**April 18, 2012**

**LEPAC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Committee

**LEPAC Executive Attendees:**

President : Michael Brooks and Rachel Calder

Vice President: Stephanie Kalabric and Dianne Brooks

Treasurer: Don Mellings

Secretary: Marlena Monteiro

Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Brookes

COPACS Co-Representative(s): Scarlet Yum

Past President: Jen Wilson

**Guests:**

Principal Joe Grewel, Vice President Donna Collett, Sonja M, Heather C

**I. Welcome**

Everyone was welcomed by Rachel at 6:38pm

**II. Approval of March Minutes**

-March minutes were distributed, reviewed, and discussed

- **MOTION:** Mary B motioned to approve the March Minutes, Seconded by Stephanie K, voted and all in favor. Motion Carried.

**III. Reports**

A. Principles Report

a) School Organization 2012/2013

-There will be 15/16 divisions depending on registration.

- Students will be spread out appropriately to create balanced classes.

b) Extra-Curricular Update

-Sports, Camps, Peacekeepers & Lunch Monitor may be affected, depending on vote.

Results of BCTF vote will be released April 20th, 2012.

c) Brazil Visit

 -May 3rd at 11:00 Educators from Brazil are visiting Lochside Elementary

 d) Kindergarten Orientation

-May 9th Wednesday 9:00am -11:00am

e) Second Step Program

 -Skills for Social and Academic success.

-For Kindergarten Students

-Teaches them personal space, Listening, ect

-Fits in with Lochside Beliefs

f) Youth & Family Counseling

-Caitrin Ferguson will be in the school 25 hours a week.

-Support for Families and/or children

-Hoping that she will be Returning in the next School year.

g) Learn not to Burn

-Saanich Fire Department came into classrooms following week to talk to Grade 1 & 3 Students

h) Natural Play Spaces

-Looking into creating a Natural Play Space as part of the Play Ground, just outside the sun Space

i) Seaqarium

 -Looking into creating a Seaquarium

 -Maintained by Seaquaria

 -Ties in to students curriculum

j) Paul Hann Concert

-Positive feed back from students and Teachers. Students are r really enjoying song writing

-concert will be on Wednesday April 25th 26th at 1:30

B. President Report

Survey went out to Lochside Parents and about 28 people have responded so far. Survey to close May 4th.

Advertising AGM will be undertaken at Paul Hahn Concerts. IN an effot to attract more parents the AGM will be on May 16th at 3:00PM with childminding, Coffee and cookies will start at 2:40 with meeting to follow.

Year End family BBQ has been scheduled for June 22nd at 5:00pm. There will be different stations run by volunteers. We will need a few more helpers to commit to some roles. Stations include hair/face painting (Stephanie K. to coordinate), obstacle course (Rachel C. to coordinate), bike parade (volunteer needed) and dunk tank (Michael B. to reserve). Terry Wong will organize food services.

C. Treasurer Report

Following discussion, A portion of the playground funds will be put into a short term redeemable deposit with a higher interest rate; the money gets held for 15 days and is available for redemption at any point after that. Interest rate is currently at .01 and new account will be 1.05. Rachel motioned to move these fund to term deposit in the amount of $40,000., second by Dianne, voted and all in favor. Motion Carried.

Vote to pay for half of Uvic Science Venture. Don Motioned $700 to Science Venture, second by Dianne, voted and all in favor.

**IV. General Business**

1. Garage Sale has been scheduled for June 2 in the Lochside Gym. Purchase a t table for $10.
2. Final speaker for speaker series is Darren L., safe kids abduction prevention. Poor attendance may cause speaker series to be cancelled next year.
3. Bookfair is on May 9-11and we still need a few volunteers to cover shifts
4. Rachel, Stephanie Mary and Don are running for their current positions next year. All other exec Position are vacant and the nominations is looking for people with interest to help out at LEPAC. AGM meeting is on May 16.
5. May 17th will be the Bike Rodeo and we will need a few volunteer to help out for the morning.

**V. President Rachel adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.**

Next meeting is May 16, 2012