

Lake Forest High School APT Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2007
Gorton Community Center

Members Present: Chrystal Gannon, Katie Begley, Maureen Quaid, Karla Schwartz, Judi Schulte, Pam Salm, Cherie Setteducate, Marcy Kerr, Donna Coffin, Sue Wagener, Louise Ries, Judy Telander, Debbie Taylor, Jill Moutvic, Linda Ganshirt, Terri Karst, Tami Zylka, Donna LaVitola, Diane Quon, Sarah Glynn, Jeanne Burke,

Members Absent: Kathy Casper, Julia Fiske Parker, Susan Nommenson, Leeni Ellis, Audrey Ohanesian, Jill Havey, Roberta Zicarelli, Laura Cox, Sally Frese

Chrystal Gannon called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

Chrystal Gannon, President

Chrystal welcomed everyone and stressed the importance of board members attending all monthly meetings. We have 9 new members to the board. All board members and guests introduced themselves to the group.

Maureen Quaid, Secretary

Maureen asked for approval of May 2007 minutes. Judy Telander gave the first, Sarah Glynn gave the second. Motion passed. May 2007 minutes approved as sent out via email.

Harry Griffith, Superintendent

The construction project is doing fine financially. Currently project is on budget. It will be a challenge to be on time with project, which means getting school might start later next year. They will know more about this in October or November.

Two issues with the project delay have been the rain and unexpected soft ground.

Currently an emergency exit for the pool has been removed, thus the capacity for the pool viewing area is only 50 vs. 700+.

In regards to the new north parking lot, the lot has been completed with a new environmentally friendly product that is 94% permeable. It will absorb the rainwater thus alleviating the need for a run off pond or underground tank. Even though the new paver product used may cost a bit more than asphalt, without the need to put in a run off pond or under ground tank the cost was as little or less than asphalt.

The dirt pile at West Campus will remain in place till next year when it is used as fill at both campuses when all construction is completed. Harder clay dirt was needed for the base of the new varsity field. Lights are on drawing board for Varsity Field for 08/09.

The City of Lake Forest has got paper work started to get money from the state for a reconfigured turn lane on Hwy 43.

A group of 13 people made up of teachers, administrators and Board of Education members went to China this past summer. This event started in the works in February 2007 when Mark Kirk along with the Chinese consulate in Chicago spoke to the 6th grade class at DPM. Interest is in starting a Mandarin Program in Lake Forest with grades 4-12. It is in other high schools in the area, but not in middle schools. The government of China

funded the trip for the group with the exception of airfare. The first joint grant between the districts paid for the air fare for only the teachers attending the trip. They traveled to many cities, met with teachers, students and officials. The hope is to introduce not only the language, but the culture of China as well. Mandarin would be another language choice at DPM and LFHS. Currently there are 57,000 American businesses in China. The goal is to start this with the 08/09 school year as another option to the Foreign Language offerings. The biggest challenge will be finding a teacher.

Jay Hoffmann, Principal

LFHS offices were located at District 67 offices this past summer and it went fine. Everyone was very accommodating. Summer School was also held at DPM for 80 US History and 80 Drivers Ed students. These academic summer school classes will be held at DPM next year as well. Athletics will be able to be housed back at East Campus next summer.

Although the new parking lot for teachers was not quite finished when school started, accommodations were made to find additional places for staff to park so seniors would not have their parking taken away. Lot is now finished and lights will go up this week on the lot. This lot will also be used for weekend activities and for after school events. There is a new double lane drop off/pick up area in the front of school. Things seem to be going better every day and it is cleared out by 3:30pm.

Work is still being completed on a couple of the new stairways that will take students from the top to bottom of the school. When they are complete students will be able to use the Noble entrance to get into the building.

Two mobile classrooms have been added to the north end of the Field House. They house the Outdoor Ed classes and Drivers Ed classes.

Currently students have to walk outside to get from the North end of the school to the South end of the School but by November a tunnel through what will be the new Commons Area should be in place.

The new Music Area will have a "Green" roof, known as a living roof, and this will also aid in absorbing rain run off.

This past summer the entire building was rewired with a new loud speaker system. Also put in were panic buttons that directly communicate with the office and several access points were put in for the handicap to hit a button to show office exactly where they are in the building so they could be reached by personnel quickly if need be.

