

LEPAC Minutes

Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Committee

November 19, 2014

Welcome and Introductions 6:30

Co-President: Stephanie Kalabric

Co-President: Mike Brooks

Past President: Rachel Calder

Treasurer: Don Mellings

Secretary: Tiffany Voorberg

Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Brookes

Healthy Schools Coordinator: Kerry Walsh

Co-COPAC representative: Jodi Holland

Scarlet Yum

Heather Galey

Guests:

Principal: Joe Grewal

Vice Principal: Joan O'Leary

Regrets:

Vice President: Judy Payne

Co-COPAC representative: Kelly Perry

Approval of October Minutes 6:35

October minutes were reviewed. Rachel C. motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Jodi H., voted and all in favour. Motion carried.

Principal's Report 6:35-6:50

Thank you's: Staff has appreciated the LEPAC budget support for field trips, class consumables, technology, Seaquaria, etc., Thank you to Mike Brooks and parents involved in the Halloween Pirate Party and to Kelly Perry and parent volunteers for the Scholastic Book Fair

School Successes:

- a. Remembrance Day Assembly
- b. Extra support for students – New EA –Evelyn Reitmayer & Teacher Jenica Moore
- c. Peacekeepers Program - each grade 4/5 classroom is involved and taking turns
- d. Extra Curricular activities are occurring with indoor soccer jamboree Fri. Nov. 28th & Swim Club on Wednesdays

Reporting:

- a. Early Dismissals & Conferencing took place in November
- b. Reporting – if you have any questions, you are encouraged to meet with your child's teacher. Joan and Joe are also available.
- c. Reports going home December 1st – 5th

Winter Concerts:

- a. Classes are meeting with Gill Chater on Mondays or Tuesdays
- b. Concerts on Mon. & Tue. December 15th and 16th

Mind-Up Workshop – Friday, November 7th:

- a. Mental health has been an area of focus. Joan shared information about a curriculum called “Mind Up” that the school is adopting.
- b. Goal is student engagement & self-regulation.
- c. Mind-Up Program - many classes have begun using mindful practice in the classrooms to practice achieving calm. If parents are interested in learning more, there may be an opportunity to have a presentation in the future.

Reports 6:50-7:10

- a) President: Thank you to Joe, Joan, school teachers and staff for all of their help with the Halloween party. Stephanie thanked Mike and his family for all of their hard work pulling together the party. Conversations are continuing about the outdoor classroom.
- b) Treasurer: Mike motioned to add Stephanie to the signing officer list in place of Rachel. Motion seconded by Mary. Motion passed. The four signing authorities for the LEPAC effective immediately, in alphabetical order are Brooks, Michael, Brookes, Mary, Kalabric, Stephanie, and Mellings, Don. The budget was shared and reviewed.
- c) Volunteer Coordinator: We had a great volunteer turnout for the Halloween party. The book fair had enough volunteers as well. The next event which will require a few volunteers is the movie night. Several volunteers will also be needed to help with the holiday book shop. We are also still looking for volunteers for lego club for Wednesdays at lunch and for the morning watch program.
- d) Healthy Schools Coordinator: There are five parents involved in the healthy school committee and have been coming up with some great ideas. The committee has asked if staff might be interested in working with them to provide some input into areas of focus. Joan offered to be involved and will canvas teachers. There was some discussion about trying a program to have peacekeepers engage students in playground activities.
- e) COPACS Rep: Minutes from the last COPACS meeting were made available. A session about multi-age classrooms has taken place with information available on line. A suggestion was made to revisit this topic

late in the year or early next year as a possible presentation topic for Lochside parents.

1) General Business 7:10-7:40

1. a) Scholastic Book Fair Report - \$5000 was raised in books and cash.
 1. b) Upcoming events:
 2. 1. Food Drive – This program will begin on Monday Nov. 24th and run for 2 weeks.
 3. 2. Speaker Night – Joan was asked to talk about the Mind-Up program sometime early in the new year and consideration will be given to bringing in a speaker about multi-age classes perhaps towards the end of the school year.
 4. 3. Movie Night – scheduled for November 28th.
 5. 4. Holiday book sale is coming soon. Stay tuned for more information.
 6. 5. Other – Scarlet shared her thank you to teachers for their help with the coupon books. We sold 187 save-around coupon books. We are still missing 18 books and had a few damaged books that cannot be returned. Thanks to Scarlet for all her hard work on this.
 7. 6. Constitution – Rachel will distribute the new constitution through a Monday update and it will be on the agenda for voting in the new year.

The December meeting will be cancelled; LEPAC meetings will recommence in January.

Next LEPAC meeting: January 21, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm