

Lake Forest High School APT Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2008
Gorton Community Center

Members Present: Chrystal Gannon, Katie Begley, Maureen Quaid, Karla Schwartz, Judi Schulte, Marcy Kerr, Donna Coffin, Sue Wagener, Kathy Casper, Judy Telander, Debbie Taylor, Jill Moutvic, Julia Fiske Parker, Terri Karst, Leeni Ellis, Audrey Ohanesian, Jill Havey, Sarah Glynn, Laura Cox, Jeanne Burke

Members Absent: Pam Salm, Cherie Setteducate, Louise Ries, Linda Ganshirt, Susan Nommenson, Roberta Ziccarelli, Tami Zylka, Donna LaVitola, Diane Quon, Sally Frese

Chrystal Gannon called the meeting to order at 9:08am.

President: Chrystal Gannon

Chrystal welcomed everyone. She reported that Jeanne Burke and Sally Frese hosted a new family coffee recently with 6-7 new families attending. Freshman and Junior parent meetings took place last week.

Secretary: Maureen Quaid

Motion made to approve minutes as emailed to board with the addition on Jill Moutvic added as giving the second to the Let There Be Lights Motion. First given by Katie Begley and a second given by Terri Karst. Motion passed with all approving.

Vice President/Liaison: Katie Begley

The next liaison meeting will take place on Feb 25th at 9am. The speaker will be Thor Benson from the math department.

Treasurer: Judi Schulte

Judi made a motion to approve the attached financials (attached). A first was given by Sarah Glynn and Judy Telander gave the second. The motion passed with all in favor.

Principal: Jay Hoffmann

Construction is about 9 days behind schedule due to winter weather. Media construction is still set to begin on April 23rd. Everyone continues to adapt to the many changes. Due to the weather last week causing school to be cancelled on Feb 1st, the day will have to be made up before the end of the year. Last year we had a snow day, but had 176 days plus a parent teacher conference day on the schedule, thus one extra day than required by the state. However, this year there are 176 days on the school calendar including the parent teacher conference day. They are currently looking at different ways to make up the missed day. Graduation day will not be effected by the snow day. The West Campus Academic Business Plan was voted on and approved by the BOE. The first floor of the academic area will be Little Scouts Daycare. There are 3 stages to get this plan fully in place. The plan is to have the daycare open in the fall. It will include infants thru K. It will take only 4 years for the project to be paid for based on the current business plan which is based on 90 children attending. Little Scouts will be open to Dist 115, Dist 67,

Dist 65 and village employees and to the community at large. The extra space that this new location will offer will allow the offering of partial day and partial week daycare. The second floor of the academic area will offer storage space.

Jay asked that all spread the word about the cafeteria closing in April. It will also be communicated to families via Highlights. There will be a snack bar area set up in the foyer outside of the field house. It will function all day. There will be a Dominos Pizza Truck parked outside of the field house and there will be a deli bar set up.

Jay fielded questions regarding the start date of school for next year which is September 8th and how snow days are determined and the issue of freshman playing at the Varsity level in sports.

Board of Education: Marilyn Harlow

Marilyn stated that one of the reasons the construction is going so well is due to Jay and the ease of working with him. In regards to Little Scout Daycare, it is a way for the district to support the staff; many businesses provide this service for their employees. Dist. 115 employees get first priority for enrollment, and then open to staff at the other school districts, then city staff and then community. Tax dollars are not used to support this effort and yet it provides a service to the community as well. There currently is a waiting list for the preschool and the new facility will be able to handle all those on the waiting list and more. It will take 4 years to pay for the renovations and then the center should make a profit. Each year the program will be evaluated for economic viability. Marilyn then fielded questions regarding best practice policy for college approach. Marilyn stated that load wise LFHS counselors have less than other schools. J. Berkshire is supposed to be the interface but counselors are those that students go to for college support.

CROYA: Chris Torrence

Currently Mark McMahon is working on a mural in the new student union; the community is able to assist Mark in finishing the mural. He will be working on it thru Feb 16th. Students should continue to check the CROYA web site for up to the minute changes in schedules and other info. Saturday night hours have changed with the new curfew driving law. Now close at 10:30 vs. 11:30. Wednesday night high school meetings at CROYA have had a good turnout. Saturday night has been less well received but they are currently working on finding out what would work better for attracting more students. Looking at having different students or groups sponsor nights. Middle school nights have had good attendance.

Guest: Debbie Fisher, Rotary Exchange Program

LFLB Rotary Exchange Program is looking for host families. Families would host student for 4 months. Rotary provides an allowance for students and a stipend for host families. They also work with high school to get student registered. Debbie is asking us each to consider this as something we might do or know someone who might be willing to host a student. This group is committed to youth exchange programs and has 2 exchange students this year.

