

Draft – Minutes

LEPAC General Meeting
Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Council

Nov 17, 2010

Attendees:

Deb M, Jen Wilson, Mark Creswick, Don Mellings, Jennifer Vining, Donna Collett, Don MacDonald, Kathryn Watson, Alix Kibble, Danielle Cooper

Regrets: Carmen W.

I. Welcome

President Jen Wilson welcomed all parents present at 6:35

II. Minutes

Minutes of October 2010 meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve the minutes was moved by Kathryn Watson and seconded by Don Mellings and Deborah M. Motion Carried

III. President's Report

Movie Night was a huge success with approximately \$623 raised for the playground fund and \$214 raised in food sales.

Spirit Wear orders have been placed, but due to high order volume at supplier it will take time to get our order.

Jen Wilson attended the Policy 1100 meeting. COPACS introductions were made at the meeting. COPACS would like to know how can they help and rebuild bridges

IV. General Business

Legacy Vote

A brief recap on last month's discussion was given. Several years ago the Smile Card Program raised nearly \$22,000 and was put in a GIC. A Motion to approve spending remaining Legacy Funds (\$18,036.59) toward the purchase of new playground equipment was put forward by Don Mellings. Seconded by Danielle. Motion carried unanimously

Budget Vote

A brief budgetary report was given by Treasurer Don Mellings. A discussion took place regarding the level of fundraising still required for the playground. Mr. MacDonald pointed out that Spring Fairs normally raise \$2000-3000. It was suggested that fundraising goals for playground and spring fair may be ambitious. It was agreed that these numbers should be reduced. A motion was put forward by

Kathryn Watson to vote on the budget as amended. Seconded by Danielle Cooper. Motion carried unanimously.

Website

Jen Wilson reported that the district has requested that LEPAC have a page on school's website rather than having our own. Concerns about changing address again were raised. Newsletters are not there yet because file size exceeds max allowed. These changes will take place in the near future. We will update parents about the change in the next newsletter

Upcoming Events

The first Scholastic Book Fair of 2010 will take place on Thursday November 18th, Friday November 19th and Monday November 22nd.

Holiday Gift Shop

Discussion deferred until later in the meeting

V. Principal's Report

School Successes

Parent Teacher conferences were a great success. Lots of positive feedback from parents and teachers

Remembrance Day ceremony is an amazing student led assembly which showed great growth from children who have been at the school for several years. Even the Kindergarten students sat quietly and respectfully!

Soccer Jamboree is a great way to connect our students and past Lochside students.

Information Items

Don MacDonald asked PAC to assist with cookies for the Carols and Cookies evening in December. There will be a food hamper there for donations.

Discussion Items

Technology at Lochside. As of today, we will have a projector and document camera in every class from grades 1 to 5. Teachers are using it more and more. Instructional practices are changing. Teachers are embracing the use of the document cameras

Principal Transition. Don MacDonald is in contact with Joe Grewal via e-mail. The new Principal will be sending correspondence home with students before the holidays and he will meet with Mr. MacDonald over the holidays. Don will be available for "consultation" in to the month of January. Don thanked the PAC and in particular all the Past and Present presidents who have all worked in their own way to support the school, staff and teachers and parent group.

VI. Holiday Gift Shop Discussion

A parent has volunteered to coordinate. A discussion took place regarding the feasibility of holding the holiday gift shop in just under one month. Donna Collett pointed out that the students really get a lot out of this event. The decision was made that if the parent volunteer is willing to take this on then the Holiday Gift Shop is a “go ahead” It will be tailored by the volunteers who are working on it this year.

VII. Open Discussion

Deborah M provided those present with the 2011 Hot lunch dates. They are as follows: Jan 28th, Feb 25th, March 18th, April 29th, May 20th and June 24th.

It was agreed that Deborah would “train” a new parent to take over the hot lunch program as she will be leaving Lochside at the end of June.

VIII. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by President Jen Wilson at 7:43

There will be no LEPAC General Meeting in December

Next LEPAC General Meeting will be January 19th at 6:30pm