

LEPAC January Meeting Minutes

Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Committee

January 15th, 2014

1. Welcome and Introductions 6:30

President: Rachel Calder

Vice President: Judy Payne

Treasurer: Don Mellings

Secretary: Robbyn Brodie

Healthy Schools Coordinators: Heather Caul and Jodi Holland

Co-COPAC representatives: Kerry Walsh and Kelly Perry

Past President: Mike Brooks

Julia Knowles

Tiffany Congdon

Scarlet Yum

Guests:

Principal: Joan O'Leary.

Regrets: Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Brookes

2. Approval of November Minutes 6:33

November minutes were reviewed. Motion: Mike B. motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Heather C., voted and all in favour. Motion carried.

3. Principal's Report 6:34-7:09

A) School Successes

- Great first week back – Students back into a routine
- Maple Man Presentation – Wednesday, January 8th 2014
- Grade 4 Foundations Skills Assessment – almost complete. mathstories.com
- Extra Curricular – Swim Club Continuing, grades 3 and up. Weds. after school.
 - Basketball starting soon, grades 4 and 5.
 - Grade 3, 4 & 5 choir starting Thursdays at lunch – artist in residence sponsored by PAC.

B) Information Items

- Kindergarten staffing Update – Jennifer Nelson & Pieter Koopmans – temporary replacements
 - Helena Takhar & Lisa Harward (currently Prospect) continuing Sept. 2014
 - Kindergarten Registration – Feb. 3rd – 7th
- Family Literacy Day Plans – Friday, Jan. 24th

- Reading in class and assembly
- Flash Literacy Storytelling - Story Theatre

- Ready Set Learn – Open House – Wed. Jan. 22nd 3:15-6:00
 - Preschoolers invited for school tour / information
 - Encourage familiarity with the school

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Jan. 14–15 th	K Screening – Vision/Hearing
Jan. 15 th	6:30 – 8:00 pm LEPAC Meeting
Jan. 17 th	LEPAC Fun Lunch
Jan. 22 nd	3:15 – 6:00 pm Ready Set Learn
Jan. 24 th	Family Literacy Day
Jan. 28 th	12:45 – 1:45 pm Victoria Royals' Visit to Promote Literacy
Jan. 29 th	7:00 - 8:30 Kindergarten Information meeting at Sidney Elementary
Feb. 3 – 7 th	Kindergarten Registration
Feb. 10 th	BC Day – Family Day Holiday
Feb. 14 th	Valentine's Day – Wear Red
Feb. 21 st	Non-Instructional Day
Feb. 26 th	Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day
Feb. 27 th	1:48 pm Early Dismissal
Mar. 5 th	District Swim Meet
Mar. 10 – 21 st	Spring Break

4. Reports 7:07-7:28

a) President: Thanks to all parents who helped out with the many activities over the holiday season. The Food Drive was very successful, raising approximately 2800lbs of food. From this, eight hampers were put together and the remainder went to the Food Bank. Thanks to Heather C. and Scarlet Y.

Holiday Book Shop was a huge success. Thanks to Alison and Allison and Hannah for organizing.

Greeting Card fundraiser – Thanks to Scarlet Yum and Angie S.

Tree Chipping fundraiser was a great success, with 50% of proceeds going to Salvation Army and the other 50% to Lochside. Thanks to Capital Tree Service!

b)Treasurer: See budget attached. Greeting card sales raised \$828 and \$500 was raised for tree chipping, \$50 for movie night, and t-shirt sales (no total yet). Fundraising revenue goal of \$14.5k has not yet been met

c)Volunteer Coordinator: Not in attendance.

d)Healthy Schools Coordinator: Looking into getting scooter rack, (\$350 per rack plus \$126 for shipping, \$850 total), each rack holds 12 scooters. Skateboard stacking rack is less expensive. TC Kids run also planned. Circuit: track to be painted on pavement throughout schoolyard, looking for volunteer.

e)COPAC Rep: Upcoming workshops:

- Gary Anaka Workshop Your Magical Brain: How it Learns Best Wednesday, January 29th 7-8:30pm Claremont High School. Open to all parents guardians and staff
- Darren Laur at Royal Oak – for parents only. Internet/social media safety and digital citizenship. 7-9pm Feb 20/14.

5. General Business 7:34-8:06

- a) Peacekeepers- Currently peacekeeping is mandatory for all students, some questions raised as to whether it might be better as a voluntary role.
- b) Pizza and Movie Night- Despicable Me 2 is planned for Thursday February 20th. A gluten-free pizza option will also be available. A sign-up weblink will be in the Monday Update to get an idea of how many pizza slices will be required.
- c) Parent Education – Thursday nights. Ideas are: Trevor Caulkins (Math), Building Resiliency in Children.
- d) Science Fair- Mike B and Mary B. to help coordinate with the teachers. Many details such as grades, judging, location and time to be worked out. A Science Fair committee will be appointed.
- e) Milkweed Planting- education around the loss of the Monarch butterfly. These butterflies feed on the milkweed plant. Milkweed could be planted around perimeter of school, and seeds could be sent home with children with instructions on planting. Rachel C. will order the seeds.

Next LEPAC meeting: February 19 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

**Lochside Elementary Parents
Advisory Council**

Budget 2013-2014

PASSED: November 20, 2013

LEPAC Budget 2013-2014

<u>Revenue</u>		<u>Projected</u>
Hallowe'en Dance	One Time	150.00
Entertainment Books	Annual	3,000.00
Fun Lunch Sales	Annual	5,300.00
School Supplies	Annual	600.00
Gaming Grant Funding	Annual	7,300.00
Spiritwear Sales	Annual	500.00

Reflex Math		2,300.00	
Lexia License		1,200.00	
Science Venture	Wishlist	1,200.00	
Science Fair		1,000.00	Spring 2014
Seaquaria		1,500.00	
Incubators	Wishlist	750.00	3 in total at \$250 each (grade 2)
Mr. Organic		1,000.00	For two classes (grade 3)
Artist in Residence - Hip Hop Dance	Wishlist	3,000.00	Dansko Dance \$4500 (grant application \$600-\$700)
Artist in Residence - Ballroom Dancing		350.00	VBDS Youth Outreach
Coach in Residence - Sports		2,000.00	
Artist in Residence - Choir		2,000.00	Gill Chater
Mathematician in Residence		2,500.00	Trevor Calkins (Power of Ten)
Second Step Education Materials		1,200.00	
Books for Schools	Wishlist	2,600.00	\$2000 Gr 1&2 Home Reading / \$600 Intermediate
Popcorn Maker		1,600.00	
Foster Child Support - World Vision		200.00	
Hallway Art Initiative		500.00	
Courtyard / Garden		1,500.00	
Sports Equipment Upgrades	New/Annual	1,500.00	
Bike Racks		1,500.00	
Hot Lunch Reservation System		315.00	
Lochside Lizard Photobooth		250.00	
Outdoor Classroom	Wishlist	-	Interest Expressed. Pending further research.
Electronic Signage	Wishlist	-	Interest Expressed. Pending further research.
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Subtotal - All approved expenditures		49,765.00	