

Lake Forest High School APT Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 2008  
Gorton Community Center

**Members Present:** Chrystal Gannon, Katie Begley, Maureen Quaid, Karla Schwartz, Judi Schulte, Marcy Kerr, Sue Wagener, Judy Telander, Jill Moutvic, Julia Fiske Parker, Linda Ganshirt, Terri Karst, Leeni Ellis, Audrey Ohanesian, Jill Havey, Tami Zylka, Donna LaVitola, Diane Quon, Sarah Glynn, Sally Frese

**Members Absent:** Pam Salm, Cherie Setteducate, Donna Coffin, Louise Ries, Debbie Taylor, Susan Nommenson, Roberta Zicarelli, Laura Cox, Jeanne Burke, Kathy Casper

Chrystal Gannon called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.

**Chrystal Gannon, President:**

Chrystal welcomed everyone. To accommodate a better crossover and dialog between new and old board members Chrystal hopes to have all board positions filled by the May meeting and all new board members will be invited to attend the meeting. Chrystal thanked LEAD and CROYA for hosting the Sunday for high school seniors. The event got very positive feed back and the handouts are available at CROYA for those who did not attend. Chrystal met with the 4 class parents and they went over the class meetings that were held this year- what was good and what needs to be modified for the next year.

**Jay Hoffmann, Principal**

Jay passed out a calendar of events for seniors. There are many important items for seniors at year end. Construction wise, things are ok. The last steel section of the top went up on Monday. The section was painted and signed by BOE members, administration, and others involved with the project before it was put up. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter ended before Spring Break. It was the first time Power School was used for grades. It was a nice transition for teachers and they found it to work well. We are still tweaking how we open the portal for parents. We are using information from other schools and taking the best of them all. On Monday there was a little power outage. It was the first time with our new system and it seems to have gone smoothly. There was not a lot of angst. AP testing will take place at West Campus, May 4-16<sup>th</sup>. Buses will be provided depending on needs.

**Barb Selvaggio, Faculty**

Junior Prairie State Testing is coming up and seniors are making final decisions on college choices.

**Harry Griffith, Superintendent**

Harry went over the Little Scouts Preschool Program that will be opening in August at West Campus. Lake Forest Place will be donating \$50,000 to a new playground for Little Scouts. In regards to the Mandarin program that will be in place in the fall of 2008, many area high schools have Mandarin, but we will be the first in our area to bring it to the middle school. Harry showed a brief slide presentation of the recent visit to China. The

high school that will be our sister school in China was visited. It is very modern and has about the same number of students as LFHS. It is a public boarding school in Shanghai, considered a key school and one of the 10 best in China. We have signed a two year agreement with the school and East China Normal University. We will have an exchange program with the school sending 15 students there for two weeks and 15 students coming here for two weeks. We will be looking for families to host the students while they are here. Our students would board at the school in Shanghai. All students in China must learn Mandarin and English so the students coming would speak English. In the future we may do a teacher exchange as well with the teachers team teaching. Two teachers were hired from the sister school to start here in the fall of 2008 to teach grades 4-12. In addition to teaching Mandarin, the teachers will also work on lesson development in the areas of social studies, art and music to bring more Asian culture to our curriculum. Jessica Wang will be teaching at DPM. Bob Shaw has donated an apartment for her to live in during her stay here. We will also be looking for families to form a network of support for Jessica and Jun Wang the teacher hired for LFHS. Jun is married and has a son. Her husband is looking to get reassigned to Chicago during her stay here. Brainstormer classes, parent classes and community offerings are all extended opportunities that exist with having the teachers here for two years. Harry also said he would like to get an Academic Wall of Fame started at LFHS in celebration of teachers, students and staff.

#### **Anne Whipple, Communications**

All information on the preschool/day care can be found on the school web site. The web site also has pictures featuring the steel beam topping off ceremony. The city of Lake Forest is looking for students to sit on the Parks and Recreation Board and the Library Board. It is a good opportunity for kids to see government in action. A flyer on the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lake Forest was passed out. The events take place July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 6<sup>th</sup>. More info can be found at [www.lakeforestday.com](http://www.lakeforestday.com).

#### **Maureen Quaid, Secretary**

Motion was made to approve the March 2008 minutes as email to the board. Judy Telander gave the motion a 1<sup>st</sup> and Katie Begely gave the 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion passed with all in favor.

#### **Katie Begely, Vice President/Community Liaison Facilitator**

Liaison minutes are attached.

#### **Judi Schulte, Treasurer**

Judi passed out the financials for the month. Motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. Linda Ganshirt gave the second. Motion was passed with all in favor.

#### **Chris Torrence, CROYA**

Battle of the Bands will take place at the high school on Saturday. The ONCE campaign will kick off on April 30<sup>th</sup> with a program at CROYA from 5-8. All are invited to attend.

#### **Leeni Ellis, Nominating**

Voting on slate as presented last month. There was no additional discussion. Leeni made the motion to approve the slate of Chrystal Gannon- President, Katie Begley- Vice President, Karla Schwartz- Corresponding Secretary, Terri Karst- Treasurer, and Jan Richmond- Secretary. The motion was given a second from Julia Fiske Parker. The motion passed with all members present (20) in favor. None opposed.

### **Mary Beth Schewitz, Guest**

The Max Schewitz Foundation conducted school wide EKG testing for LFHS in the fall and just completed it for Libertyville High School as well. It will be done again in the fall at LFHS for incoming freshman and those that missed it last year, giving students the chance to get tested twice during their time in high school. The cost of the testing is free to the students, but it costs the foundation about \$30,000. To help cover these costs the foundation has two fundraisers. One will be held on the evening of June 21<sup>st</sup> and the other is a day time family event to be held at the Discovery Center on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Mary Beth asked the APT board to take a leadership role in telling those who may not know about the event. Also the APT is being asked to help build a 75 bottle instant wine cellar to be auctioned off at the Maxtravanzga fund raiser on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Letters with details were passed out to present board members outlining the program and others will be sent in the mail. Please bring bottles to our May meeting or drop them off at Tracy Hill's home at 90 Honeysuckle Rd.

### **Cherie Hrusovsky, Prom**

Prom will be on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the downtown Marriott. Prom t-shirts are in and one was shown. Project Safe Prom has risen over \$16,000 from 213 donors. Tickets for prom will be on sale next week. Students have decided to make their own backdrop this year with the assistance of a donor.

### **Jill Moutvic, Hospitality**

May 5<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> is teacher appreciation week at LFHS. Plans are set for each day-

Monday- breakfast from APT

Tuesday- breakfast from Boosters

Wednesday- lunch from BOE

Thursday- treats from LFHS Foundation

Friday- Cake from Applause

The next APT meeting and final meeting of the year will take place at CROYA and breakfast will be served.

The senior parent tea will take place on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Career Exploration- Open Doors, Sarah Glynn**

Open Doors will run April 23, 24, 25<sup>th</sup>. All students have been contacted via email. There are 108 students participating in the program, 70 in service only, and 132 shadowing opportunities. This year we had an increase in the mentor base with 46 different mentors. Next week the official orientation will take place during lunch in the CRC on Tues, Wed and Thursday. It is for students shadowing and those doing service as well. Pizza will also be served and students will get a t-shirt.

### **New Business**

The meeting next month we hope to have the new board complete. A new board position has been added for the EKG testing and it will be filled by Tracy Hill who currently works with the Max Schewitz Foundation.

### **Old Business**

Judy Telander reported that the Let There Be Lights campaign was a success and the Booster board has put in the purchase order for the lights. She thanked the APT for the donation. The official deadline for collecting money is April 11<sup>th</sup>, but they will continue to accept money after the date. In regards to In-school Grants, Judy was happy to report that they were able to fill a request for a student to attend summer school so the student could graduate with her class next year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40am

Respectfully submitted

Maureen Quaid

Liaison Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2008

Members present: Dr. Harry Griffith, Mr. Jay Hoffmann, Anne Whipple, Chrystal Gannon, Katie Begley, Rosemary Haack, Linda Torcivia, Ann Shaw, Donna Coffin, Marcy Kerr, Pam Salm, Ellen Funk

Members absent: Sharon Golan, Scott Krajniak, Judi Schulte, Terry Desmond, Pat Carollo, Mary Vogrich, Sue Kutschke, Proachie Mehta, W. Scott Meland, Cherie Setteducate, Kathryn Leider

Meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m.

Wendy Antrim of the LFHS Art Department and Kyle Schumacher of LFHS Music Department were our special guests.

Ms. Antrim opened the meeting with an overview of the Art Department. She shared a video about the department and classes offered. She also shared examples of glasswork. Approximately 500 students are enrolled in some Art class each semester. The new space created by the school's reconstruction will greatly enhance the Art Department's classrooms. For example, there will be a new painting studio. In addition, the Telecom Department will have a new Media Production area adjacent to the new Library/Media Center and will be available to all students, not just art students. Dr. Griffith also pointed out that CROYA and Deer Path Middle School have new media production areas available to students. The LFHS construction of additional art department space will allow for additional advanced art classes to be offered.

Art History classes will be expanded and more will be added to the curriculum in the near future.

Kyle Schumacher provided an overview of the Music Department, its offerings and participation in various performances. He shared with us how the Art Department has helped them with new, professional looking programs and posters. All the LFHS music groups travel every other year to perform in other countries. This past spring break, the choral groups traveled to Ireland. Next year, the band and orchestra groups hope to travel to Italy. Last year, these groups visited Spain. These trips allow the students to see other parts of the world and perform in some of the most beautiful venues. The trips are also a great bonding experience for the students and staff.

CD recordings of the choral groups are available through the Music Department and at all concerts. The bands are hoping to record their own CD soon.

The Music Department is already occupying a totally new space in LFHS. Mr. Schumacher expressed how fabulous this space is and invited everyone to come for a tour and check it out.

Approximately 350-425 students are active in the Music Department at any given time.

Dr. Griffith presented a Power Point slide show of his recent visit to China. The program to be instituted at LFHS beginning this fall will be a complete Asian Culture curriculum. The Mandarin language will be one aspect of this curriculum. In the fall, LFHS students will be able to take an Independent Study course in Mandarin. Mandarin will be offered at Deer Path Middle School next year.

Last summer, thirteen District 67 and District 115 staff members traveled to China by invitation of the Chinese Government. On Dr. Griffith's recent return to China, an agreement was signed with Shanghai High School No. 2 and East China Normal University. Shanghai High School No. 2 is a highly acclaimed school with students

selected based on achieving the highest test scores. The school has approximately 1700 students, including 150 foreign students. Dr. Griffith feels it has a similar size and atmosphere to LFHS.

The LFHS Asian/Mandarin Studies program will also include a student and teacher exchange program. Each year, 15 students from LFHS will travel to China for two weeks and live in the school dorms while attending classes with their Chinese classmates. Also, 15 Chinese students from Shanghai High School No. 2 will spend two weeks at LFHS and live with host families. Eventually, LFHS staff members will be able to participate in a sabbatical program, which will allow them to spend time teaching at the school in Shanghai and for Chinese teachers to spend time working at our school.

Districts 67 and 115 are in the process of hiring two Chinese teachers to relocate to Lake Forest and teach to our Deer Path Middle School and LFHS students. These teachers will have a two-year commitment with our schools.

Dr. Griffith noted that at every high school he visited in China, he noticed something impressive and very special. Each school has a dedicated room for displaying items that relate to the history and achievements of the school's students and staff. He enjoyed seeing these areas and hopes we can create a space like this at LFHS to display in a museum-like fashion artifacts, awards, historical pieces etc.... which can provide a full picture of LFHS, past and present.

Mr. Jay Hoffmann did not have a construction update at this time.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Katie Begley  
Vice President, LFHS APT