June 19, 2013

**LEPAC June Meeting Minutes**

Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Committee

**1. Welcome and Introductions 6:40**

President: Rachel Calder

Outgoing Vice President: Stephanie Kalabric

Incoming Vice President: Judy Payne

Secretary: Robbyn Brodie

Healthy Schools Coordinator: Heather Caul

Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Brookes

Co-COPAC representatives: Scarlet Yum

Guests:

Diane Brooks

Principal: Joe Grewal

Vice Principal: Joan O’Leary

Regrets: Don Mellings, Mike Brooks

**2. Approval of May Minutes 6:42**

May minuteswere reviewed. Motion: Heather C. motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Mary B., voted and all in favour. Motion carried.

**3. Principal’s Report 6:42-7:13**

 **• Thank you to LEPAC for supporting:**

- Golf, Curling and Tennis

 - Science Venture

**• Track Meet at Uvic – June 13th**

-Very successful – we had over 125 students in grades 3, 4 & 5 involved

**• Camp Thunderbird – Grade 5s**

-Over 55 grade 5 students involved – positive feedback from Camp T-Bird staff

 -Very successful – e.g. report card comments

 -Fundraising for next year might be a good idea to help subsidize Camp Thumderbird cost to parents

**• Enrolment & School Organization 2013 – 2014**

 -We are up about 10 students from last year – still 16 divisions and 377 students.

 -Tentative school organization, similar to current arrangement

• **Service Assembly** – 10:00 am Tue. June 25th

• **Final Assembly** – 9:00 am – Thu. June 27th

**Important Dates**

Thu. Jun 20th 9:00 – 11:05 am Fun Day K-5

 12:15 pm Talent Show

Fri. Jun 21st 12:15 pm Talent Show

 5:30 - 8:00 pm LEPAC Year End BBQ

Tue. Jun 25th 10:00 am Service Assembly

Wed Jun 26th 11:00 am Grade 5 Farewell Luncheon

 12:30-2:00 Intermediate Swim at Commonwealth Place

Thu. Jun 27th 9:00 am Final Assembly & Last day of school for students

Tue. Sept 3rd School Opens – students return to last year’s teachers

Wed. Sept. 4th • If our school organization is acceptable – we will move to new classes sometime during the day. If we have to re-organize we will need an extra day to make sure we have looked after all students’ needs and input from parents and teachers.

 • Gradual entry begins for kindergarten students

* ALL supplies, in all grades, should be labeled. Please bring school supplies on September 4th or 5th.

**4. Reports 7:14-7:20**

**a)President:** Nothing to report.

 **b)Treasurer:** Rachel C. presenting for Don.

-Nothing to report

**c)Volunteer Coordinator:** Still looking for volunteers for the Summer BBQ.

**d)Healthy Schools Coordinator:**

-Registered for iWalk in Fall 2013.

-Heather will register Lochside for Victoria Marathon Kids Run.

-Bike racks are too full, need another rack added to budget for next year.

**e)COPAC Rep:**

**-**No June meeting. Nothing to report.

**5. General Business 7:20-7:46**

* BBQ. Bouncy castles need flat area, relay races along playground. One hour of races, K-grade 5. Music – sound system, Mr. Grewal will bring kids’ music on iPod. BBQ rain or shine.
* Dogs in playground – dogs should be on leash while on school property, and owners need to pick up after their dog.
* Used School Supplies – Rachel will send notice to parents to bring in used school supplies to donate to schools in need, as well as keeping some ‘extras’ for Lochside.
* Spending ideas for next year. Survey of parents has been unsuccessful in past, so won’t do a survey this year. Some ideas so far:
* Artist in residence – hip hop dance
* Fun math programs
* Music program
* Field trips
* Bike racks
* Technology budget
* Smartboard for library
* Hotlunches.net application
* Mural in school
* New popcorn machine
* Baby chick incubators
* Drama – school play
* Interlocking bricks in courtyard
* Electronic sign for front of school
* Choir

Further discussion on these points, and decisions, to occur in the Fall.

* Fun lunch software program - $300 for basic program, $400 (reg. $500) for advanced program. Would make fun lunch admin much easier. More variation in food were requested for next year, such as not as wheat-based, such as sushi.
* To reduce volunteer time, teachers could hold LEPAC funds in classroom in an envelope and we can pick up money every Friday, instead of daily pickup which is happening now.
* Mrs. Cavallin has requested three egg incubators (approx. $250 each) for the three grade two classes for next year. Also, she would like a set of contrabass bars (cost approx.. $2000).
* Mary suggested a good fundraising idea might be selling greeting cards with artwork by Lochside students.

Next LEPAC meeting September 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.