lisa Cervieri & Sarah Long** for making sure all of the school supplies that were ordered got to the classrooms.
- **Beth Laufenberg & Liz Scully** for helping welcome our Kindergarteners and planning the Kindergarten Play Date at West Park.
- **Amy Kelly, Kathy Ivinjack, Kate Rappel and Kate Rother** for helping welcome our Kindergarteners.
- **Kate Rappel & Kate Rother** for working so hard selling Shark Wear which will be delivered in early October.
- **Michelle Glyman & Emily Savage** for recruiting 30 room parents.
- **All 30 of our Room Parents** who have generously volunteered to support our classroom teachers by organizing the classroom volunteers and to bring our community together by planning class coffees and parent parties.
- **Dacia Gravlin & Angie Hatfield** for organizing a lovely and delicious Back to School Luncheon for our teachers and staff on the first day. Thanks also to all those parent volunteers who contributed food, drinks, and paper goods.
- **Tish Houston & Meredith Hayes** for planning a fun Back to School Beach Bash.
- **Amy Kelly and Amy Lazzaretto** for welcoming our new families with a lovely coffee at **Caputo's** and gathering an amazing assortment of local goodies for the gift bags. Thanks also to all the local businesses that contributed:

Fresh Market: reusable bags, booklet with sale items, recipes, BOX OF CHOCOLATE, POUND OF COFFEE AND GUM

Gifted: Peace, Love, LF vinyl decal and a \$5 Sheridan School Only gift certificate

Kiddles: water bottles

Blue Mercury: menu of services and SAMPLES of wonderful skin care products!

Donati's Pizza: menu and \$5 coupon

Einstein Bagel: \$2 off any lunch sandwich coupons

Lake Forest Bank: large chip clips, small clips, pig key chains

Chamber of Commerce: maps, guidebooks to LF and LB, info on Shop Local
First drawing to win \$1,000

Caribou Coffee: Small packs of crayons in cute little plastic ziplocs

Robeks: menus

Lake Forest College: pamphlet on Community membership and recreation

Library: Bookmark with info on upcoming book sale

Market House: carry out menu

Ferentino's: menu

Authentico: carry out menus

- **Camile Mayer & Kristen Chun** for kicking off Celebration Book Club for students with September birthdays.
- **Margaret Tomaselli** for keeping the front our school looking beautiful and inviting by keeping our planters fresh.
- Picture Day is Friday. **Emily Savage and Angie Hatfield** have organized a crew of volunteers to help out so thank you to them and everyone who is helping out.
- Lots of gratitude for **Mary Mercer in the District Office** for helping us find a place for our meeting this month.
- **Lisa Schmidt & Laurie Woodrum** for taking time to come and talk with us about the Team Read program this month.

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

The lovely Linda Crowe is moving to DPM to take a new position on the 7/8 side of the building. She starts the week of 9/24. She will be greatly missed but we all wish her the best!

Ms. Moser has received a great welcome at Sheridan School and she thanks everyone for being so kind. So far it has been a smooth transition and everything has been going well the past two weeks at school for all.

THANK YOU for the Kindergarten signs and the t-shirts, the school supplies organized and ready and waiting in the class rooms, the New Family coffee and the Beach Bash, just to name a few events that have started the year off at Sheridan School.

Superintendent Michael Simeck stopped in to say hello!!!

Mr Simeck briefly discussed that the strike was over and the LFHS started today (Wed 9/19). He said it was a great day at the High School and the kids were full of energy and so excited to be back. Plus it was Homecoming! Things look good all around the district and he is excited to be coming back to our APT meeting in February 2013!

VP/Treasurer Report- Amie Marks

They are working on a budget now. 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: TEAM READ Teachers, Lisa Schmidt and Laurie Woodrum

The TEAM READ teachers gave an amazing presentation on how team read works for each grade. It was very interesting and we are so lucky to have these two fabulous teachers at our school. The presentation will be available on our Sherida School website soon.

Committee Reports

Monster Bash – Ily Robson

The scary and ever popular Monster Bash will be on Friday, October 26th from 6pm-730pm in the gym! Boo! They are interviewing new DJ's now. And if you are interested in volunteering that evening please contact Ily Robson, Tish Houston or Dacia Gravlin.

Teacher's Report – Laura Schlemm

Thank you so much for the back to school Teacher's Luncheon! Everything is going great so far this year!

Food Service – Michele Belzer

They have not had a meeting with food service yet. The volunteer schedule is going really well so far! Thanks to all who have volunteered!

Parent Awareness –

The Parent Awareness information that was presented is below. It can also be found on the APT Website.

Tuesday, October 9th

Finding Family Balance in a Challenging Culture, Meg Meeker 7:00-8:30 PM; LFHS Raymond Moore Auditorium. Pediatrician, mother and best selling author, Meg Meeker, will address issues our families face in our complex world with personal stories, humor and practical tips for all parents. Seating limited. \$20 per person/ \$30 per couple. To register: leadingefforts.org

Wednesday, October 10th

The 10 Habits of Happy Mothers: Breakfast with Meg Meeker 9:00-10:30 at Authentico. Join us at Lake Forest's newest restaurant as Dr. Meeker will share with us why mothers suffer from the pressure to be perfect and how they can remain happy and hopeful. \$15 per person. To register: leadingefforts.org

October 24 - November 3rd: Red Ribbon Celebration

Saturday, November 3: 5th Annual Red Ribbon Race

Wednesday November 7: Street Smarts, Teens & the Law, 7:00-8:30pm, LFHS

David Mill Theatre - High School Parents

Wednesday, November 14th: Parenting for Good, 7:00-8:30 pm, location tbd.

Fine Arts –Kimberly Carris

The first Fine Arts presentation this year will be *Charlotte's Webb* on Thursday, October 18th at 1:15pm at Sheridan School. Everyone is welcome to attend! 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.

Open lands – Kristin Ryan

We hope that Bagpipes and Bonfires was a great success this year! October 18-21st at 430pm "Plays in the Field" will be presented at Elawa Farms and snacks will be provided by Whole Foods. Please go to the Citadel website for more information on these fabulous outdoor plays ☺

Shark Wear – Kate Rappel

We have exceeded sales!!! Last year Sheridan School was the only school to use Kiddles for our Shark Wear. And this year Kiddles is used by every school for their Spirit Wear. Stop by Kiddles to try and different styles and sizes. The Fall sale for Shark Wear ended last week, BUT we are adding a Spring Shark Wear sale for the first time ever! ☺

Yearbook - Beth Laufenberg

We need class volunteers to make each class page for the yearbook. If you do not have someone filling this volunteer position, please find someone to help you soon. And if you have any questions, please ask Beth. She loves taking pictures of all of our kids for the yearbook! If anyone wants to help and take pictures, please do so and please send them to the Beth and Carmen. Take pictures wherever and whenever you can because they would love it and so would the kids!

Spirit of 67 – Bridgette Doheny and Michelle Curry

Our goal for Sheridan School membership this school year is 50%! Right now we are at 17%! So please support the Spirit and join today! Remember you can get the fabulous Spirit Card and use it all year long to get great deals with local stores in Lake Forest!

Also the Fall Luncheon invites have been mailed! This amazing event is on Friday, October 19th. There will be a silent auction and great food! We hope you will get your friends and attend. The website is www.spiritof67foundation.org if you would like to join or get any information regarding the Spirit of 67.

Board of Education – Alana Hender and Heather Kotlarz

Alana and Heather attend all of the BOE meetings and report back to the APT every month. We in turn, can have them ask question for us at the BOE meeting and they will get back to us. It is a resource that we have at our fingertips that we don't use much. So

if you do have any questions you would like them to ask for you, please email them your questions. And if you would like to remain anonymous, please leave them a note in the APT mailbox at Sheridan School. They are so excited to meet the New Superintendent!

Caucus – Beth Lafeberg

Lake Forest Caucus seeks school board candidates! The LF Caucus' School Board Search Committee is in full swing searching for Lake Foresters interested in serving on the District 67 & 115 school boards. If you are interested please contact Lake Forest Caucus President, Gary Peet at grpeet1@comcast.net or visit www.lfcaucus.com/election.

On April 9, 2013 voters in Lake Forest will cast their votes for Mayor, Aldermen, District 67 School Board members and District 115 School Board members. The Lake Forest Caucus presents a non-partisan slate of candidates to the community. As a non-partisan party, the Caucus seeks to identify, interview and support individuals whose only agenda is a strong desire to serve our community to the best of their ability.

What is the Caucus? The Lake Forest Caucus Committee exists to seek out, interview and recommend officials for City government, new members for the Caucus and new members for the Caucus Executive Committee. The Lake Forest Caucus consists of 42 volunteers (representing each of the four wards), elected by the community, and serving on staggered 3 year terms. What does that mean for you? It means the Caucus members desire to serve the community, undergo an interview before the full Caucus, and are elected by you - the voters of Lake Forest.

And the **SHARK BITE** goes too....Ily Robson! She received one of the fabulous New Family gift bags of treats! Congrats!