March 27, 2013

**LEPAC General Meeting Minutes**

Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Committee

**1. Welcome 6:40**

President: Rachel Calder

Vice President: Stephanie Kalabric

Treasurer: Don Mellings

Secretary: Robbyn Brodie

Healthy Schools Coordinator: Heather Caul

Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Brookes

Guests:

Principal: Joe Grewal

Marie Guenther

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

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

**3. Principal’s Report 6:40-7:10**

• Thank you to **LEPAC** for sponsoring Michael Bortolotto – He spoke to all students about Anti-Bullying. It was a great way to promote Pink Shirt – Anti-Bullying Day on February 27th.

**• Learn Not To Burn Program** – Grad**e**s 1 and 3

**• Grade 3 Swim Program** – 4 sessions for all grade 3 students at Panorama Leisure Centre

**• Author Visits** – Penny Draper – grades 4/5

 - Margriet Ruurs – grades 2/3

• Lochside Elementary School’s Application to Saanich District #63 School Board for having **Limited Wireless Access** has been approved. I will be meeting with our Tech Committee and to talk about how we can make use of this access to support student learning. Cathy Sihoe received a $1200 grant and has purchased 4 tablets for her classroom.

**• Coach in Residence** – school has applied to have 6 sessions of golf, tennis and curling at a cost of $1000 (have also applied for $400 subsidy)

• Uvic Vikes basketball players Jessica Renfrew and Brandon Dunlop will be at the school on Monday, Tuesday April 8th and 9th – coaching and helping out with the PE classes – cost $400

**• Multi-Cultural Week** – April 29th – May 3rd – Teachers involved in planning activities during the week including dance, Aboriginal Day, etc. Artist-in-Residence will work with different classes during this week and prior on a multi-cultural theme

**• Lunch Play Period - Extra Curricular Activities**:

 -Cross Country – M/W/F

 -Highland Dance - M

 -Dance Club – Th/F

 -Rugby – T/Th

 -Photography Club - Th

**• Lochside Mission Statement**

**School Mission Statement**

Lochside is a learning community where children and adults think, talk, work and play together. At Lochside we believe in the principles of learning and value all learners.

We understand that:

* learning requires the active participation of the student
* people learn in a variety of ways and at different rates
* learning is both an individual and a group process that takes place at different rates and different times.

At Lochside School we are respectful, act responsibly and play safely. Our learning community is built on the core values of fairness, honesty, respect, compassion, and responsibility. These values provide a strong foundation for teachers to teach and learners to learn. Students are encouraged to achieve their personal best and become self-motivated, engaged, enthusiastic and socially responsible learners.

Poll of teachers revealed that current mission statement is thought to be too wordy. A new mission statement should be finalized by the end of April.

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

 **a)President**

Concrete picnic table – not yet finalized.

**b)Treasurer:** We have reached revenue target for the year. Thrifty’s Smile Card revenues have not yet come in – expecting to reach maximum of $2500. Expenses: Seaquaria- still on waiting list. Environmental education program - $1500 to spend. Baseball diamond improvement monies yet to be spent. Artist in residence: $2, 777 remaining. Natural play area: no volunteers yet to help beautify the area- $2200 still remaining in budget. Sports equipment upgrade $1000 remaining, which is slated to go toward refreshing the outdoor hopscotch areas. Classroom activity budget only half used ($200 per classroom). Guest speakers - $388 remaining. Yearbook - $200. Earthquake supplies - $500 still available. Only 25% of budget spent at this time.

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

**d)Healthy Schools Coordinator:** TC Family run 1.5k run upcoming on April 28. Two practice runs around the school field in April at recess will be organized. Kids will receive t-shirts with ‘Lochside Lizards’ printed on the back.

**e)COPAC Rep:** Not in attendance

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

1. **Staff Appreciation May 17th Luncheon & week**

There will be events planned for each day of the week. More to come.

1. **End of Year “Summer Solstice” Barbeque** Friday June 21st, 5-8pm. Stephanie to organize bouncy obstacle course. Leftover food may be donated to Grade 5 luncheon, same as last year. Ideas: Three-legged race, potato sack race, bubble wands (already purchased from last year), craft table, possible a school jazz band.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58.