



## **APT Meeting Minutes**

### **September 20, 2017**



**Participants:** Emily Savage, Megan Engelberg, Suzanne Sands, Kelly Cohen, Michelle Hirschfield, Heidi Clifton, Lisa Walsh, RaeAnne Alvarez, Tracey Barrett Michelle Shinn, Lindsey White, Melissa Pant, Sarah Lockhart, Laurie Whisler, Elyse Butler, Raquel Jackson, Gina Misiora, Lindsay Nero, Kristin Ryan, Michelle Hirschfield, Suzanne Sands, Kelly Cohen.

#### **Guest Speaker: Renee Fitzsimmons and Deena Puglisi**

**Were invited to educate and update us on the inquiry program at Sheridan and across the district.**

- Spoke about how hands on experiments lead to questions from students and those questions are then used to direct the inquiry unit. This helps kids be more interested as they are involved in the unit and drive the learning. This was a 2016/17 focus for the Inquiry program.
- 2017/18 district focus is to make students document and reflect on their work and trying to find ways to make it more student owned. We don't only learn from doing but more from reflecting.
- Showed a wonderful video on the inquiry program at Sheridan.
- Any questions please contact Deena at [dpuglisi@lfschools.net](mailto:dpuglisi@lfschools.net) and Renee at [rfitzsimmons@lfschools.net](mailto:rfitzsimmons@lfschools.net)

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

- **Addressed the new procedures for security and the different entering procedures**
- **Responsibility rocks has been successful there have been less drop offs of forgotten items. Kids are learning to be responsible for their own things.**
- **Preschool 16 kids and 4 adults in the classroom. New classroom it is treated just as any other classroom is at Sheridan. It has been a great experience this far.**
- **Professional development for 3rd and 4th grade this past week. Next week K,1 and 2 will follow.**
- **Finishing up MAP testing assessments.**
- **House family assignments are out. One of the things we are doing differently are asking people to order new shirts if you need one instead of a blanket order and teachers are getting shirts this year!**

#### **APT President Report: Emily Savage**

- Thank you for coming and getting involved.
- Megan Engelberg, new Secretary and Kelly Cohen is the new Treasurer, Suzanne Sands - communication.
- Make sure to check the website , APT facebook page and the bulletin board for updates.
- The APT theme is "you are Stronger than you realize..." it is also a good fit for Sheridan as we continue to encourage our kids to take risks and responsibility and continue to challenge themselves.
- Mike Simeck is tweeting from the district his handle is Msimeck Finding joy 67 \*

## **Tracey Barrett - LDA**

- The organization has been in town for 25 years. They support all kids with learning differences. The LDA acts as support and resources for each other. You can ask for information anonymously if you are more comfortable email them at [lfblda@gmail.com](mailto:lfblda@gmail.com)
- Grant program kicks off in October
- Last year the Grants helped to fund the Go zones, a sensory suites, in DPME and LB Middle school.
- Event coming up on October 3rd. A collaborative speaker event at the high school open to district 65,67 and 115. The meeting will be about IEPs and helping parents understand what they mean for your child. . For more information check the Sheridan website or you can contact the LDA ... Email: [lfblda@gmail.com](mailto:lfblda@gmail.com)
- Website: [www.lfblda.com](http://www.lfblda.com)
- LDA Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at West Campus at 9:30.

## **APT Committees Reports**

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

- If you are working on an event that you need communication to parents, etc.. please contact Suzanne

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

- Sheridan gets \$12 a student to spend per school year.
- Use the tax exempt form if you are purchasing something (form available on website )
- Fill check request forms out if you are requesting reimbursement (form available on website)
- Any questions contact Kelly Cohen [kelly.cohen@me.com](mailto:kelly.cohen@me.com)

### **School Supplies- Elyse Butler, Kate Rother, Katie Donovan**

All school supplies delivered and distributed to Sheridan classrooms.

Each school was down significantly from 2016. Since this is not a money raising operation, the decline isn't critical and there are still enough people who are utilizing the service to make it worth our effort. Also, in 2016, the percentages were up significantly in each school so it could be that this year's numbers are more in line with years prior to 2016. However, Exec will be working this spring to try and improve the communications regarding timing of placing orders.

Here are the numbers and percent change over 2016:

Sheridan: 158 packs sold / -28.5% from 2016

Everett: 189 packs sold / -37.9% from 2016

Cherokee: 193 packs sold / -24% from 2016

DPM: 439 packs sold / -37.8% from 2016

Visiting author- should have received the form in your child's folder. Oct 19th for \*Alice McGinty. She will be presenting to kids from K-4. The forms are due September 28th and please make sure your child's name is on the

Jeffrey Brown will be visiting the 3rd and 4th graders today, September 20th!

### **New Family- Kristin Ryan , Alissa Bolton**

We welcomed 51 new students, I think 24 new families to Sheridan this year. We met with several of the new parents at the beach on Monday, August 21.

If anyone hears about new students joining the school during the school year, please let Alissa or I know, so we can reach out to the parents.

### **Room Parents – Ellie White and Karen Hornberger**

Thank you to all of the volunteers for being room parents this year!!

Please follow-up re: coffees and cocktail parties and check the website and tell Suzanne re: dates

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

The committee met with Lifetouch over the summer. They have shot the 4th grade photo for the traditional yearbook cover. Yearbook prices are the same this year. If anyone, or anyone you know, needs a yearbook and can't afford to buy one, contact Dr. Shinn as the school will help!