Guest: Kyle Schumacher on Power School

Kyle discussed the new system that will hold data on students from middle school to high school. Power School is a student information system that creates and holds all information about each student, including attendance and grades. Dist 115, Dist 67 and Dist 65 were all using different systems and now all three will be aligned with the use of Power School. This will create a seamless transition of information from middle school to high school. As far as LFHS goes Edline will still be available for students to use in regards to what is happening in classes on a day to day basis. Teachers can use it to provide homework and class work information. Grades will no longer be available on Edline; they will only be on Power School. Parents and students will get new passwords and user names for Power School. Power School will be real time, when grades are entered into grade book, grades will appear on Power School. All teachers must use Power School as it is their grade book now. On or around Feb 25th parents will be able to access Power School.

Nominating: Leeni Ellis

The membership of the nominating committee was presented and motion to approve the committee was made by Leeni. The APT reps are Sue Wagener, Sarah Glynn, and Diane Quon. The members at large are Denise Streppa, Deb Moore, and Anne Durot. Judy Telander gave the first to the motion and Marcy Kerr gave a second to the motion. The board was all in agreement on the motion. The nominating committee will meet this month to come up with a slate of names for each of the following positions: Recording Secretary and Treasurer. Leeni also reminded current board members to fill out the information sheet regarding their plans for next year. It was originally distributed last month and also attached to the January minutes. Chrystal also mentioned that there is a new possible position on the board, EKG Testing. Anyone who might be interested in taking on that job should let Leeni know. Another new position possibility is the Alumni Wall of Fame. Currently the VP is the liaison with committee that works closely with Anne and Jay. New alumni are added to the wall every other year.

Talent Show: Kathy Casper

Talent Show auditions were held on January 26th and 27th. Forty eight acts auditioned for 32 judges. Twenty three acts were selected for the show based on the judges' scores, and we are delighted with the final results. We also have 100+ students in the senior act. Tickets were mailed the first week of February. Although the mailing was ready to go on February 1st, it was delayed by the snow day. The day it was mailed the ticket order form went up on Edline and that has worked well when answering the "Where is my ticket order form?" questions. This year we are having the orders mailed to a PO box at the Post Office, which we hope will deflect some of the drop-offs confusion. All in all, I think it is going well with the Edline form helping the problems that the uncertainty of mailing has caused. We are looking forward to a great show.

Career Exploration: Sarah Glynn

Career Exploration, "Open Doors" program had the applications mailed out on Tuesday. Online applications are also available. This year we have joined a partnership with the Schuler Family Foundation. The students in their program must participate in Career Exploration and they are providing us with mentors as well. The more mentors we have

the more opportunities we have to offer all students. Saturday morning will also be available this year for students. Nini Lustig from the Volunteer Center has many volunteer opportunities for our students as well. A professional career counselor will run the orientation this year for students.

Parent Awareness: Debbie Taylor

Debbie reminded the board about the upcoming Parent University.

March 1, 2008 LFHS APT is sponsoring two workshops at the LEAD Parent University. Session 1 with Laura Sessions Stepp author of **Unhooked How Young Women Pursue Sex Delay Love and Lose at Both**. "Hooking Up." The seminar, with the Pulitzer Prize winning journalist author, is a frank discussion of the hookup culture: what it encompasses, who's doing it and why and how it affects your children who aren't active in the hooking up culture.

Session Two: The Inside Scoop: What Teens are Really Up to with Joanne Yorro, Chris Torrence and Caroline Hermes of CROYA. Learn what your teens and their peers may be up to and what they wish they could tell you? Learn from a panel of experts the types of things teens in our community are doing and thinking based on years of direct experience with our children.

Also, Representative Kathy Ryg's office is sponsoring parent education sessions on the new driving laws. We could bring this group to the combined Freshman /Sophomore parent meeting coming up or we could have a presentation on this ourselves.

New Business: Chrystal Gannon

The Dorothy Chantler Award was created and given out last year to Dorothy. There is now a plaque up in the hallway. We are set up to give the award annually, but we have to put into place the guidelines for selecting the next and future recipients. Please email Chrystal if you would like to work with her on this project.

Old Business: Chrystal Gannon

APT Board Positions Manual would provide information to the entire LFHS community on each of the board positions. Thus informing the community more about what APT has to offer and what it does. It would be mailed out this year and then available on line in the future. If any board members have not given the necessary information to Chrystal on their current position please do so ASAP.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am

Respectfully submitted

Maureen Quaid

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