

Draft - MINUTES

LEPAC General Meeting
Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Counsel

October 21, 2009

Attendees:

Alix Kibble, Marissa Day, Kathryn Watson, Deborah McLellan, Carmen W., Danielle Cooper, Jennifer Wilson, Don Mellings, Principal Don MacDonald

I. Welcome

Everyone was welcomed by Alix and Marissa at 6:32pm.

II. Minutes

Minutes of September 2009 meeting were reviewed and approval was moved by Danielle and seconded by Deborah. Motion Carried.

IV. General Business

A. General Business

Item	Description
New VP Introduction COPACS Reps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Deborah McLellan has been appointed as the LEPAC VP.Angie and Shannon are COPACS reps. COPACS announcement that the Policy Involvement Meeting (formerly known as Policy 1100) has been cancelled from October 28 and rescheduled to Nov. 25 – 7-9pm at Royal Oak Middle School.
Milk Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Milk Program Update – will be twice a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays starting November 10)Tawney G. is the new Milk coordinatorShannon Husk will also be helping TawneyWill require volunteers after initial setup.At this time, the students do not have a role in the milk program besides drinking the milk.
Upcoming Events:	<u>Movie Night:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Deborah is organizing.Nov. 13 confirmed – Ice Age 3 – Dawn of the DinosaursIf can get 3D glasses donated will show the movie in 3D else will be regular version.Don suggested having Donation bucket for the Mustard Seed.LEPAC cannot charge for movie watching due to copyright laws.ACT: Marissa will get Posters for DeborahACT: Kathryn will get food volunteers as the food will be

	<p>more labour intensive than typical 'pizza' nights.</p> <p><u>Book Fair</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nov. 26, 27, 30 – In library
<p>Current Fundraising</p>	<p>Alix stated that LEPACs current fundraising has an objective of minimal involvement – i.e. parents don't need to work or return forms, etc. , not high pressure sales. There are 2 current fundraisers within these parameters:</p> <p><u>Cob's Bread</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ When you buy bread at Royal Oak Cobs Bread – just say that you're with Lochside and at the end of the year LEPAC will get 5% of total 'Lochside sales'. ▪ Parents will be notified in the LEPAC newsletter and additional information is on the LEPAC bulletin board. <p><u>Gone Shopping.ca</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jennifer is coordinating this opportunity as it promotes 'Green Living' – of all aspects of living ▪ An informational notice will be sent home. ▪ <i>GoneShopping.ca</i> has a many different containers for promoting litterless lunches ▪ LEPAC Sales opportunity will run from Nov. 1 – 22. ▪ Parents will enter the Lochside Code and everything will get shipped to Lochside and LEPAC volunteers will distribute. ▪ Don said that staff has noticed that there has been a huge decrease in juice boxes being sent to the school.
<p>Budget Approval</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Danielle noted that LEPAC has allocated Classroom Field Trip Money for 2009/10 of \$12.50/student – this is down from \$17.00 in 2008/09 as LEPAC's gaming funds were cut in half by the government. ▪ Don requested for \$2000 for projectors – this will be computer equipment/technology and will help to facilitate a better use of the new computers in the classrooms. <p>Alix moved to approve the LEPAC 2009/10 budget. Jennifer seconded. Motion Carried.</p>
<p>Sports Jersey's/Banner/Spirit Wear</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ACT: Deborah will be meeting with Jeff from Out of the Blue to get colour/quality samples and a <i>ball park</i> price for both sleeveless and short-sleeved jerseys. ▪ ACT: Alix and Marissa – will be getting a quote from a firm in North Saanich and from Steve Milroy (who did the Mural). ▪ Logo will hopefully be 2 or 3 colours, green, yellow and black. Logo is not yet finalized but the plan is to use the outline of the long wall with the cute dinosaur.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alix outlined that the objective is to have Lochside's jersey's, banner, spirit wear, and spirit mural with a similar logo. Those in attendance agreed that this is important.
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B. Reports

Item	Description
Entertainment Books	Despite a slow start to Entertainment Book Sales the fundraiser was a HUGE success with over 250 books being sold. Total funds raised for the school were \$2771.50. A Huge thank you to Cheryl Graham for organizing and executing this great fundraising program and thank you to all the parents who supported this fundraising effort!
Hot Lunch Program	This year's Hot Lunch Program is now in full swing with families participating. A Huge thank you to Debbie McLellan, our Hot Lunch Coordinator. Thanks also to the many parents who signed up to help out with our first Hot Lunch Day this yar. For those parents who wish to help at one of our upcoming Hot Lunch Days in November and December, there are sign-up sheets outside of each division.

VI. Principal Report

A. School Successes

- Cops for Cancer – raised over \$957
- Strong Start – a huge success-> 31 pre-schoolers attended today. Parking does not appear to be an issue.
- Walk to School Day – very successful, students love using the parking space for the day.
- Class Profile/IEP's Meetings – 25 designated students (those with IEP's). Class Profiles were completed in early October.
- New Technology at Lochside
 - EA's, teachers, and all classes have had training.
 - For Nov & Dec. will be a training/playing time for classes.

B. Information Items

- NID – Oct. 23
- Policy 1100 – changed to Nov. 25
- Halloween Safety – Oct. 29
- Wacky Hair/Hat Day – Oct. 30
- Early Dismissal 1:30 – Nov. 3, 4, 5.
- Remembrance Day Ceremony 10am, Nov. 10
- Remembrance Day – Nov. 11 – No School
- Popcorn Day – Nov. 13
- Family Movie Night – Nov. 13

- NID – Nov. 20
- Book Fair- Nov. 26 – 30
- Report Cards – Nov. 30 – Dec. 4

C. Discussion Items

• Technology Lochside

- 3 years ago the PAC purchased a laptop and a projector and it is very popular with many teachers using it but not enough projectors.
- With the new technology being installed this month there is no longer a requirement for laptops. To use the technology and the internet to it's full potential the goal is to have projectors in every grade 3 and 4/5 class. This will allow for readily-available projectors that the teachers can use in a most efficient and effective teaching manner. For the younger grades – 1 projector for each 2 classes.
- Cost is \$900/projector + cart.

• PA System

- A new PA system will be installed over the next 4 days.
- Yippee-Yahoo!

• Policy 1100 Meeting, Oct. 28

- Due to a variety of reasons the meeting has been changed to Nov. 25.
- Also called the Policy Involvement Meeting.

• H1N1 Flu

- Parents are doing a good job of keeping their children home.
- There have been confirmed cases at Lochside.
- If a child has the flu before they return to school it is recommended to be a minimum of 24 hours without any symptoms and an absence of 7 days.

• Kindergarten

- Saanich SD is considering a full-day kindergarten next year.
- If confirmed - there is a strong possibility that Lochside will have full day kindergarten next year. Parents may have an option of opting out to half day.
- All districts are mandated by the Ministry to have full-day kindergarten within 2 years.
- The decision for Saanich SD should be made/announced by January.

VII. New Business

A. Spiderweb/Play Structure

- Kathryn asked about the possibility of LEPAC getting a playground.
- Don will find out the status of having new play equipment

B. Rock area/play area

- Carmen asked what play areas/structures are for what grades?
- Don explained that the Rock area is for Grade 1's and 2's only.
- The rest of playground and play structures are open to everyone and all ages.

VIII. Co-President Alix adjourned the meeting at 8:02 pm

Next meeting - Wednesday, November 18, 2009 from 6:30 to 8pm.

Child care will be available.