April 17, 2013

**LEPAC General Meeting Minutes**

Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Committee

**1. Welcome 6:30**

President: Rachel Calder

Vice President: Stephanie Kalabric

Treasurer: Don Mellings

Healthy Schools Coordinator: Heather Caul

Co-COPAC: Petra d’Entremont

Guests:

Principal: Joe Grewal, Joan O`Leary

Marie Guenther

Regrets: Robbyn Brodie, Mary Brookes, Mike Brooks, Scarlet Yum, Mike Brooks

**2. Approval of February Minutes 6:40**

March minuteswere reviewed and discussed. Motion: Heather C. motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Don Mellings., voted and all in favour. Motion carried.

**3. Principal’s Report 6:40-7:10**

• Thank you to all parents who participated in the **School Planning Meeting** held at Lochside Elementary school on April 15, 2013. Discussions focused on school planning and creating a school vision statement.

• **Enrollment and School Organization 2013-2014.** Currently the school has 16 divisions. At this time, it is difficult to determine how many divisions will exist in the 2013-2014 school year as this depends on enrollment.

**• Multicultural Week**-**April 29th-May 3rd** School wide activities are planned to celebrate and raise awareness to multiculturalism. Individual classroom activities may also take place this week, with teachers coordinating with parents to present multicultural presentations.

School wide activities that have been scheduled for the week are as follows:

-**Tuesday, April 30** Aboriginal Day (Storytellers, drummers and a bannock cooking demonstration are planned)

-**Wednesday, May 1st** 11:15 am ELL Potluck Luncheon

-**Thursday May2nd** 1:30 Performance “Man Who Danced with Northern Lights”

-**Friday May 3rd** 12:15 Multi-Cultural Assembly-Parents Welcome

**-April 19th-May14th** Artist in Residence Tonya Warren will be working with each class the week of April 19th-May14th on a variety of art projects integrating the theme of multiculturalism.

**• Lochside Technology Plan** Thank you to Rob Asbourne and Petra d’Entremont for their imput. Exploration of new technologies will commence. Grant money will be used to purchase 4 ipads, multimedia projectors will be installed in each classroom. Teachers are expressing interest in using the SmartBoard and Mr.

**•  Extra Curricular Activities**:

-Earth week led by the Green Team-including Litter less lunch etc.

-Rugby, Cross- Country, Photography, Green Team, dance Club, Scottish Dance etc.

**4. Reports 7:15-7:25**

**a)President**

**-**AGM will be held the evening of May 15 , 2013.

-Time to be determined by shortly. Rachel will contact PAC to finalize time for the meeting.

- There will be a “call” for people to serve on the PAC.

**b)Treasurer:**

**-**Thrifty’s Smile Card revenues expecting to reach maximum of $2500.

-Fun lunch money expected to “go down”.

-Expenditures are increasing but we still have not spent all our money.

**c)Volunteer Coordinator:** not in attendance

**d)Healthy Schools Coordinator:**

**-**TC Family run 1.5k run upcoming on April 28.

- practice runs around the school field a huge success.

-Assistance from student teacher was much appreciated.

-Fun Run team will practice with Cross Country kids again in the future, as joining the two teams was a positive experience.

-Fun Run team will meet behind the Parliament buildings before the run on the big day.

**e) COPAC Rep: Petra dÈntremont**

**-**Petra attended the School Planning Committee to discuss the vision statement and school goals.

**-**Petra was encouraged to see the discussions amongst staff and parents regarding the wording of the vision statement.

**-**Teachers were asked to provide input on strategies that are manageable and achievable.

**-**Statement to be finalized by the end of the school year.

**5. General Business 7:25-7:58**

1. **End of Year “Summer Solstice” Barbeque** Friday June 21st, 5-8pm.

-Stephanie has organized bouncy obstacle course.

-Terry will be asked to organize food.

-Ideas put forward:

* Three-legged race, potato sack race, bubble wands (already purchased from last year), tattoo table, sidewalk chalk, dance around the May Pole, water balloon toss, potato on a spoon race,
* Music organized by D.J. Joe
* Ice cream bars to be sold (paper wrapped)

1. **Save Around Coupon Books**

-The books were passed around the group in attendance

-The group did not favor these coupon books over the Entertainment Books as a fundraiser.

1. **Multicultural Week –Bread Day (Marie)**

-During multicultural week, Henrietta and Ashleigh (ELL staff) would like to organize bread day with Marie. Exact day to be determined.

-6 varieties of bread will be brought to the classes and offered as samples.

-Amongst the varieties of bread will be tortillas and baguette.

-LEPAC will set aside $200 to help cover the cost of the purchase of bread; receipts to go to Don.

-It was suggested that Marie request donations and discounts on bread at Cobbs and Thrifty foods.

-Henrietta requested that she be allowed to use letter head on which to write a letter requesting the donations of various businesses.

-Mary will be asked to help coordinate the volunteer ``bread cutters`to be made available on Bread Day.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:58.**