

LEPAC Minutes

Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Committee – January 20, 2016

Call to Order

Welcome & Introductions

Co-President: Stephanie Kalabric
Vice President: Judy Payne
Treasurer: Don Mellings
Secretary: Tiffany Voorberg
Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Brookes
Healthy Schools Coordinator: Jodi Holland
COPAC Representative: Reet Dangerfield
Principal: Joe Grewal
Heather Caul
Regrets:
Vice Principal: Joan O'Leary
Co-President: Kelly Perry
Healthy Schools Coordinator: Tina Lazaruk
Directors at Large: Trish Jackson Mitchell & Megan Mbaio

Thank You's

Thank you Jenni Erickson and Alysha Boss for organizing the Holiday Book shop.
Thank you Kelly Perry and Tina Lazurak for organizing the Book Fair in November.
Thank you Kelly Perry and Nicole Whitsitt for organizing the food drive.
Thank you Carolyn Philips, Mary-Anne Babcook, Kitlin Louie, Mark Creswick, Daniel Cook and Jeff Thom for their continuous work with the Morning Watch Program.
And a huge thank you to all our parent volunteers and everyone on the PAC who volunteer many many hours to make our school a better place.
Also we would like to thank all the staff who helped out with the Suzy snowflake play. The kids were so proud and it was a huge success!

Correspondence

Nothing in the correspondence box.

Approval of November Minutes

November minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Jodi to approve and seconded by Don. Minutes were approved.

Principal's Report

A) School Successes

- Great first week back – Students back into a routine. There are a number of absences currently due to student illness. Students are being reminded about hand washing and additional cleaning has been requested.
- Ready Set Learn – January 13th – lots of interest and great attendance
- Extra Curricular – Swim Club Continuing
 - Basketball has now started
 - Grade 3, 4 & 5 choir
 - Knitting Club on Wednesdays at lunch
 - Latin Dance Club on Mondays at lunch with Marie Guenther

B) Information Items

- K Information Night – Wed. Jan. 20th @ Sidney
- K Registration January 25 – 29th
- Family Literacy Day – Friday, January 29th, 8:45–9:10. Families are invited for reading.
- FSA Testing February 9th–18th – Government mandated for grade 4 students.
- Chromebooks for library have been purchased and some staff have gone to the Google Apps for Education Workshop. This purchase means there is enough equipment for a full class to use. Cindy H. is reviewing internet safety and reliable information sources.

C) Discussion

• Lochside Elementary 50+ Year Anniversary – Week of May 30th – June 3rd. Lochside opened in 1962 with 358 square feet. A group of grade 4/5 students is helping to lead some work around the history of the school and community. There is hope to have a group of parents become involved as well and to organize a celebration around this important anniversary. If anyone has photos or knows someone who may have photos from the school's early days, please get in touch. Further communication will be coming out and a request will go out for a group of 5-6 parents to volunteer to get involved in this celebration. In addition, we are hoping to connect with former students that current students may be able to interview. A Facebook page has been created as well for students to connect.

- Joe shared the draft 2016–17 calendar. The district is welcoming feedback.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed. Jan. 20 th	7:00 pm K Information Evening @ Sidney Elementary
Fri. Jan. 29 th	Family Literacy Day
Jan. 25 th – 29 th	Kindergarten Registration
Mon. Feb. 8 th	Family Day Statutory Holiday
Fri. Feb. 12 th	NID – New Curriculum Inservice for staff
Fri. Feb. 19 th	Non-Instructional Day
Wed. Feb. 24 th	Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day
Thu. Mar. 3 rd	1:48 pm Early Dismissal
Fri. Mar. 4 th	Basketball Jamboree
Wed. Mar. 9 th	District Swim Meet
Mar. 14 - 28 th	School Closure, Spring Break & Easter

Reports

a) President: Nothing to report.

b) Treasurer: Don shared and reviewed the budget statement and the revenue/expenditure report as well as recent bank statements. Revenue and expenses are on track.

c) Volunteer Coordinator: Nothing new to report.

d) Healthy Schools Coordinator: The committee is working on organizing the TC fun run in April and is encouraging students to sign up under the Lochside team. The Fresh to You fundraiser is planned again for the spring. The Walking School Bus is on hold and will be reassessed in May. Feedback on this program is welcome. Unplug and Play will resume on April 10th in McMinn Park on Sundays. Funds were requested for some posters to be created to advertise it. The committee is continuing to support mental health at the school. There was discussion about dying some Lochside t-shirts pink and selling them for anti-bullying day. A call will go out to parents to see if a work party could be arranged to dye the shirts which can then be sold.

e) COPACS Rep: Reet shared the following report:

- Presentation by UVSS: re: Feb 3rd mobilization and march, leaving city hall square at 11, with arrival at BC Leg 11:30 - 1:30. Education is a right, student debt rally. <https://uvss.ca/> for more

info.

- Strategic Planning meeting 2016-2020. All day forum, Jan 14th. Joe has already circulated details.
- New Curriculum: Keven suggested that PACs might schedule/host parent information night after Feb 12th. with teachers, administrators and parents to share information on the new curriculum. The school district website has FAQ. <https://www.sd63.bc.ca/>
- Vancouver Island Parent Conference – Launching the Framework, Changing Our View of Education. Event takes place on Sat. Feb 27, 8:30-4:30 at Royal Bay Secondary School. Early Bird Rate is \$80, register online by Feb 10th, \$110 if registered after February 10.
- Sex, Drugs and Social media, Feb 10th 7-9PM Ecole John Stubbs Memorial School
- Childhood Anxiety, Feb 17th 6:30-8 Bayside Middle school
- Resource sharing amongst PACS

General Business

a) Grade 4/5 Fundraising Pitch – A group of grade 4/5 students did a wonderful presentation as part of a “start up school” ethical fundraising project. The 50th anniversary of the school is a great opportunity for families to have a keepsake of the school in the form of a Lochside cookbook. Their goal is to raise more than \$500 for Big Brothers & Big Sisters through the sales of the cookbook. Some really great suggested cookbook titles were shared. The group’s plan is that in mid Feb they want to request online submissions and orders. In early March, templates will go to the cookbook printers and orders would go in. The committee asked LEPAC for feedback about opening submissions of recipes to current school families or opening them to alumni of the school. Discussion occurred following the presentation about supporting the project through club funds and communications.

b) End of Year Carnival – Date would be around June 16th/17th to be confirmed. Stephanie has been researching ideas for a carnival and shared some information about what some other schools have done in conjunction with Games 2 You. This has been a successful fundraiser for other schools who have done it and could be done in conjunction with the end of year BBQ. A decision about whether or not to go ahead with this will need to be made soon and half of the cost will need to be paid up front. Decision was tabled for next month.

c) Grade 5 Fundraising Update – The students have raised around \$2000 towards Camp Thunderbird. They are hoping to do a bottle drive at the end of January.

d) New Business – Stephanie will look into the logs that are being used in the outdoor classroom to see if some finishing work could be done. If so, a work party may be arranged. Judy suggested an article be written about how funds are spent and what fundraising dollars are used for in order to raise awareness amongst the parents. There was also discussion about providing regular “Did You Know” pieces in the weekly updates to inform parents.

Next LEPAC meeting is February 17, 2016 at 6:00pm Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm