

Draft - MINUTES

LEPAC General Meeting
Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Committee

October 20, 2010

LEPAC Executive Attendees:

President:	Jen Wilson
Treasurer:	Don Mellings
Past-Treasurer:	Danielle Cooper
Secretary:	Carmen W.
Volunteer Coordinator:	Kathryn Watson

Regrets:

COPACS Co-Representative(s): Vacant, Healthy Schools Coordinator – Deborah McLellan, Vice-President – Alix Kibble

LEPAC Attendees: Shannon H., Shannon B., Mark C., Joanne M.

Guests:

Principal Don MacDonald, kindergarten teacher Helen Hawley, Guest Speaker Cale Copeland, Chiropractor Care (and Lochside parent)

I. Welcome

Everyone was welcomed by Jen at 6:30pm.

II. Field Trip Update: Kindergarten Teacher, Helen Hawley

- Current funding provides for just one basic field trip/year plus bus rental
- Many traditional destinations are for one class/event
- If parents are aware of good field trips that are reasonably priced and can accommodate multiple classes – please let Lochside staff know.

III. Guest Speaker Cale Copeland, Chiropractor Care: Backpack Care

- "Pack it Light, Wear it Right" program by BC Society of Chiropractor
- Parents need to be aware of problems that can be caused by improper backpack wear – try and suggest to kids to wear both backpack straps.
- Children should not carry more than 10% of body weight.

IV. Approval of September 15, 2010 Minutes

- Minutes distributed for review and discussion.
- **MOTION:** Danielle motioned to Approve Minutes, Seconded by Kathryn, voted and all in favour. Motion Carried.

V. Reports

A. President Report

- Full COPACS executive in place. The focus on COPACS this year will be to build bridges and connections. Supporting the work of PACs and linking PACs up to support each other.
- Lochside Elementary needs 2 COPACS representatives – if interested – please contact lochsidepac@sd63.bc.ca

- Parent Participation Event (Policy 1100) – Monday November 8, 7 – 9pm at Bayside. All parents are welcome.
- Terry Fox run on September 30th and raised \$534.
- Entertainment book - 303 books sold - \$3106.
- LEPAC may consider using the mini Coupon Book booklets next year.

B. Treasurer Report

- LEPAC Budget will be reviewed and voted on at November LEPAC meeting.

VI. General Business

A. Discussion of use of LEPAC GIC for playground purchase

- As of September 2010 – amount is \$18036.59
- Danielle stated that these funds were raised from the first year Thrifty Smile Cards were issued and at that time, it was decided by the families, that they would like to 'lock it in' so it could be used in the future for a tangible purchase – like a playground.
- No other suggestions have been received by any of the attendees for use of the funds.
- A motion will be put forward to vote at November 17,2010 LEPAC meeting to approve use of funds towards playground purchase.

B. School Planning Council

- An overview of the school planning council and the 2009-10 School Plan was provided.
- Only 3 volunteers have come forward. Carmen W., Jen Wilson, and Shannon Husk have volunteered to be the school planning representatives for the 2010/11.
- Kathryn motioned that Carmen, Shannon Husk, and Jen Wilson be parent representatives of the School Planning Council. Seconded by Danielle. Motion carried.

C. Movie Night

- November 5, 2010 - How to Train Your Dragon. Movie will begin showing at 6:15pm.
- Food will be served.

D. Lochside's Amazing Race

- Shannon Husk is looking for volunteers, suggestions on activities/date/cost
- Would be open to families with children of all ages

VII. Principal Report – October 20, 2010

School Successes

- Terry Fox Run
- Walk to School
- Indoor Soccer
- IEP meetings
- Class Profiles
- Technology at Lochside

Information Items

- Kindergarten bus safety – October 21
- NID - October 22
- Halloween Safety – October 25
- Photo re-takes – October 28
- District ESL dinner North Saanich – October 28
- Wacky Hair/Hat Day – October 29
- Movie Night – November 5, 5:30 – 8:00pm
- Indoor Soccer Jamboree – November 5
- Early Dismissal Day – November 8, 9, 10, 1:30pm
- Parent Participation Meeting (Policy 1100) – November 8, 2010 Location @ Bayside
- Remembrance Day Ceremony – November 10 @ 10am
- Remembrance Day – November 11
- NID – November 12
- LEPAC – November 17, 6:30 – 8pm
- Book Fair – November 18, 19, 22
- Hot Lunch – November 26

Discussion Items

Technology

- 3 document cameras purchased. Very well received.
- Government representatives will be visiting the school later this year as Lochside is leader with technology.

Parent Teacher Conferences

- Many teachers hold conference on early dismissal days but other teachers may choose different days.

Transition of Principalship at Lochside

- Is occurring very successfully.

Field Trips

- Have been financial cutbacks on all levels

Green Committee

- Goal is litterless lunch this year.
- Reduction in energy and water over upcoming years.

IX. President Jen adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm

Next meeting - Wednesday, November 17, 2010 from 6:30 to 8pm.