

## LEPAC Minutes

Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Committee – April 15, 2015

### **Welcome and Introductions 6:00**

Co-President: Mike Brooks  
Past President: Rachel Calder  
Treasurer: Don Mellings  
Secretary: Tiffany Voorberg  
Co-COPAC representative: Jodi Holland  
Heather Caul  
Dianne Brooks  
Tina Lazaruk  
Terry Wong  
Guests:  
Principal: Joe Grewal  
Vice Principal: Joan O'Leary  
Regrets:  
Co-President: Stephanie Kalabric  
Vice President: Judy Payne  
Co-COPAC representative: Kelly Perry  
Healthy Schools Coordinator: Kerry Walsh  
Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Brookes

### **Approval of March Minutes 6:05**

March minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve and was carried.

### **Principal's Report 6:05-6:40**

#### **Successes**

Knitting Club - SPCA Club Fundraiser  
Science Show – K-3 Mr. Kachmar  
Lockdown Drill – Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

#### **Information Items**

- School Organization – 2015–2016 – this work is ongoing for next year. Parents are able to provide input regarding class placements. More info will be in the May newsletter.
- Grade 5 Transition Activities – visit to ROMS scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- First Nations/Earth Week Activities – April 20-24<sup>th</sup> – different artists & speakers coming to the school for students to observe or participate in activities
  - CTV Community Clean-Up – some classes will be going to local beaches and areas to participate
- SPC Meeting – Friday April 10<sup>th</sup> – School Planning Councils may cease to exist if Bill 11 is passed. This work would then fall to the PAC to work with the school. The current SPC work is underway.
- Parent Survey Results -67 responses received. A summary will be provided in the next newsletter. Follow up has also taken place with the school planning council.
- Maturation Talks – grades 4/5 – will occur May 13-15 and be delivered by teachers. Part of the teaching is co-ed and part is done in gender groups. A letter will go home to parents as well as a pamphlet with more information.
- Photographers are no longer allowed to be on the school roof which impacts how the annual school picture is done. Alternatives are being explored.

## **Important Dates**

Apr. 20-24 <sup>th</sup>	First Nations Welcome Figure & Earth Week
Apr. 24 <sup>th</sup>	NID – School Planning Day
Apr. 28 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am ROMS Student Services Team here for transition talks
Apr. 29 - 30 <sup>th</sup>	French Folk Dancing
Apr. 30 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 - 8:00 pm Folk Dancing Parent Evening
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	NID – Teacher Pro-D
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 – 11:30 am Grade 5s Visit ROMS 9:00 – 10:45 am New Kindergarten Orientation
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bike Rodeo – 4-6 Parent Volunteers needed
May 11-14 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Appreciation Week
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Victoria Day
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	ELL Potluck Luncheon
May 27 – 29 <sup>th</sup>	Camp Thunderbird for Grade 5s
June 1-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Science Venture
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	District Elementary Schools Track Meet @ Uvic
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:00-11:00 am Lochside Fun Day 5:30 pm LEPAC Year End BBQ
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00 am Service Assembly
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 - 12:00 am Grade Five Luncheon
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am Final Assembly and Last Day of School

## **Reports            6:40-6:55**

- a) President: Nothing to report – moved to general business.
- b) Treasurer: The budget was reviewed. Anticipated to finish off the year with slightly higher revenues than expected. We are below our Thriftys Smile card fundraising goal of \$2500 and the deadline is June. Impacts to not raising the full amount is a decrease in our limit for next year. Stephanie will be asked to lead this work to encourage parents to use their cards.
- c) Volunteer Coordinator: Teacher appreciation volunteers are needed. Please contact Stephanie.
- d) Healthy Schools Coordinator: The school assessment has been conducted with students and results are being compiled. Lunch surveys have also been conducted. This work is being conducted to assist in determining where to focus the work related to healthy schools. More info will be shared at a future meeting. The first cross country meet was April 15<sup>th</sup> with a large turnout of students. The first triathlon session took place last Saturday with about 35 students in attendance. TC 10k kids run is on April 26<sup>th</sup>. 9 students registered but we are still entered as a school team. Jodi will be picking up and distributing the t-shirts.
- e) COPACS Rep: An education session 'A Celebration of the Adolescent Brain' is coming up on April 20<sup>th</sup> at Saanich Neighbourhood Place. Info will go out in a Monday update.

## **General Business    6:55-7:30**

- 1) Teacher Appreciation – will be in May, led by Stephanie.
- 2) Executive Positions for next year – Kelly Perry has offered to be co-president with Stephanie next year. Next meeting is the AGM. Judy and Stephanie will lead nominations committee work and ensure communications go out regarding positions.
- 3) End of year barbecue – has been moved to June 18<sup>th</sup>. Terry has volunteered to be involved in the event – thank you Terry! This is an opportunity for someone to learn from Terry about what is involved.

Photo booth will be booked. Kelly is taking the lead on this event.

4) Movie night was very well attended. Suggestion for future is to put subtitles on for all movies.

5) "Fresh to You" fundraiser update – Delivery date of May 7<sup>th</sup> at school. An area will be organized to put the product. Hoping to recruit some assistance to unload the truck and assemble bundles for pick up on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

6) PAC webpage review - Tiffany was authorized to make changes as needed and will continue to work on this. Suggestions are welcome.

7) PAC info for new families – a PAC welcome package was discussed that could be handed out by Kitlin to new families. Tiffany will take the lead on this work.

8) Outdoor Learning Centre – this work is moving along. The district has signed off for approval to get a building permit, which is in process. An engineer will look at the site as well. Hoping to have it built during this school year. A motion was made by Don to put aside a \$10,000 contingency fund for the outdoor leaning centre. Seconded by Rachel, motion passed.

**Next LEPAC meeting which is also the AGM is May 20, 2015 at 6:00pm Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm**