

LEPAC Minutes

Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Committee – March 25, 2015

Welcome and Introductions 6:00

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

Approval of February Minutes 6:05

February minutes were reviewed. Mike B. motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Jodi, voted and all in favour. Motion carried.

Principal's Report 6:05-6:20

Successes

- March 4th District Swim Meet
- March 6th Basketball Jamboree
- Knitting, Singing, Lego and Dance Clubs

Information Items

- School Organization for 2015–2016 planning is underway
- School Calendar 2015–2016 is now approved and includes 2 week spring break attached to Easter break next year
- Grade 5 Transition Activities – there will be an opportunity for parents to meet with Royal Oak admin before the PAC meeting on April 15. Students will be visiting ROM on May 5th.
- Welcome Figure Carving – April 21 and 23rd other activities will include drumming, singing, stories and games planned around learning about First Nations culture.
- French Folk Dancing - Dance Troupe Les Cornouillers on April 29th and 30th for students. On April 30 at 6:00 there will be a Family Dance. Parents encouraged to attend.
- Cross Country Practices – Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursday at lunch. Meets are the last three Wednesdays in April. A large number of students are participating this year.
- One class is doing an inquiry Project using the Seaquaria and learning about local sea life.
- Each class will be getting 45 minutes-1 hour of Sportball lessons May 19-22nd.

- Kindness campaign continues with a kindness logo being developed by grade 4/5 students. The logo will be used on an item that could be gifted between students.
- School planning day is coming up on April 24th.

Important Dates

Apr. 3 rd	Good Friday
Apr. 6 th	Easter Monday
Apr. 8 th	Class & Whole School Photo
Apr. 9 th	5:45 LEPAC Movie Night
Apr. 15 th	1:45 ROMS Band Performing at Lochside Elementary 5:00-6:00 pm ROMS Principal at Lochside for parents of Grade 5 students
Apr. 16 th	K Vision and Hearing Screening
Apr. 22 nd	Earth Day
Apr. 24 th	NID – School Planning Day
Apr. 28 th	9:00 am ROMS Student Services Team here for transition talks
Apr. 29-30 th	French Folk Dancing
6:00 pm	Folk Dancing Parent Evening
May 4 th	NID – No School for students
May 5 th	9:00 – 11:30 am Grade 5s Visit ROMS
May 6 th	9:00 – 10:45 New Kindergarten Orientation

Reports 6:20-6:35

- a) President: nothing to report, deferred to General Business.
- b) Treasurer: The budget was reviewed. The Fresh to You Fundraiser brought in \$870. There have been some expenditures re: outdoor learning centre. Smile cards are ongoing and a reminder will go in the next Monday Update.
- c) Volunteer Coordinator: nothing to report. Will be looking for movie night volunteers.
- d) Healthy Schools Coordinator: Fine tuning and finalizing the survey that will go out to students, parents and teachers. Will have a reminder of Walking Wheeling Wednesdays in a Monday Update. Jodi will sign Lochside up for the kids run at the TC 10k and the committee will make plans for practices.
- e) COPACS Rep: Parents are encouraged to complete the Thought Exchange survey; the link is on the school website. School budget meetings are occurring. COPACS are asking for suggestions for things to fund. A suggestion was made for COPACS to have more guest speakers. Another idea might be to see if they can negotiate a group rate for fun lunch software. Any other suggestions can be shared with Jodi to be passed along.

General Business 6:35-7:30

- 1) Outdoor Learning Centre – currently in process of applying for the building permit. Materials have been costed. Diane has written a letter to send to vendors asking for support for materials. Tentatively targeting to be finished by the end of May but will be dependent on weather, district requirements and other logistics. Volunteers will be needed with preparation and some construction.
- 2) Lochside Team Jerseys – Additional jerseys used for team sports are needed at a cost of \$45/shirt. Don motioned that LEPAC purchase an additional 10 large sized jerseys for under \$1000. Judy seconded the motion and it was passed.
- 3) Movie Night – April 9, 2015 – pizza will be available. Volunteers are needed.
- 4) Teacher Appreciation Week May 11th – volunteers are needed.
- 5) End of school BBQ planned for June 19th – we are still looking for someone who can take on

the food for this event as well as for future events. A request will go out for volunteers for a food/event committee.

- 6) Lice in the school – There was discussion about a lice check committee. Would require about 6 volunteers but could start with education for parents rather than lice checking. The school nurse can be contacted for resources.
- 7) Triathlon club – 39 kids have signed up to participate in the triathlon club. 2-4 parent volunteers will be needed to assist for these numbers. This will result in an additional coaching cost due to the increase in participants. The goal race is the June 7th Victoria Triathlon. Don motioned that \$700 be available for the triathlon club. Stephanie seconded, motion carried.
- 8) Volunteer opportunity was identified to review all PAC pages on the website and make suggestions. Tiffany agreed to take a look.
- 9) Vote needed re: \$10,000 contingency fund for the Outdoor Learning Centre. Joe will include information in the April newsletter so that parents can be notified and the vote can occur at the April meeting.
- 10) The AGM is May 20th. A call for expressions of interest to be on PAC executive will go out before then.

Next LEPAC meeting: April 15, 2015 at 6:00pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm