

## LEPAC Minutes

Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Committee – February 17, 2016

### **Call to Order 6:05**

#### **Welcome & Introductions**

Co-President: Stephanie Kalabric  
Treasurer: Don Mellings  
Secretary: Tiffany Voorberg  
Healthy Schools Coordinator: Jodi Holland  
Principal: Joe Grewal  
Vice Principal: Joan O'Leary  
Directors at Large: Trish Jackson Mitchell & Megan Mbaio

Regrets:

Co-President: Kelly Perry  
Vice President: Judy Payne  
Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Brookes  
COPAC Representative: Reet Dangerfield  
Healthy Schools Coordinator: Tina Lazaruk

#### **Thank You's**

This month, Kelly and I would like to thank each and everyone on the executive for all their hours of hard work and dedication to this school. Thank you to as well to Tin and her crew for their time and efforts with our successful fun lunch program. And a big thank you to Mary Brookes for her hard work with the popcorn she makes each month which we know the kids always look forward to.

Thank you to each and everyone one of our volunteers this past month - whether it be for a big job or a small job - we appreciate you!

#### **Correspondence**

Nothing in the correspondence box.

#### **Approval of January Minutes**

January minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Megan to approve and seconded by Trish. Minutes were approved.

#### **Principal's Report 6:10**

Kindergarten registration

- Strong week of registrations with 55 families registered so far from within catchment
- We will have at least 3 full kindergarten classes for 2016-2017

Family Literacy Day – Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

- Successful Family Literacy Day
- Many parents and guardians joined us on for Family Literacy Day

Camp Thunderbird

- Plans under way and a parent evening is being held on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Cost after fundraising will be \$175 per student

## Reporting

- Formal Reports will go home March 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> Early Dismissal – some teachers will conference and/or use the time to write reports. Any time a parent wants an update on their child's progress, they are welcome to contact their teacher.

## Extra-Curricular

- Basketball Jamboree – Fri. Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>
- Swim Meet – Wed. Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>
- Knitting Club Sale – Raised funds for Cat's Cradle Animal Rescue
- Latin Dance Club– Mondays with Marie Guenther

## Social Responsibility

- Michael Bortolotto Visit – Focus on Friendship & Achieving your goals
- "Kind Hearts" Campaign – an assembly was held to share this campaign with students. Students are filling a balloon with hearts outlining students' acts of kindness.
- Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day – Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> - On Pink Shirt Day, an assembly will take place to celebrate kindness and paying it forward.

## New Curriculum

- Teachers and administration engaged in inservice on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 2016
- More information available <https://www.sd63.bc.ca/news/2015-10/new-curriculum>

## District Visioning 2020

Summary - Every 5 years, there is a district plan developed around the vision for the district. Parents are encouraged to visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B5CctynKnCA>. For opportunity to have parent input visit <https://www.sd63.bc.ca>.

## Cookbook Project

Information will be going out about the cookbook project that was presented at a previous LEPAC meeting. LEPAC can assist by sharing information in weekly updates.

## Lochside 50+ Celebration

Plans are underway to celebrate the history of Lochside for both students and families. Photos are up on Facebook of the school and staff from Lochside's early days. Everyone is encouraged to visit the Facebook page and/or provide suggestions/input into the celebrations.

## Important Dates

Fri. Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Instructional Day
Mon. Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Grade 4/5 @ Victoria Symphony
Wed. Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day
Thu. Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Learn Not to Burn – Grade 1s
Thu. Mar. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1:48 pm Early Dismissal
Fri. Mar. 4 <sup>th</sup>	12:15 Basketball Jamboree Grade 4/5
Wed. Mar. 9 <sup>th</sup>	District Swim Meet
Mar. 7 - 11 <sup>th</sup>	Report Cards go home
Mar. 14 - 28 <sup>th</sup>	School Closure, Spring Break & Easter
Wed. Mar. 30 <sup>th</sup>	School Re-Opens

## Reports

a) President: LEPAC presented Joe with a cake to celebrate his upcoming birthday. Happy birthday Joe!

- b) Treasurer: Don shared and reviewed the budget statement and the revenue/expenditure report as well as the recent bank statement. Revenue and expenses are on track. A reminder will go out in a weekly update about the Thrifty Foods Smile Card program.
- c) Volunteer Coordinator: Nothing to report.
- d) Healthy Schools Coordinator: The TC 10k family run registration is ongoing. Order forms for the Spring Fresh to You fundraiser will be going home over the next few days. Delivery of veggies will be in May. Unplug & Play will begin in April in McMinn Park. Triathlon club will be moving forward and information will go out in a weekly update.
- e) COPACS Rep: Cordova Bay hosted the last COPACS meeting, Feb 4th. They showed off their new open concept learning space/classroom that has been extremely well received and utilized.

Information was shared about the following:

- Lochside School is not currently registered for BCCPAC, but can be, though there is a registration fee.
- A reminder of the Vancouver Island Parent Conference, Feb 28 at Bayside. COPACS is willing to fund participation if there is interest. The topic is "Launching the Framework, Changing our view of education".
- There was an overwhelming interest in the COPACS sponsored Childhood Anxiety session, it was full in a matter of days, as attendance was limited to 100. COPACS is looking at doing another session.
- A super presentation on Earthquake preparedness was delivered by Cory. He is willing to present to PACs if invited.
- There was a question about Chrome Books, and which schools have them. (Joe has shared that the school does have 10 chromebooks they are using to see how those work for the students in addition to the other technology in place in the school.)
- There was also a question from the COPACS president on if there might be interest in a sort of "PAC camp" or "PAC party" to mentor new PAC members. It would be hosted in the Spring or Fall. Discussion can take place about whether Lochside would be interested in attending something like this.

### **General Business**

- a) Non Profit Women's Organization – Pat Tutte presented on behalf of IODE, a women's non profit group that provides funding for various community, citizenship and educational projects, including the Lochside library. They are seeking to do a fundraiser through a one day Stampin Up card making workshop and would like to advertise through LEPAC to see if there is interest in the Lochside community to participate. They are hoping to run the workshop on April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- b) End of Year Carnival Vote – Tabled for March meeting.
- c) Staff Appreciation – Scheduled for the first week of May, planning is underway, led by Stephanie. There will be more of an update next month.
- d) LEPAC Executive Positions for Next Year – Judy will be stepping down from her Vice President position. All positions will be voted in May. Anyone interested in a position on the executive or currently on the executive but not planning to be next year can let Stephanie and Kelly know.
- e) New Business – Discussion took place around a Royals game ticket fundraiser as well as surveying parents around types of fundraising. We will plan to survey parents towards the end of the school year in order to develop a fundraising plan for next year.

**Next LEPAC meeting is March 9, 2016 at 6:00pm Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm**