

# Draft - MINUTES

LEPAC General Meeting  
Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Counsel

November 18, 2009

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## Attendees:

Alix Kibble, Marissa Day, Kathryn Watson, Deborah McLellan, Carmen W., Don Mellings, Principal Don MacDonald, Julie Marriott, Shannon Bridge, Sonja McHugh, Anne Pappas, Angie Zemanek, Vanessa Thompson

**Absent:** Danielle Cooper (away), Jennifer Wilson (sick)

## I. Welcome

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

## II. Minutes

Minutes of October 2009 meeting were reviewed and approval was moved by Alix and seconded by Kathryn. Motion Carried.

## III. Guest Speaker

Julie Marriott – Sexual Health and Our Children of All Ages.

- Julie provided an insightful talk discussing the sexual health of our children including the thoughts to start early talking to your kids, be open, be honest, be factual. You may wish to also use books:
  - Meg Hickling – *Boys and Girls & Body Science* – (preschooler to gr. 3ish)
  - Karen Gravelle - *What's Going On Down There?* (for boys – about grade 6ish and up)
  - Lynda Madaras - *Ready, Set, Grow.* (for girls Grade 4-6ish)
  - Dr. Laura Berman – *The Sex Ed Handbook* – downloadable from Oprah.com
- Don and Julie stated that schools do teach sexual education (but varies by school) but schools can't replace what parent's values are and share that with their children.

## IV. General Business

### A. General Business

Item	Description
School Planning Council Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 3 parent representatives are required.</li><li>▪ 1 of the 3 must be from the LEPAC Executive.</li><li>▪ Nominees are: Claudia Smith, Carmen W., Jennifer Wilson,</li><li>▪ Floor was opened to more nominees. No names forwarded.</li><li>▪ Anne motioned to accept 3 stated nominees, Angie seconded. Motion carried.</li></ul>

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Charitable Donations	<p>Angie outlined two suggestions: Samaritan’s Purse (for next year, deadline passed for this year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Non-denominational- Fill a shoebox with items that a child in an underprivileged country may like: toothbrushes, small toys, t-shirts, etc.</li><li>▪ Meaningful because your child can pick out the items.</li><li>▪ Shipping fee is \$7/box, generally raised by easy fundraising or donations.</li></ul> <p>World Vision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Classes can pick out what they want to pay</li><li>▪ Strictly monetary so the classes have to find ways to fundraise. (can be done up until Christmas)</li></ul> <p>It was agreed these are very worthwhile charities. A question was raised about ‘Christmas messaging’ – we should take care of our own community first. And there may be some families that are not able to donate so then they may have additional stress or be placed in an awkward situation.</p> <p>Don explained that Lochside annually is committed to: Terry Fox run - September Blankets and Bounty - December Mustard Seed – February Penny Drive (Foster child) – February</p> <p>In addition, Lochside asked for charity requests last year for this year and there was only 2 that came forward: Cops for Cancer – held in September Juvenile Diabetes Research – fundraiser is planned for the spring.</p> <p>ACT: LEPAC and Lochside newsletters will place requests for charitable organizations in April/May for the following school-year. It must be communicated to parents that Lochside will identify two worthwhile charities per year (above the annual commitments).</p> <p>It was determined that LEPAC should be the ‘gatekeeper’ of the requests.</p>
Policy 1100/ Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ November 25, 2009 at Royal Oak Middle School, 6:45 – 9:00</li><li>▪ ACT: Alix, Marissa will attend. Possibilities include Carmen and Kathryn.</li></ul>
Banner / Jersey Update	<p><u>Banner:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Alix unveiled the banner image</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The 2' X 10' banner will be unveiled on Dec. 18 at the assembly.</li> <li>▪ Thanks to Don M. for connecting us with Mick of M2Media Ltd.</li> </ul> <p><u>Jersey:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Company selection is currently taking place with sample jerseys being viewed.</li> <li>▪ End of January is the goal.</li> </ul>
Upcoming Events	<p><u>Scholastic Book Fair:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Nov. 26 – 30.</li> <li>▪ Almost all volunteer positions are filled.</li> </ul> <p><u>Holiday Gift Shop:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 3 days, no 1/2 price</li> <li>▪ Donation will be determined.</li> </ul>
Discuss Reports (See attached: <b>B. Reports</b> )	

**B. Reports**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>
Gone Shopping	A great (fun)draising opportunity! Please don't forget to check out <a href="http://www.goneshopping.ca">www.goneshopping.ca</a> for great ideas for litterless lunches and other "green products". Just enter our school code - lochside09 - at check out and all items will be shipped directly to the school at the end of the month. Gone Shopping will donate 20% of all sales to LEPAC! Deadline for orders is Nov 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
Movie Night	This year's movie night was a great success. Lochside families were treated to a fun evening of Mexican food and Ice Age 3! A HUGE thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who spent hours setting up, popping pop corn, serving and selling food and scrubbing dishes. A special note of thanks to Villages Pizza who generously donated all the cheese and tomatoes.
Milk Program	Thanks to Tawney G., Lochside's Milk Program is now up and running. Currently milk is being delivered on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you would like your child to receive milk but missed the deadline for the current session, please check your child's backpack in January for order forms.

## VI. Principal Report: Nov. 18/09

### A. School Successes

- Parent/teacher conferences – Nov. 3, 4, 5
- Remembrance Day assembly
- Indoor Soccer Jamboree at Claremont – 65 kids (60% of grade 4/5)
- Movie Night – Thanks to Deborah and Tawney – (next one: March 19)
- Report Cards

### B. Information Items

- NID – Nov. 20
- Book Fair- Nov. 26 – 30
- Hot Lunch – Nov. 27
- Report Cards go home – Nov. 30 – Dec. 4
- Blankets and Bounty/Christmas Caroling – Dec. 10
- Popcorn Day – Dec. 11
- Gift Shop – Dec. 14 – 17
- Claremont Concert Band Performance – Dec. 17
- Assembly – Dec. 18 – 10am
- Hot Lunch – Dec. 18
- Last Day of classes – Dec. 18

### C. Discussion Items

- **Technology Lochside**
  - Most of the hardware is in, difficulty printing legal size documents, thanks to PAC for \$2000 to have 12 projectors, all 4/5, all 3's, 1 for every 2 grade k & 1 & 2 classes,
- **School Planning Council**
  - Process has changed in our district. Used to be a new plan each year but due to cutbacks and time required – the SD63 board is that each zone (south, central, north) will do a formal school plan every 3 years. South zone (that is Lochside) – will be doing the plan this year.
  - Don will be working with newly elected SPC members and will likely have the working-morning meeting with teachers, support staff, and parents on March 8.
- **Retiring Staff in December**
  - 2 long term staff members retiring – 1 is teacher, 1 is support staff members. Does PAC wish to formally acknowledge and thank the staff members?
- **Green Team**
  - New name of recycling team.

- SD 63 is working with a new company that as of January 1 will provide recycling containers for: compostable, hard plastic, soft plastic, garbage, etc.
  
- **H1N1**
  - There have been students at Lochside with H1N1
  - Last year at this time there was 8–10% of kids absent (22 – 30 kids)
  - This year there is 3 – 5% of students absent (9 -12 kids)
  - Yes, this year there is less absenteeism.

**VII. New Business**

**A. No New Business**

**VIII. Co-President Alix adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm**

There is no LEPAC meeting in December

Next meeting - Wednesday, January 20, 2009 from 6:30 to 8pm.  
Child care will be available.