

APT Meeting Minutes

September 16th, 2009

Call to order at 9:05am.

Attendance: Knipe, Wales, Shinn, Schlemm, Marwede, Medema, Werner, Harris, Garrigan, Upchurch, Ivinjack, Andress, Cervieri, Martha, Carden, Fitzgerald, Yehle, Allard, Lundergan, McGowan

Visiting Speaker, Nurse Jerry Hendron: Topic Flu Precautions

Nurse Hendron spoke to the board and handed out a flyer regarding proper flu precautions. He intent is to decrease exposure to influenza and limit disruption to learning. Influenza is a highly contagious respiratory illness, transmitted by droplets produced by coughing and sneezing which are propelled a short distance.

Keep children home if their fever is >100°F AND has a cough. They should stay home until they are fever free for 24 hours, without the use of medications.

Encourage frequent hand washing with soap and water. Alcohol based hand cleaners are a good alternative. Instruct children to not touch their faces with unwashed hands. Reinforce respiratory etiquette, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and discard immediately.

Make sure each child has an emergency form on file. Know that the influenza virus is killed with common cleaners.

Remember the most obvious precautions: Drink water, eat a healthy diet, Stay active, and get proper sleep.

The staff at school is also abiding by these precautions. There should be bottles of disinfectant in every classroom, and surfaces will be cleaned regularly.

If you have a question about the type of cough your child has, the nurse will be able to answer your questions.

President's report- Holly Wales

Thank you for attending today's meeting.

There are copies of the most recent Board list for you as well as the year's schedule of meetings and events.

Our District APT theme this year is “Strength through Partnerships.” This refers to the partnerships between parents and teachers, APT & Spirit of 67, the District & the Community, and our very own Board. We have some really wonderful talent in this group and attendance is truly appreciated to make everyone’s Committee responsibilities easier.

We are looking to start a **Sheridan APT website on Weebly**. Cherokee created theirs last year, DeerPath put theirs up over the summer and Everett and Sheridan are currently in the works. There is a lot of support from the District to help with this, we just need a creative mind or two to get it started, so please let me know if this may interest you.

Pls check your Instant Alert on the Dist website to be sure your information is updated.

Our first weeks of school have been fun and successful, including Curriculum Night. The Teachers and Room Parents did a great job, thank you!

As you know today is Picture Day and our New Family Coffee immediately following this mtg, so please stay to welcome some new families to Sheridan.

We just couldn’t fit enough into this day which includes tonight’s Fall Family Social. Pls be sure to bring your money for the hot dog cart!

We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Michelle Shinn as our new Principal. Please watch for an invitation to a Sheridan Board Social welcoming Dr. Shinn on October 2nd at Laura Werner’s house.

President’s Report- Dr. Michelle Shinn

So far we have had a good transition to the new school year. MAP testing is finishing up. This is done in the fall and the spring through 8th grade. The student handbook will be coming home this week in your child’s backpacks and online. Students must read the handbook and sign the form to bring back to school.

A new reward system will be starting this year called “Shark Bites.” Sharks will be appearing along the wall containing the names of students who have earned them. Be on the lookout!

We will be trying to go completely paperless this year, please communicate electronically if possible. If you have something that you would like to appear in the Sheridan news, send it in email form to Dr. Shinn and she will add it to the newsletter. Janice Patterson is a good resource at the district level.

Wellness guidelines are in effect. Please follow the policy of the district.

Parking and after school dismissal is running fairly smooth. Safety is Dr. Shinn number one concern.

Lunchtime is now separated and all grades have their own separate lunch period.

A reminder: If your child is a walker/pick-up at dismissal and is going home with another child on the bus, he/she needs to have both a note and a bus pass in order to ride the bus. A 10-ride bus pack is available at the district.

Treasurer Report- Maureen Clarke

Maureen states that the budget is set. Tax-exempt forms and reimbursement forms are available in the APT mailbox. The mailboxes have been moved to the teacher's lounge. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email Maureen.

Secretary's Report- Maureen Knipe

Thanks to everyone for their timely reports. It is much appreciated. If you have any report for the next meeting, please get it to Maureen so she can add it to the minutes.

Teacher's Report- Laura Schlemm

We have had a great start to the year. Thank you for the great back-to-school luncheon. NWEA testing is almost finished. If you want to find out your child's results, please contact his/her teachers.

Spirit of 67 liaison- Brenda Marwede and Michelle Glyman

Brenda discussed the mission of the Spirit of 67 and how it is a separate entity from the APT. She encouraged everyone to become a member. The amount of the donation does not matter. There are different levels of membership. Hopefully everyone received their invitation in the mail for the fall luncheon. It is to be held on Oct.23rd. The website is www.spiritof67foundaton.org

Membership and New Family- Laura Werner, Hope Hart and Heather Upchurch

There is a new family coffee today immediately following this meeting. The Kindergarten play date was well attended. Thanks to Michelle Glyman for securing the Rec. Center. We are hoping to have a new family section on the school website.

Food Service- Catherine Yehle and Jill Marquardt

Lunchroom coverage is going well. Thanks to all the volunteers.

Board of Education liaisons- Barb Mockus and Karen McGowan

Each quarter we are given the unique opportunity to share our ideas with the President of our Board of Education (BOE), Harry Griffith. This year, we are your Board of Education Liaisons. You are encouraged to provide us with your feedback related to the district as a whole. We will open a dialog with the President to share this information (or get you in touch with any local contacts should you need assistance). Areas that relate specifically to Sheridan school should be directed to Dr. Shinn, or members of the Sheridan staff.

Now that school has started, we are eager to collect your ideas and feedback to share at our October 19th meeting with Dr. Griffith. Please forward any comments to Barbara Mockus at mockus@sbcglobal.net or Karen McGowan at McGowan_M@SBCGlobal.net

Again, please note that the feedback or ideas reported to your BOE Liaisons should be issues that impact all of District 67. When providing your comments, you may keep in mind areas such as: overall school climate, student policies and practices, curriculum, administration, communication, safety and health, etc.

Please include any contact information, to allow for additional clarification, questions or follow-up.

We appreciate your input and look forward to serving as your 2009 BOE Liaisons.

Celebration Birthday Book Club- Linda Medema and Camile Mayer

The 1st of this year's Celebration Birthday Book Club letters went home in the backpacks last week. Last year, 90+ books were added to the Sheridan IRC thanks to our generous Sheridan families. We hope to do as well this year.

Fall Family Picnic- Lisa Cervieri and Missy Saalfield

Quick update on the fall family social -just over 100 families/ 375 people rsvp'd to the event. Left Banks hot dog cart will be at the event and 20 APT members volunteered to make desserts.

Time Zone- Kathy Ivinjack and Beth Laufenberg

TIME ZONE CALENDAR:

K - feb 25,26

1 - nov 12,13

2 - may 13,18

3 - jan 26,27

4 - mar 23,24

These dates were shared with parents at curriculum night, as well as a request for volunteers. If the list is not complete, room parents will be following up with classroom parents to fill any spots. This is a change from last year's format in which TIME ZONE coordinators were responsible for finding all of the volunteers.

Similar to last year's TIME ZONE, the programs will take place at the Deer Path Middle School building, in the east wing. There will be 2 sessions each day. The first session will run from 9:30 - 11 and the second session will run from 12:30 - 2. Parent volunteers must arrive 30 minutes prior to the program start time in order to prepare their stations.

Fine Arts Committee- Kim Carden and Kristin Fitzgerald

Three Fine Arts performances will take place this school year including The Mime Company, September 23rd at 1:15pm; Honest Abe, February 4th (a.m. time pending) and Birthplace of Rhythm, March 25th at 1:15pm. These performances are presented by District 67 and the Spirit of 67 and funded through the generosity of the parent community. Parents are welcome to attend.

LEAD- Barb Mockus and Paulette Harris

Our first meeting of the year is November 10th at 9:15 am. The title is "Building resiliency in our children" for ages 2-12 by Lauren Bondy and Karen Jacobson. She has check for conflicts with LEAD,

Spirit and the district calendar but if you know of any unique conflicts

with Gorton or big churches around town, please let us know asap.

School Supply Coordinators- Nancy Allard and Anne Dahlgren

A total of 179 Schoolpak kits, as well as 27 additional items (backpacks, calculators, Ziploc bags) were ordered and delivered to Sheridan School for the start of the 2009-2010 school year. They were delivered to each school room, with a remarkably smooth process carried out by the company, from beginning to end

There were very little problems, except for some confusion and difficulties initially on the company's website. However, 100% of the orders that were placed successfully online, or by calling SchoolPak, were completed and delivered successfully.

If anyone has any comments, concerns, or ideas for improving SchoolPak, please let either Nancy or Anne know.

Sheridan Dates to note:

Monday October 12th, no school

Wednesday October 21st, Next APT meeting 9am

Friday October 30th, Sheridan Halloween Party 6-8pm.