January 16, 2013

**LEPAC General Meeting Minutes**

Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Committee

**1. Welcome and Introductions 6:30**

President: Rachel Calder

Treasurer: Don Mellings

Secretary: Robbyn Brodie

Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Brookes

Guests:

Principal: Joe Grewal

Vice Principal: Joan O’Leary

Marie Guenther

**2. Approval of November Minutes 6:35**

November minuteswere reviewed and discussed. Motion: Don M. motioned to approve minutes following change to gaming fund wording, seconded by Rachel C., voted and all in favour. Motion carried.

**3. Principal’s Report 6:40-7:15**

1. **School Student Newspaper** – grade 4/5 students worked with Mr. Koopmans to produce our school newspaper – we’ve had lots of positive comments about the quality of writing & variety of articles in our newspaper

**b) Fun Friends –** teachers in kindergarten, grade 1 and 2 involved in inservice Tues/Thurs

 - We will be implementing provincially approved anxiety prevention program

 - Research shows that schools having a social emotional learning component to the curriculum result in higher levels of achievement

**c) ERASE Bullying** – (Expect Respect and a Safe Education)

-team from Lochside involved in ERASE Workshop on Monday Jan. 21st at Juan de Fuca

 - Bullying reporting link on district website

 - http://www.erasebullying.ca/

**d) Student Safety** – Lockdown & Responding to Threats documents

 -Staff and students will practice our Lockdown Procedure in the next couple of weeks

**e) Literacy Day** – Monday January 28th

 -Parents welcome to come in and read with their child

 - We will have mystery readers during the week prior

 - Assembly afterwards at 9:20 to say goodbye Mme Sanders

**f) Limited Wireless Access** – Meeting Monday at 3:30 pm

 - Application to the district to have a couple of limited wireless access points in the school

 - Access pointed will only be activated when needed, otherwise, they will be turned off

**g) Grade 4 students writing FSA Tests** – January 28th – Feb. 8th

 -Foundation Skills Assessment

 -Tests are mandatory for grade 4 students unless there are extenuating circumstances

**h) Ready Set Learn** – Wed. January 23rd – 3:15 – 6:00 pm

 - Preschoolers engaged in activities including a school tour and meeting K teachers

**i) Kindergarten Information Evening** – Wed. January 30th 7:00-8:00 pm Keating Elem.

 -Kindergarten Registration – Feb. 4 – 8th

**j) Royal Oak Open House** – Parents of grade 5 students – Thurs. Feb. 7th – 7:00-8:30 pm

**k) Seaquaria** – Lochside is on the waitlist for installation of aquarium

 -Installation depends on how quickly the World Fisheries Trust can move through large number of requests

**l) MultiCultural Week** – interest in planning some activities to increase awareness of the many different cultures within the school. To be discussed further.

**m) Sun Space** is partly used now as classroom space due to increased number of divisions in the school. The sunspace is still available for use by parents and students for reading and playing as it was originally attended, however limited somewhat as it is also used as classroom space.

**n)** Picnic Table is still in the works

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

 **a)President:** Help Fill The House food drive brought in 2700 lbs of food, and four lovely baskets of food for families at the school. It was very successful.

**b)Treasurer :** Poinsetta figures are not 100% back yet but anticipate it being close to last year.

**c)Volunteer Coordinator:** nothing to report

**d)Healthy Schools Coordinator:** nothing to report

**e)COPAC Rep:** nothing to report

**5. General Business 7:25-8:00**

 **a) Staff Appreciation** was in May last year. Staff luncheon May 17 tentatively this year. There was food wasted last year, so needs to be better coordinated this year, maybe by stretching out food over a week rather than one day.

**b) Movie Night** tentatively set for February 22nd. ‘Movie Night with a Twist’. Movie night would incorporate a wiggle break before and midway through to encourage the kids to sit still during the show. Will ask in Monday Update for parental input for movie suggestions.

**c) Guest Speaker:** One suggestion for speaker or theme was internet safety. Tentatively planned for April. Speaker TBD. Emergency Preparedness speaker planned for later this month.

**d) Christine Sanders Retirement**: Suggestions for what to get for a retirement gift.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52.

Next meeting planned for February 20th.