

LEPAC Minutes

Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Committee - February 18, 2015

Welcome and Introductions 6:05

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

Approval of January Minutes 6:05

January minutes were reviewed. Don motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Jodi, voted and all in favour. Motion carried.

Principal's Report 6:05-6:20

1. Kindergarten registration - Strong week of registrations with 38 families registered so far from within catchment. Hoping for 3 full classes of kindergarten - final numbers will be decided in April.
2. Family Literacy Day - Tuesday, January 27th - we had a successful Family Literacy Day with many parents and guardians joining.
3. Mindfulness Parent Evening was held on Thurs. Feb. 12th - Thank you to Mrs. McDonnell, Mrs. Takhar and Vice-Principal Joan O'Leary. It was well attended with over 32 parents/guardians joining us for the evening.
4. Camp Thunderbird - Plans are underway and a successful parent evening held on Monday, Feb. 16th. The cost after fundraising will be \$210 per student that includes some money from LEPAC. If this is a hardship, parents are encouraged to speak to the school.
5. Reporting - Formal Reports will go home March 2nd - 6th. Feb. 26th is an Early Closure Day - some teachers will conference and/or use the time to write reports.
6. Valentine's Book Exchange - The "For the Love of Reading" organized by teacher-librarian Cindy Heppell took place in February. Each student had a chance to exchange books for other books of their own choosing.

Extra-Curricular:

- Basketball Jamboree - Fri. Mar. 6th
- Swim Meet - Wed. Mar. 4th

- Grade 4/5 Singing & Lego Club - Wednesdays at lunch
- Scottish Dance - Mondays with Gael Forster
- Modern Dance - Thursdays with Brittany Wong

Kindness Campaign - We are doing a "Fill Someone's Bucket" campaign based on the book. There is a Lochside bucket of pom poms that can go in the bucket for acts of kindness. When the bucket is full, the school will celebrate with an extra recess. Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day is on Wednesday, February 25th.

Important Dates

- Feb. 20th Non-Instructional Day
- Feb. 25th Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying
- Feb. 26th 1:48 pm Early Dismissal
- Feb. 27th Learn Not to Burn - Grade 1s 8:50 am & 10:05 am
- Mar. 4th 12:00 - 2:30 pm District Swim Meet @ Commonwealth Place
1:30 pm Whole School Performance - Story Theatre
- Mar. 2 - 6th Reports go home
- Mar. 6th 12:00 - 2:30 Basketball Jamboree Grade 4/5s at ROMS
- Mar. 9 - 20th School Closure & Spring Break
- Mar. 23rd School Re-Opens

Reports 6:20-6:35

- a) President: nothing to report
- b) Treasurer: The budget was reviewed. Parents are still encouraged to use their Thrifty Smile Cards. Planned expenses have been confirmed with administration.
- c) Volunteer Coordinator: no report
- d) Healthy Schools Coordinator: The walking school bus has been put on hold but Walking Wheeling Wednesdays will continue. A health assessment will be undertaken to get an understanding of the school's needs. Plans are underway to survey students, teachers and parents in April/May and information will be used to make recommendations and plans around identified issues.
- e) COPACS Rep: Jodi attended the COPACS meeting earlier in the month. They are looking for volunteers to sit on a steering committee or group for numeracy or literacy planning for the next 3 years for the district school plan. Please contact Jodi if you are interested. COPACS would like to host a meeting at Lochside at some point in future. There are a couple of parent education nights coming up; one related to sexual health and one about mentoring. More information will be provided in a Monday update.

General Business 6:35-7:30

- 1) Triathlon club - A coach has volunteered to do 6 training sessions for up to 20 students on Saturdays at Claremont with a goal of participating in triathlons in the spring. A flyer will be coming out with more information for parents and students. There is a cost associated for the coach, which would constitute a new line item in the budget. Don motioned for \$510 to be given to the triathlon club to pay for the coach, on the condition that 10 students register for the club. Mike seconded the motion and it was passed.
- 2) Outdoor Learning Centre presentation - Mike presented plans for the Lochside Outdoor

Learning Centre. An architect, structural engineer and general contractor are now in place for this project and there is a possibility that construction can begin while students are still in school. The next step will be to take the architectural drawings to suppliers to determine costs for the project. We are still hoping to get some donated materials and parent volunteers to assist with construction. At the next meeting, Mike is hoping to have a more fulsome understanding of costs and proposed a \$10,000 contingency in the budget to ensure there is enough set aside to cover the costs of the project. As Treasurer, Don advised that there is sufficient money in LEPACs funds to cover a cost of \$35,000. Don motioned for an addition to this years budget to provide a \$10,000 contingency fund for the outdoor learning centre to be voted on at the next LEPAC meeting.

3)ROMS Principal is coming on April 15th from 5-6pm for parents of grade 5 students.

4)Teacher Appreciation Week will be week of May 11. Stephanie suggested a super-teachers week theme. Volunteers are encouraged to contact Stephanie.

5)Scholastic Book Fair update - Kelly is looking into a book fair for later in the year

6)"Fresh to You" fundraiser update - 22 bundles have been sold so far; we need to sell 50 bundles for this fundraiser. The deadline is March 2nd to submit orders.

7)End of school BBQ will be planned for June 19th.

8)Monday Update transition - Tiffany has agreed to take over the Monday Update.

9)New executive for next year - Volunteer Coordinator and Vice President roles are open if anyone is interested in taking those roles on next year.

10) Movie Night will be on April 9th and will show Big Hero 6.

11) School Planning Committee - Stephanie will volunteer as a LEPAC rep. Joe will check with the previous volunteers to see if they are interested.

Next LEPAC meeting: March 25, 2015 at 6:00pm Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm