

MINUTES (based on draft sent March 1, 2010)

LEPAC General Meeting
Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Counsel

February 17, 2010

Attendees:

Alix Kibble, Marissa Day, Carmen W., Danielle Cooper, Jennifer Wilson, Kathryn Watson, Angie Zemanek, Barb Lund, Principal Don MacDonald, Vice-Principal Donna Collett

Regrets: Deborah McLellan

I. Welcome

Everyone was welcomed by Alix and Marissa at 6:31pm.

II. Minutes

Minutes of January 2010 meeting were reviewed and approval was moved by Carmen and seconded by Kathryn. Motion Carried.

III. General Business

A. General Business

Item	Description
Upcoming Events	Juvenile Diabetes Week <ul style="list-style-type: none">March 22 - 26 School Dance – March 26 <ul style="list-style-type: none">ACT: Determine a theme something the children can relate too. Movie Night – April 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none">More information to come
Voting: Jersey	Motion – Taking enough money from the legacy fund to cover the number of jersey's necessary to provide for 1 jersey for child needed.
Constitution Changes	
<i>Item 1 – Legacy Fund Expenditure:</i> <i>As a member of LEPAC I support the use of necessary funds from LEPAC Legacy Fund for the purchase of an additional 30 school jerseys.</i>	
<i>Item 2 – COPACS change to the Constitution</i> <i>As a member of LEPAC I support the following change to the LEPAC Constitution. Section V EXECUTIVE subsection 1 f) COPACS Delegate(s) will be changed to read:</i> <i>"One of two delegates shall be elected, however as their primary responsibility is liaison with COPACS their attendance at LEPAC meetings is not mandatory and therefore they will not carry a vote at the Executive Meetings."</i>	

Item 3 – Healthy Schools Coordinator Change to the Constitution

As a member of LEPAC I support the following changes to the LEPAC Constitution:

Section V EXECUTIVE subsection 1 h) will be added and will read:

"h) Healthy Schools Coordinator

i) One delegate shall be elected and shall carry one vote at Executive Meetings"

AND

Section V, subsection 2b) which reads "Vitality Committee Representative..." shall be removed.

Item #2 LEPAC Co-President (Alix) indicated that she has received feedback regarding Vote Item #2 that indicates further discussion is required. She is asking that Item #2 be tabled until further input and discussion can be received.

Carmen confirmed that in suggesting changes to the LEPAC Constitution, all steps and procedures, as per the LEPAC Constitution were followed.

Feedback from the floor indicates that there are some parents who are not comfortable with the current communication from LEPAC. All LEPAC executive members in attendance indicated that they want to ensure LEPAC is welcoming.

Item #2 is tabled.

Item #3 Item #3 is also tabled - Due to interlink between Item #2 and Item #3.

Item #2 and #3 **ACT: Item #2, Item #3** Further discussion and review to be held.

ACT: LEPAC Executive to follow-up regarding feedback from the floor that LEPAC meetings are unsafe for parents to ask questions.

Item #1 Carmen read the motion & moved it be voted upon. It was seconded by Kathryn.
YES - Unanimous vote

COPACS Report

- SD63 Board Policies, 2210-External Funding, 2220-Fundraising and 3000-Special Education are being revised. Draft policies will be discussed on March 3rd at the Board meeting.

	<p>ACT: Parents - If parents would like to provide any feedback they can contact Angie Zemanek via LEPACEXEC@Shaw.ca</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Keep checking the bulletin board for COPACS updates. ▪ COPACS meeting attendees discussed the impact of the BCTF letter that was sent home with children regarding FSAs.
Times Colonist Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lochside has registered as a team, 10K & 1.5K kids fun run. ▪ Runners get a TC t-shirt with the NEW Lochside Lizards logo on the back. ▪ Deadline is March 23rd!!! ▪ Best display of school spirit can win a \$1,000 prize from Island Farm!
LEPAC's Temporary email address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ LEPAC was abruptly disconnected from our web provider ▪ Training is underway to switch to SD63 (Moodle). ▪ Due to communication gaps, LEPAC General Minutes have not been posted but will be posted on new LEPAC website within the month. ▪ ACT: Alix to ensure minutes and other info posted on new website. ▪ New (but temporary) email address is LEPACEXEC@SHAW.CA
Jerseys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will arrive on Tuesday! ▪ Due to high cost, shirts will be signed out at the beginning of each sports 'season'.

B. Reports

Item	Description
Newsletter	LEPAC and Lori (new Admin for school) will be working together to create a school-wide e-mail group for distribution of items including our Newsletter. Classroom reps have been contacted requesting a copy of their class contact information. This month we were able to distribute our Newsletter by e-mail to all but 3 divisions! We are getting there!
Thrifty's Smile Cards	Thanks to all of the Lochside families who have been using their Thrifty's Smile Cards to purchase their groceries, we have reached our \$3000 goal!! The sunspace anxiously awaits its "facelift".
Sunspace	Thank you to Claremont – Doug Beston – former Lochside students will be building benches similar to that which is in the library for the sunspace. Interior decorating plans are underway. Yippee.

IV. Principal Report: Jan. 20/10

A. School Successes

- Technology Professional Development Jan 7 & 8
- Ready Set Learn Jan 19
- Family Literacy Day Jan 29
- Kindergarten registrations (36 - in-catchment, 8 – sibling kindergarteners)
- District School Planning Meeting Feb 3
- Artist In Residence Feb 8 – Mar 4
- Symphony gr. 4/5 Feb 10
- Lochside Olympic Opening Ceremony Feb 12

B. Information Items

- NID Feb. 19 (Lochside district host)
- ESL Luncheon Feb. 23
- Hot Lunch Feb. 26
- SPC 9:00 – 10:30 Mar 1 Reading Recovery Room
- Elementary Swim Meet Mar. 3, 12 – 3ish
- SPC Mar 3, 7:00-8:00pm in library
- Basketball Jamboree Mar. 5
- Spring Break Mar. 8-12
- NID/SPC – staff/parent meeting Mar 15
- Fire Dept Mar 16 with gr. 1 and 3 classes
- LEPAC mtg Mar 17 6:30 – 8
- Grade 5 parent mtg re: grade 5 camp 7pm, Mar 18
- Juvenile Diabetes fundraiser – March 22-26
- Early Dismissal Mar. 24
- WITS for Primary classes Mar. 25
- Family Dance Mar. 26
- Reports go home Mar. 29-Apr. 1
- Easter Weekend April 2-5
- conflict resolution Apr. 1
- Movie Nite April 9

C. Discussion Items

- **School Planning 2010 - 2011**
 - Preliminary meetings have taken place
 - Further discussion is planned for March
 - Large open-format meeting to discuss the school plan will be held on March 15, 2010 and will include parents/teachers/EA's/administration.
- **Triangle of Life**
 - The Triangle of Life group has been circulating information stating: Earthquake preparedness in Saanich is not safe.
 - Don has confirmed with SD 63 Safety – Saanich is following Red Cross safety protocol and those conditions have been met including that the school earthquake kits are stored in a 'safe zone'.

- **District Budget 2010 - 2011**
 - Projected \$3.6 – 4 million budget *deficit* in addition to a \$3.6 million cut last year.
 - Cuts will be visible this year and will be significant.
 - **ACT: Parents** must get involved in the budget process. There will be a budget meeting on April 21 at 7pm at Bayside Middle School. At this meeting the board will be looking for guidance and insight.

- **FSA Testing**
 - For the first time, at Lochside, there were some parents who requested exemptions for their students.

- **Families going on holidays during school time**
 - Don stated that some parents who are going away for 2 – 3 weeks are asking teachers for homework that their child will miss.
 - Don's policy is that *'teachers can not provide that kind of homework'*. Teachers teach in a way that they cannot provide a 'worksheet' package that would be of assistance because teacher's don't teach like that and it is much more interactive and the student will not be getting the accompanying instruction.
 - It was also stated that the student is going on vacation... they should enjoy their vacation.

- **School Supplies**
 - HST will become effective July 1 and will impact school supply orders that are received in the fall.
 - Lochside will likely order and receive school supply orders prior to the end of the 2009/10 school year but will store the packages until the fall thereby escaping the HST.

V. New Business

A. No New Business

VI. Co-President Marissa adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm

Next meeting - Wednesday, March 17, 2010 from 6:30 to 8pm.
Child care will be available.