

## Lake Forest High School APT Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2008

District Offices

**Members Present:** Chrystal Gannon, Katie Begley, Jan Richman, Karla Schwartz, Terri Karst, Ana Kapoor, Tracy Tolmie, Leslie Moran, Donna Johnson, Marcy Kerr, LuAnn Blowers, Judy Telander, Debbie Taylor, Jill Moutvic, Julia Fiske Parker, Linda Ganshirt, Mary Flagstad, Donna LaVitola, Pam Salm, Jeanne Burke, Laurie Sirus, Mary Kay Jaekel, Mary Sanders

**Members Absent:** Claire Wheatley, Kathy Dasso, Sue Wagener, Marianne Stride, Tami Zylka, Laura Cox, Audrey Ohanesian, Sarah Glynn

Chrystal Gannon called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.

**President, Chrystal Gannon** reported that several class meetings had been held and all were attended well. She thanked the Hospitality Committee: Jill Moutvic, Julia Fiske Parker, and Linda Ganshirt, for serving dinner to 200 staff members on the eve of Open House.

**Secretary, Jan Richman** made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 10<sup>th</sup> APT Board meeting. First given by Judy Karst and a second given by Katie Begley. Motion passed with all approving.

**Treasurer, Terry Karst** stated that financially little had transpired this month except for a few hospitality expenses. Additionally, she mentioned that if anyone drops any items in the APT box at the high school to send her an email to check the box. Chrystal Gannon asked for an update next month regarding our Vanguard Money Market account in light of the current financial environment. See attached monthly financial report.

**Principal, Jay Hoffman** thanked all who helped make the Open House a success. He stated that October 15<sup>th</sup> will be a busy day on campus where the freshmen will have orientation activities, sophomores will have the PLAN test, juniors will have PSAT testing, and the seniors will have a late start at 11:30am. Also, the Sister School Partnership Reception will occur at 10:00am with the Consul General of China and U.S. Representative Mark Kirk in attendance. November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm will be the Community Open House. All are welcome to attend the Emotional Wellness Initiative Conversation on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Dean and Student Council Advisor, Laura Clegg** addressed the Board regarding the upcoming Homecoming Festivities the week of October 14th. Student Council has worked hard to allow for exciting activities for the students as follows:

Tuesday: Class distinction dress up day

Wednesday: Sports Jersey Day

Thursday: 80's Day

Friday: Blue Gold Day and Pep Rally in the Competition Gym at 2:10pm,  
Football game at 7:30pm against Zion-Benton High School  
Saturday: Homecoming Dance 8-11pm

**CROYA, Chris Torrence** reported that tonight, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm is 50's night at the CROYA meeting. Poinsettia sale has begun. APT purchases them every year. Please sign-up on list-serve and visit their website CROYA.com.

**Faculty Liaison, Barb Selvaggio** announced that the counseling staff had met with all freshmen in a small group format. The junior parent meeting was held last night and covered subjects including testing and Naviance. She stated that the seniors are doing a great job on the college process as a whole. The sophomores will be taking the Campbell Interest Inventory test today with results available in December.

**LF/LB Underage Drinking Coalition, Stacy Vermylen** presented a short film to the Board that was impactful. Kids in our community are drinking heavier than the national average. Parents need tools to deal with the kids and the DVD provides a reason to open the dialogue. The film will be incorporated into the health curriculum for all freshmen.

**Directory/Membership, Mary Flagstad** stated that the directory would be mailed out in early November. She added that all staff information had been received and that due to the new phone system not fully in place, that faculty phone numbers will be omitted but available on the website.

**Special Events Chairs, Donna La Vitola and Pam Salm** announced the annual parent social and fundraiser, "Be True To Your School", is scheduled for Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Deer Path Inn at 5:00pm. The invitations have been mailed to all LFHS homes. The evening will include dinner, raffle, silent and live auctions. This year each Class Parent Representative will be responsible for a live auction item. All funds will be disbursed to the class treasuries based on attendance of each class at the event. The committee is still accepting donations. Chris Torrence of CROYA will be the auctioneer.

**Parent/Student Awareness, Debbie Taylor** spoke about Red Ribbon Week, which commences October 27<sup>th</sup>. LEAD will be starting a Webinar Series scheduled the first Monday night of each month at 7:00pm.

**Nominating, Sally Frese** reported that the APT Board slate will be previewed in January, revised in February, represented in March, and the Board will vote in April. The nominating committee will be filling President, Vice-President, and Corresponding Secretary positions.

**Communications, Anne Whipple** stated that Instant Alert had been tested. Nutrakids has started. All Homecoming activities are on the LFHS website. On October 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a seminar at west campus on how to navigate Powerschool.

**President, Chrystal Gannon** pointed out that the Library has sponsored Read Week during the week of October 27<sup>th</sup>, periods 4,5,6. The program has been titled, “Books with Bite”. Our next board meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup> will feature guest speaker, Janie Jerch, President of LFEA.

**Hospitality Committee, Julia Parker** submitted the following report:

The Hospitality Committee welcomed 200 teachers and staff to supper served before Open House. On October 15<sup>th</sup> the Hospitality committee will provide and serve refreshments at the “Gala” welcoming our new Mandarin staff to D115. The Gala will take place in the Commons area at East Campus. The committee is also planning the “Welcome Back Tea” for last year’s returning seniors on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Corresponding Secretary, Karla Schwartz** submitted the following report:

The LFHS Highlights Labeling Committee met on September 26<sup>th</sup> to label and prepare the October Highlights for mailing. The next meeting is scheduled for November 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm and is open to all. Condolence cards were sent to the Randall Hammett Family and Bruce and Mary Hamming. A note of “get well” wishes was sent to Tommy Myers.

**Sophomore Class Representative, Tracy Tolmie** submitted the following report:

The Sophomore Class Parent meeting was held on September 17<sup>th</sup> with about 100 parents attending. The topic was “Sophomore Year: Building a Foundation for Success” and covered testing sequence, the PLAN test, and service opportunities. The next meetings topic is, “Street Smarts-Parents, Teens and the Law”. A committee of five parents has been appointed to organize the Sophomore Class live auction item, Bocce & Bistro Party for Be True to Your School. The student council is planning a JDRF Diabetes Walk on October 5<sup>th</sup> at Independence Grove, after school pizza sale, soup Kitchen service project in November, and possibly a service project to support bicycle donations in disadvantaged countries.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42am.

Respectfully submitted  
Jan Richman, Recording Secretary