

MINUTES

LEPAC General Meeting
Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Council

April 14, 2010

LEPAC Executive Attendees:

Co-Presidents: Alix Kibble, Marissa Day
Vice-President: Deborah McLellan
COPACS Representatives: Angie Zemanek, Shannon Husk
Volunteer Coordinator: Kathryn Watson
Healthy Schools Coordinator: Jennifer Wilson
Secretary: Carmen W.

Regrets – Treasurer: Danielle Cooper

LEPAC Attendees:

Mary Ellen Ross, Jo-el Brooks, Jenny Hancock, Don Mellings, Liz Adams

Guests:

Saanich Police Inspector Brett Fryer, Vice-Principal Donna Collett,

I. Welcome

Everyone was welcomed by Alix and Marissa at 6:28pm.

II. Guest Speaker from Saanich Police Department – Inspector Brett Fryer

- Saanich Police is going through a community planning process with input requested from the Saanich community via an on-line survey.
- Saanich Police provided an informational letter that can be sent electronically to greater LEPAC community for their input.
- Survey must be completed by May 15, 2010.

III. Reports

A. Co-President Report

Item	Description
Family Dance Night	Our 1980's Themed Dance was a huge success with nearly \$1000 raised. It was great seeing those "great" 80's fashions again... Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped man the door, sell and serve food, run games and bake cupcakes.
Spirit Wear	The executive has just begun the exciting process of order new "Spirit Wear" for our Lochside student's and their families. A variety of items sporting our new "Lizard Logo" will be available. We hope to have full details by the end of the month.
Garage Sale	The date for our annual garage sale has been confirmed as

	Saturday May 8 th . Door will open at 9am! Tables will be sold at a cost of \$20 for the first table and \$15 for each additional table. Details will be coming home in our children's backpacks very shortly!
Executive Elections	Elections for LEPAC Executive take place at our next meeting on May 19 th . To date, no one has come forward for any of the following positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Healthy Schools Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator or COPACS Representative(s). If you are interested in running for any of these positions please let us know either in person, or by e-mail at lochsidepac@sd63.bc.ca !
School Supplies	Please watch for 2010-2011 School Supply Order Forms in your child's backpack over the next few days. Orders are due back by Friday May 7 th at the latest. We regret we are unable to process late orders.

B. COPACS Report – from April 1, 2010 COPACS General Meeting

1) There was no Election of COPACS Executive officers because no one is currently running. Barb Lund will stay on as past president and Beth Sangara will stay on as past treasurer. If anyone is interested in running please let me know and I can give them a nomination form. Nomination forms are also available on the COPACS website.

2) Discussion of the (BCCPACS) **BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils** Resolutions Booklet. LEPAC proxy will be carried by Jacqueline Peacock from Claremont at the BCCPACS AGM.

3) A Grandparents raising Grandchildren group is starting up: Thursday, May 13th from 7-9pm at Place: Saanich Schools Education Centre (SEC) 6843 Central Saanich Road, Central Saanich, BC V8Z 5V4 Located behind Keating Elementary School

This first gathering will be to see if **GRG** are interested in a **Grandparents' Advisory Council** with workshops, activities, guest speakers, coffee, tea, and exchange of information and ideas?

Future locations, dates and times will be discussed.
Babysitting will be provided on request.

RSVP to **Barb Lund**, COPACS Past-President
balund@shaw.ca or 250-658-6795
Please leave your name, phone number and email.

This event is sponsored and supported by:
UVic Professor Barb Whittington of the School of Social Work
The Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils of Saanich COPACS)

There is also a talk of starting a Non-traditional Parenting group (Divorced families, Gay/Lesbian)

4) COPACS is asking for PACS to tell their COPACS reps more changes they would like to see occur at a district level??? Please provide input? An idea put forth by a parent from Lochside was that parents should be able to provide input on the hiring of school principals.

5) COPACS would like input on where they see COPACS going? What support are you as parents willing to give?

6) Is anyone interested in sitting on a BCCPACS committee to help the resolutions go through?

Shannon, Co-COPACS representative for Lochside School

C. Vice-Principal Report

School Calendar

- Full School Calendar is on the Zimbra website and hi-lights include:
 - UVic Track Meet – June 8
 - Field Events (at Lochside school) – June 10
 - Talent Show – afternoon June 24 & 25
 - Fun Day – morning June 25
- LEPAC Calendar is also being maintained on LEPAC website.

ACT: LEPAC/Lochside Administration to consider moving to a single online calendar. To be reviewed in June.

School Successes

- Maturation Talks for Grade 4's and 5's.
- WITS for Primary/Conflict Resolution – sessions with Police Liaison Const. Jana Sawyer
- Juvenile Diabetes Fundraiser – very successful!
- Cross Country – about 60 children.

Discussion Items

- Budget Information – spreadsheet outlining potential cuts presented.
- Parents encouraged to review budget information and attend meeting on April 21 – Public Budget Meeting at Bayside, 7:00pm
- May 5 will be the Board Meeting with approval of budget and submission to Ministry of Education by June 30, 2010.

IV. General Business

A. Charitable Organizations Discussion and Vote for 2010/11.

Lochside school community would like to support two major fundraising events for charitable organizations each year. Following presentations, a discussion and vote will take place.

Autism Awareness and Education - Mary Ellen, Jo-el, Jenny, Lisa

- Charity funds would be for Autism Community Training (ACT),
- April is Autism awareness month (April 2 – blue shirt for Autism) – fundraising activity would likely take place early April.

Samaritan's Purse - Angie

- Christian organization – sends shoebox that students/families fill with small useful items to children in developing communities that may not otherwise receive a gift at Christmas. (\$7 shipping/shoebox)
- Mid-November time frame.

World Vision - Angie

- Potentially classroom based.
- Anytime of year but typically December.

Gastrointestinal Disorders (including Crohn's disease)

- Affects a child at Lochside.
- NOTE: Representative was unable to present at LEPAC meeting.

Open discussion was held prior to vote.

Secret ballot vote was held: Autism (ACT) and World Vision selected.

B. BCCPAC Resolutions

Discussion was held. Results are as follows:

Resolutions 1 – 3, abstain.

Resolutions:

4. Carried
5. Other
6. Defeated
7. Carried
8. Defeated
9. Carried
10. Carried
11. Carried

C. 2 Week Spring Break

- Parents are encouraged to respond on SD63 website with feedback.

V. Review and Approval of February and March Minutes

A. February Minutes

Minutes of February 2010 meeting (as distributed on March 1, 2010) were distributed for review. **Motion** by Jen to approve Minutes. Seconded by Marissa. Motion Carried.

COPACS representative requested that the first bullet under COPACS be moved to the last bullet and changed to reflect accuracy of "COPACS meeting attendees discussed the impact of the BCTF letter that was sent home with children regarding FSAs."

Motion to move and make change made by Angie, seconded by Carmen. All in favour.

Additional feedback has been received from a parent who attended the February meeting. A 'track changes' document of the original meeting minutes and feedback was circulated for review. All feedback/changes were individually reviewed and discussed.

Motion made by Jen 'to approve the following changes'. Seconded by Angie. Passed by majority.

1. Add "based on draft sent on March 1, 2010" to heading.
2. Under Constitution Changes Item #2 (discussion section, second paragraph) remove second paragraph.
3. Under Constitution Changes Item #2 (discussion section, fourth paragraph) remove name of member who reported feedback from the floor.
3. Rephrase second ACT(ion) on page 2 to more accurately reflect what speaker stated.
4. Under COPACS remove second bullet.
5. A number of typographical errors were noted corrected throughout the document.

B. March Minutes

Reviewed. Typographical errors corrected.

Motion made to approve and accept by Jen. Seconded by Shannon. Motion carried.

VI. New Business

A. Plant Sales

MOTION: Kathryn motioned "to spend up to \$499 to purchase plants that will be sold at the now-called "Garage and Bedding Plant Sale". Seconded by Shannon. Motion passed. (\$499 will be recovered during plant sales with a profit expected). If this is in a report – should it be moved to "New Business?"

VII. Co-President Alix adjourned the meeting at 8:56 pm

Next meeting - Wednesday, May 19, 2010 from 6:30 to 8pm.
Child care will be available.