

LEPAC Minutes

Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Committee – June 15, 2016

Call to Order 6:08

Welcome & Introductions

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

Thank You's

Thank you to all of the executive members who are stepping down and to the new executive members stepping up for next year.

Correspondence

Thank you cards from the Handbags for Hope organization as well as from Helena Takhar were passed around.

Approval of May Minutes 6:13

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

Principal's Report 6:14

Thank you to LEPAC for supporting:

- Seaquaria
- Science Venture
- Field Trips
- Classroom funds for arts and crafts
- Technology – Reflex Math, Lexia Reading and Chromebooks for the library
- Artist-In-Residence
- And many other areas such as emergency preparedness supplies, emergency lunches, musical instruments, etc.

Track Meet at Uvic – June 9th

- Very successful – we had over 150 students in grades 3, 4 & 5 involved

Camp Thunderbird – Grade 5's

- Over 60 grade 5 students involved – positive feedback from Camp T-Bird staff

- Highlight of the students' years at Lochside
- Thank you to the fundraising efforts of a few grade 5 parents to help reduce costs

Enrolment & School Organization 2016 - 2017

- Enrolment is up from last year
- Confirmation of one new division at Lochside Elementary; will be one of the primary grades. There will be 3 kindergarten, 3 grade 1, 1 grade 1-2, 2 grade 2, 3 grade 3 and 4 grade 4-5 classes next year. Classroom placements are underway and there are many factors that go into this including teacher input, parent input, student learning needs, etc.
- There will be some changes to staff next year with several of the temp staff leaving, returning from leave and new staff for the new division. The counsellor will change and we expect counselling time to be reduced.

Service Assembly – 9:00 am Monday, June 27th to recognize those students who have done such things as peacekeeping, lunch monitor, crossing guard, etc.

Final Assembly – 9:00 am – Wednesday, June 29th

50th Anniversary Celebration

- Over 400 families took part in the Celebration Assembly, Open House & Social
- Short Video Summary – We'll post this online

Seismic Upgrading

Seismic upgrading involves the staff room, 2 kindergarten classrooms and the gym. They are beginning with the kindergarten classrooms early so that they can be done for September. The kindergarten classes are using the opportunity to spend time outside and in other areas of the school. The hallway and other areas will go through upgrades in the summer. The gym will likely have work done into the fall. Joe sent information out through the school website. Joe will follow up in relation to what checks have been done on the staff doing the upgrading, i.e. criminal record checks. The company doing the upgrading is the same one that did the upgrade for Deep Cove.

Lead Concerns

This is something that affects older schools like Lochside. Lead is not in the pipes, but in the sauder that is used that can leech into the water. When the pipes have been flushed and the water tested, the water has tested well within safe levels. The water is flushed every morning currently. Parents can forward concerns to Joe who will pass them to the maintenance department.

Important Dates

Fri. Jun 17 th	LEPAC Year End BBQ
Thu. Jun 23 rd	8:40 – 11:15 Lochside Fun Day 12:15 pm Talent Show #1
Fr. Jun 24 th	12:15 pm Talent Show #2
Mon. Jun 27 th	9:00 am Service Assembly
Tue. Jun 28 th	Grade 5 Luncheon & Swim
Wed. Jun. 29 th	9:00 am Final Assembly
Thu. Jun 30 th	Admin Day – Staff Only
Tue. Sept. 6 th	First day of school – 10:30 am Dismissal
Wed. Sept. 7 th	First full day for Grades 1 - 5
Sept. 7 – 13	K students follow Gradual Entry schedule

Reports 6:45

a) President: Nothing to report.

- b) Treasurer: Don shared the month's budget statement and revenue/expenditure report as well as the bank statement. Don shared that we met our Thrifty Foods fundraising goal and will plan to participate again next year, so parents can save their smile cards for next year. A plan has been made to work with the Treasurer from ROMS to review each other's records.
- c) Volunteer Coordinator: The biggest need is the end of year BBQ but more volunteers have been signing up over the last few days. A note will go out tonight for a last call. A few volunteers will be needed for the grade 5 luncheon.
- d) Healthy Schools Coordinator: Unplug & Play continues and Cordova Bay is now promoting it as well so we are expecting an increase in kids attending. In the fall, the CRD will be updating the Safe Ways to School map and will be doing an analysis and plan around the different ways for students to transport to school. Kudos to the triathlon club who recently completed the Victoria Youth triathlon. Lochside had the most students participants!
- e) COPACS Rep: Reet was unable to attend the meeting, but shared the following report:

Report from the Saanich School Board, Jason Reid, Secretary Treasurer: From the meeting June 1st, the board has passed a balanced budget. The budget includes the return of approximately 330K from the Provincial Government plus an estimated increase of 200K from international sources (i.e. students). The projected shortfall is now estimated at 870K which will be met by reduction in teachers (3 FTE = 300K), 130K in support staff, 70K to Admin staff and 40K to supplies. The 3FTE teacher reductions are focusing on non-enrolling positions (i.e. student advocates, information/librarian, student counselling). There was also a hint that the BC government is projecting a \$1B surplus this year, so budgets will be revisited in Sept.

COPACS is still supporting the petition calling on the BC government to return the monies taken under the province's Administrative Savings Plan and return them back to BC school boards to reinvest in our kids. This money, originally intended for public education, will help relieve the financial pressures facing all districts across the province. In our district it will mean the difference between maintaining services to our kids for next year. The petition can be found at: https://www.change.org/p/ministry-of-education-bc-we-are-asking-the-provincial-government-to-return-the-funds-promised-to-bc-children?recruiter=549042341&utm_source=petitions_show_components_action_panel_wrapper&utm_medium=copylink.

There were also non-budget related discussions:

- The North Zone (NZ) is applying for the International Baccalaureate (IB) program. This is an internationally recognized program that is being put forward for Parkland (in 2018) and middle schools in the NZ. The program has global accreditation and therefore has the potential to move students from private to public schools.
- Lochside will get capital funding for seismic upgrades.
- There is a continued focus on "Whole Health" in schools...mental, physical and emotional...COPACs is hoping to support additional learning opportunities next year. The Childhood Anxiety workshop was well received.

General Business 7:24

- a) End of Year BBQ June 17th – Volunteers have agreed to oversee the various tables – thank you! Stephanie will be at the school at 1 to start setting up; grade 4 students will help with tables. Anyone else who can come around 4 or 4:30 would be appreciated.
- b)
- c) Parent Handbook review – Trish will go through the parent handbook to update dates, contact information, etc.
- d) First day of school/parent welcome – Coffee and muffins will be offered on the first day of school;

this is another opportunity to get information out to families. This will be moved outside weather permitting. Mary will arrange for the coffee and muffins and will be helped by Kelly, Kerry, Stephanie and anyone else who can.

e)New business – Don suggested we acknowledge some of our departing volunteers, such as Mark and Wayne. Don motioned that the new signatories for the LEPAC bank accounts effective July 1, 2016 be Stephanie Kalabric, Kelly Perry, Nicole Whitsitt, and Don Mellings. Seconded by Tiffany Voorberg. Motion passed.

**The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2016 at 6:00pm.
Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm**