**January 2012 MINUTES**

LEPAC General Meeting

Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Committee, January 2012

**LEPAC Executive Attendees:**

President : Mike 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

Healthy Schools Coordinator: Jeff Thom

**Guests:**

Principal Joe Grewal, Mitra H, Neushin A, Heather C, Kathryn

**I. Welcome**

Everyone was welcomed by Mike at 6:35pm

**II. Approval of November Minutes**

-November minutes were distributed, reviewed, and discussed

- **MOTION:** Mary B, motioned to approve the October November 16th Minutes, Seconded by Rachel C, voted and all in favor. Motion Carried.

**III. Reports**

**A. President Report**

As part of Mike B.  welcome and opening remarks he provided a brief report and summarized recent LEPAC activities that took place between December and January including a successful Holiday Gift Shop and Movie Night as well as regularly scheduled popcorn and Fun Lunch Days.

**B. Treasurer Report**

-Smile Card totals are lower than previous years. If you have lost your card or don't have one, you can pick up a new one at the office. You use the same card from year to year, and don't need to be replaced yearly.

-Holiday Gift Shop made $487.89 this year and half of the proceeds were donated to a family in need.

**IV. General Business**

a) Job Action Info - Mrs Gillingham came to talk to us about the job action. A brochure was handed out with information about how we can have better schools in BC, A Plan for quality Public Education, Plan to reduce child poverty, Learning specialist teacher in every school, Respect for diversity and equal opportunities for all, Authentic student assessment, Smaller class sizes and better support for kids with special needs, Increase investment in public education, and Full-scope collective bargaining rights.

b) Play ground government refund is estimated to be around $46000.00 and scheduled to arrive within the next month. Heather C. from 10/11 Playground committee came in provide some history and to present some ideas that they had for the refund.

-Naturalization project (natural playground)

-More Artist-in-Residence

-Sports Equipment

-Multi Purpose court

-Smart Boards

-Subsidize Camp Thunder Bird for the next 6 years (or bring the costs down)

-Put it into a G.I.C

c) Fun Lunch funds are ahead of schedule. Looking to reduce the price of the next order of fun lunches as we are already on track. Big thanks to Stephanie and Tin for all the hard work.

d) Movie Night was a success. Estimated 140 parents and students. It had a positive feed back with both parents and students. Donations went to cover our World Vision Foster Child Oumou Coulibaly in Mali.

e) Planning for upcoming events.

-Multicultural Day tied in with a dance.

-Paul Han (Artist-in-Residence)

-TC 10 K run

-Walk and Wheel Wednesday.

-Bike Rodeo

-Guest Speakers, perhaps 2 more before the end of the year.

f)Library Upgrade. $1900.00 was approved in Novembers LEPAC meeting. Don M motioned to approve 2700.00 (pending funds) for the Library upgrades. Second by Rachel. All in favor. Motion passed. Upgrades may consist of, folding table, reading nook, Multimedia Projector, books, and shelving. Thank you Carmen for heading the Library committee.

**V. Principal Report – October 19,2011**

**1) Ready Set Learn – Tuesday, January 17th**

-Great turn out with about 25 families visiting Lochside Elementary

-Lots of interest for kindergarten next year

-Kindergarten Registration Jan. 30th – Feb. 3rd

**2) Job Action**

-Supervision & District Personnel

-FSA Testing & Provincial Exams

**-**Field Trips & Extra-Curricular activities

-Conferencing & reports

**3) School Goals**

- Family Literacy Day – Friday, January 27th

- Tentative Plans for whole school celebration – Cultural Diversity

- Artist-in-Residence in April 2012 – Paul Hann

**4) Library**

-Red Cedar Book Club

-Boys’ Book Club

-Update of our plans for the improvement of our library

**5) Social Responsibility**

-Lochside Beliefs – Lizard templates home

-Anti-Bullying lessons and videos

-Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day Feb. 29th

**6) Parking Lot**

**-**if anybody had any suggestions to decrease the congestion in the parking lot please feel free to let Mr. Grewal know.

-Please remember to not leave you car if you are in the drop off lane, and if you live close help us by walking or riding a bike.

**VI. President Mike adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm**

Next meeting, will be held on Feb, 15 at 6:30.