### **Beach Bash/Back to School Playground Dedication:- Alissa Bolton, Lindsay Nero, Carolyn Konz**

The party, which was held on Friday, September 8, was a huge success. We had a great turnout and a lot of excitement. Sheridan would like to thank the Spirit of 67 for funding this awesome addition to our School. The DJ was great and there were lots of dancing kids! Thank you to everyone for coming out to help us celebrate!!

### **Directory -- Gina Misiora, Raquel Jackson**

All students have been added to MSA, waiting to hear on how many have purchased apt memberships.

Directories should be ready middle of October!

***Here are the directions to download the online directory:***

*Go to APT website <http://sheridanapt.weebly.com/>*

*Click link at the top that says directory, apt members only*

*you can log in, even if you are not a member. From here you can search for families and classes.*

*If you want to join APT, click the drop down menu and select store. Here you will have the option to purchase a membership*

***WEBSITE: The Directory has a new website full of valuable information on how the Directory is compiled, how to update your family's information and includes a Member List, [www.APTDirectory67.weebly.com](http://www.APTDirectory67.weebly.com).***

***Membership 90%:***

***1031 Families in District***

***929 APT Member Families as of Tuesday, 9/12***

***90% membership rate***

***Directory 97%:***

1668 Students in District

1619 are listed in MSA

49 students not listed in MSA

27 of these are students belong to the 22 families who have opted out of all APT communications

22 remaining are students with parents who have not responded to repeated requests to include their information in MSA.

### **Food Service -- Karen Hornberger & Kristen Chun**

Breakfast-themed bulletin board is up & we are under way with our Food Service program! We are determining the need for lunch volunteers but do not have the sign-up for parent volunteers going yet.

### **Kindy Coordination -- Kimberly Carris & Betsy Pasquesi**

Signs, T-shirts, car magnets and water bottles were delivered for pre-K, kindy and all new families on 8/18. The kindy playdate was held after the kindy walk through and was a great success! Check the web site for pics from the event!

### **Monster Bash -- Rachel Baker, Lindsay Kelly, Elyse Butler, Kimmy Taylor, Megan Engelberg, Kim Strothman, Heidi Clifton, Melissa Pant, Katie Donovan, Noel Dolan, Meg Lynch**

Plans are under way for the best Monster Bash yet! Working with the Wow Factor again re: rentals such as giant darts, Photo booth, Tattoo and obstacle course. We are also bringing back the popular Fortune Teller who will be played by Meryl McMann! Will be contacting a group of dads again to help create the Haunted Hallway (in a new location) and will be working w/Suzanne re: communications and VolunteerSpot to send home for parent volunteers. Gathering prizes for games as well, and will have pizza, mini donuts & lemonade & will have a spooktacular music playlist.

### **Board of Ed -- Sarah Lockhart, Kate Rother**

Contact either Sarah or Kate if you have any questions for the Board of Ed. [katerother@gmail.com](mailto:katerother@gmail.com) or [sarahlockhart1@mac.com](mailto:sarahlockhart1@mac.com) next Board of Ed meeting 10/26 at 7pm.

### **Community Service and Events -- Kate Rother, Carrie Cole, Kim Strothman**

District 67 will again participate in the Lake County Cares Thanksgiving Food Drive. The food drive hopes to provide more than 500 Thanksgiving meals to food pantries in Lake County again this year.

Monday, Oct 30-Friday, Nov 10

Kindergarten - Rice

1<sup>st</sup> grade - Canned Fruit

2<sup>nd</sup> grade - Canned Beans

3<sup>rd</sup> grade - Stuffing Mix

4<sup>th</sup> grade - Canned Veggies

5<sup>th</sup> grade - Corn Muffin Mix

6<sup>th</sup> grade - Canned Chicken or Turkey Broth

7<sup>th</sup> grade - Canned Corn

8<sup>th</sup> grade - Rice

Optional for all - \$10 gift card to Jewell

**There are even more opportunities to help:**

Nov 14-6 Sort food and make meal bags from 3-5:30 p.m. at Gorton

Nov 17 Load delivery trucks from 3-5:50 p.m. at Gorton

Nov 18 Deliver the food: meet at 9 a.m. at Gorton's parking lot help deliver to Lake County food pantries

Send an email to [info@lakecountycares.org](mailto:info@lakecountycares.org) to sign up to help.

**Upcoming Dates:**

**\* Please check our web site and review the 9/13 APT Exec minutes for upcoming Sheridan, District and community dates: <http://sheridanapt.weebly.com/>**

**\*\*\*11/15: Next APT Meeting at 9:15 am \*\*\***

10/16: Visiting Author, Alice McGinty, @ Sheridan

10/20: Monster Bash 5:30-7 pm @ Sheridan

10/20: Barrel of Monkeys for all 4th grade students @ Sheridan 8:50-9:50, 10:00-11:00, 11:10-12:10 (final performance

12/11 @ Everett @ 10m am)

10/26: 1st Meals for Teachers during conferences

10/30-11/10: Thanksgiving Food Drive

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**Additional District, Community Events:**

12/4: Julie Lythcott-Haims will be presenting her book How to Raise an Adult. It will be held at the Lake Forest High School Auditorium at 7:00pm

9/26: Board of Education Meeting, LFHS West Campus, Board Room

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10/20: Spirit of 67 luncheon 11:00-2:30, Knollwood Club

10/22: LEAD Red Ribbon Race