**FEBRUARY 2012 MINUTES**

LEPAC General Meeting

Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Committee, February 2012

**LEPAC Executive Attendees:**

President : Mike Brooks and Rachel Calder

Vice President: Stephanie Kalabric and Dianne Brooks

Treasurer: Don Mellings (regrets)

Secretary: Marlena Monteiro

Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Brookes

COPACS Co-Representative(s): Scarlet Yum

Healthy Schools Coordinator: Jeff Thom

Past-president: Jen Wilson

**Guests:**

Principal Joe Grewal, Vice Principle Donna Collett, Kathryn Watson, Harjeet Sihota, Mitra Hashemi, Marvelee Papalpukas, Marissa Day, Sharon Hallsor, Marie Guenther, Audrey Hayes, Terry Wong

**I. Welcome**

Everyone was welcomed by Rachel at 6:34pm

**II. Approval of January Minutes**

-November minutes were distributed, reviewed, and discussed.

-Changes: add $300.12 raised at Movie Night for World Vision.

-Changes to take out “Pay” for thunderbird Camp for 6 years, suggested intent was subsidize.

- **MOTION:** Mary B, motioned to approve the January Minutes, Seconded by Dianne Brooks, voted and all in favor. Motion Carried.

**III. Reports**

**A. President Report**

- Rachel C.  welcome & opening remarks: she provided a brief report and summarized recent LEPAC activities that took place between January and February.

**B. Treasurer Report**

-Nothing to report

**C. Volunteer Coordinator Report**

-Pink Shirt Day has had a great response with Pre-orders. If you would like to volunteer or pre-order t-shirts, please contact Mary B. Money goes to Boys and Girls Club and they come in many sizes.

-Looking for volunteers for the Book-fair in May and in your child’s classroom for Fun lunches.

**D.COPAC Rep**

-Discussion around moving recess to the end of the day. April 2nd is the proposed start date for this change. Information will be forwarded if this is going to take place. Teachers can still have a nutrition break in the afternoon for students, or a short recess.

-Thunderbird Camp will proceed as planned. It will not be affected by the strike.

-Feb 29th is early Dismissal day. Feel free to ask your child’s teachers about any issues, even though there will be no report cards handed out.

-The Union President can come out to talk about Job action to parents if needed.

**IV. General Business**

a) Paul Han will be here working with music and students April 23-27 and there will be a concert parents can attend. Spring Dance will still be taking place, but on May 4th. Planning leaders will be Marie G and Scarlet Y. More people to help with this are needed.

b) Staff Appreciation Luncheon-Will be held on May 25th. Jen W will coordinate it, with help from Terry W and Jeff. Everyone brings a favorite dish. It is held in the music room and information about the event will go out closer to the date.

c) Courtyard TLC session-March 7 in the morning to tidy up the courtyard. Rachel will check with Grade 3 class and Mr organic, so it doesn't interfere with the current projects.

d) Anti-Bully Day-February 29th. T-shirts can be purchased for $5 on Feb 24th, 27th, and 28th.Students will be spoken to in their classes about Anti Bullying Day.

e) Volunteer Transition Planning-There will be a Sheet on the board to let people know what volunteer positions are filled and needed to be filled for next year.

f) National Golf in schools- The program is paid for and we are just waitting for the reading/learning books and clubs; should arrive mid-March. The resources will be available for teachers and LEPAC will support the process.

g) School Planning Council- The council consists of Mr Grewal, and three parents. They prepare a school plan for student achievements. So far the school plan is being implemented.

h) Consultation and Consensus Building-We are in need to look for ways to improve ways to get parents opinions on what happens in the school. We can do this through Parent Reps, and emails to Exec are welcomed. There is a copy of the minutes on the website and on the LEPAC board. Looking into have the Annual General Meeting after school in the afternoon to have an increase of Parents attend.

i) Parking Lot Survey- Looking into sending a survey out and are looking for ways we can help with drop off and pick up in the parking lot. If you would like information on walking, wheeling Wednesday please ask members of the committee.

**V) Principal Report**

**Emergency Preparedness**

 -New metal box for earthquake supplies

 -Changes to purchase/organization of Emergency supplies. Looking at buying in bulk instead of individual kits for the students, and then replenish the products yearly.

**Moving Recess to end of the day**

-Lots of discussion and concerns around moving recess to the end of the day

 -If it is implemented it would start April 2nd - final decision at March School Board Meeting

 -Students would remain at school till the end of the day – 2:40 pm

**February 29th Anti-Bullying – Pink Shirt Day**

 **-**Student assemblies with Donna and Joe

 -Feb. 29th assembly at 10:30 am

**February 29th Early Dismissal / Open House 1:35 pm**

-Teachers are planning an Open House for their classrooms to share their students’ work with parents

 -Parents need to contact their child’s teachers if they would like an update of their child’s progress

**March 5th – School Planning**

-Difficulty with planning for that day due to job action

 -Student Engagement – Second Step Program – Lynn Wray Elementary Counsellor

 -Grade group meetings in the afternoon

**Camp Thunderbird**

-Donna and I have taken over the planning and organizing of the Grade 5 Camp

 -May 30th , 31st, & June 1st

 -Cost will likely be in the range of $180 per student

**VI.** Rachel C. adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm

Next meeting, will be held on **March 28, at 6:30.**