The 3rd floor is mainly the same as in the past. The 2nd floor lost some classrooms, and 1st floor lost access to the gym, drivers ed was moved, and there is no more auto shop.

The basement faced some cut offs, the weight room is gone, some lockers rooms gone. Weight room and fitness area is now located in the field house by climbing wall.

While the music area is not complete yet, we are hopefully for this week or next.

The bamboo floor has been put in the Public room and it should be open to seniors this week for study hall. It will also have 15 computers.

The competition gym took in some water and the floor buckled, but it is being repaired.

This area also lost some emergency exits, so the capacity of the gym has gone down to 1000 so this will be an issue with basketball. The spectators will have to be counted. The pep rally will be held on the field this year due to this issue.

Security dept has been put in place with 5 people and Howe Security is working at both East and West campuses. School is now locked at 6pm.

Despite all that is going on with the loud noises and jarring work being done with steel and concrete, teaching and learning are taking place and the kids do not seem phased by it and are very adaptable.

Open house is Sept 11th at 7:30pm. Guides will be available to help parents get around.

Anne Whipple, Communications

New school web site is in place. Joy Murawski is the web master and has worked all summer on the project. Please forward feedback on the site to Anne.

Chris Torrance, CROYA

Chirrs are the new high school youth worker. He formally worked with the junior high students. Carolyn Hermes is the new junior high youth worker.

The grand opening of the new CROYA building will take place on Nov. 4th. Hopefully staff will be able to get in next week to start setting up things. Programs will start there soon. First meeting of the year is tonight, starting with dinner at 5:30 at Northcroft Park.

Barb Selvggio, Faculty

Things are going smooth for kids and teachers. Another freshmen orientation will take place during the PLAN and PSAT testing.

Tami Zylka, Volunteers

We started earlier this year in sending out form to parents. 350 families sent back the forms. Volunteer lists have been sent to the appropriate people. Tami and Chrystal have master copies if anyone needs volunteers. The goal in the future is to get the form out earlier to parents which will possibly impact nominating needing to be moved up on our schedule.

Terri Karst, Membership/Directory

All imputing has been completed for students, just need to add teacher info. We are on schedule to get to printer and distribute in October to families.

Donna La Vitola, Diane Quon BTTYS

The annual parent social and fundraiser, Be True To Your School, will be held on Sunday, October 21st at the Deer Path Inn. The evening will begin at 5:00 PM with our Silent Auction. Both the August and September issues of Highlights included a "save the date" article. A detailed letter, including auction donation ideas and guidelines, was mailed on Friday, August 31st to all LFHS homes. Community signs have been reserved and will begin appearing in Lake Bluff and Lake Forest the last week of September. Our raffle committee will be selling tickets at Open House on Wednesday evening, September 11th. Posters will be visible around the community soon. Press releases will be sent to the Lake Forester. A formal invitation will be mailed to all LFHS households on September 20th.

If any Board Member would like to contribute to the Auction, please contact co-chairs, Donna La Vitola at DABL6@aol.com or Diane Quon at dmquon@aol.com.

Jeanne Burke, New Family Coordinators

10 families attended new family coffee. The new students included fresh –senior students and international students too.

Chrystal Gannon, EKG Testing

Currently 1050 students are signed up. Students will be notified by their teachers when they are to go to the testing. Students will go to the gym as a class with their teacher. The Friday pm session has been cancelled because there were not enough students signed up to keep it open. Approximately 50 volunteers are needed for each session. Thank you to all who volunteered.

This is a big undertaking and a full update will be given in October to discuss our involvement and with the testing moving ahead in future years...

Judi Schulte, Treasurer

Judi presented Budget for 2007-08 to board. The attached budget was approved.

Donna Coffin, Senior Rep, Submitted Report

The senior class will be selling t-shirts for Homecoming again this year. Each class will level will have a different color shirt that will be sold for \$10 each. They will be sold during all lunch periods the week before Homecoming.

There will be a senior parent meeting Tuesday, October 16 at 10 am in the DMT. Jay Hoffmann and Jacquie Berkshire will discuss the issues facing seniors this year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted 9/6/07

Maureen Quaid, Recording Secretary