

LEPAC Minutes

Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Committee – March 9, 2016

Call to Order 6:05

Welcome & Introductions

Co-Presidents: Stephanie Kalabric
Secretary: Tiffany Voorberg
Healthy Schools Coordinator: Tina Lazaruk
COPAC Representative: Reet Dangerfield
Director at Large: Megan Mbaou

Principal: Joe Grewal

Vice Principal: Joan O'Leary
Lynn Hood

Regrets:

Co-President: Kelly Perry
Vice President: Judy Payne
Treasurer: Don Mellings
Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Brookes
Healthy Schools Coordinator: Jodi Holland
Director at Large: Trish Jackson Mitchell

Thank You's

Thank you to Moira Fitzpatrick, Carolyn Phillips, Scarlet Yum and Stephanie Kalabric for the school wide lice check. Thank you to all the staff that helped with the basketball for the grade 4's and 5's and also to the swim coaches with the grade 3's, 4's and 5's.

Correspondence

We received a letter from Lana Popham, the MLA for Saanich South congratulating us on the completion of the Outdoor Learning Centre.

Approval of February Minutes 6:08

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

Principal's Report 6:08

Thank you to Stephanie Kalabric., Scarlet Yum, Carolyn Phillips and Moira Fitzpatrick for volunteering to do our recent "Lice Check." Many parents expressed their appreciation that we were being proactive and doing this ahead of Spring Break.

Successes/School Events

- March 4th Basketball Jamboree – lots of kids participated in this great event.
- March 9th District Swim Meet
- Grade 1s – Learn Not to Burn Program put on by the Saanich Fire Department.

Information Items

- Camp Thunderbird - plans are underway, organized in large part by Mr. Warrender.
- Grade 5 transition activities continue to take place. Royal Oak administration will come to the school in April and will be available to speak to grade 5 parents before the next LEPAC meeting in April.

- The kindergarten shed has been removed and a new one will be built in June.
- Cross Country – Over 75 students have signed up so far, practices on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at lunch.
- The warm hearts campaign is winding up. The movie Up will be shown on Friday as a tie in.
- 4 student teachers were in the school for the last several weeks and had many wonderful things to say about the students, staff and the environment.

Important Dates

Mar. 14 - 28 th	School Closure, Spring Break & Easter
Fri. Mar. 25 th	Good Friday
Mon. Mar. 28 th	Easter Monday
Wed. Mar. 30 th	School Re-Opens
Thu. Mar. 31 st	6:30 – 8:30 pm Friends Parent Presentation
Wed. Apr. 6 th	Class and whole school photo
Mon. Apr. 11 th	Non-Instructional Day – New Curriculum Planning
Thu. April 14 th	1:45 pm ROMS Band Performance
Apr. 13 – 15 th	Book Fair
Wed. Apr. 20 th	5:00 – 6:00 pm ROMS admin at Lochside to meet with parents of Gr. 5 students 6:00 – 7:30 LEPAC Meeting
Fri. Apr. 22 nd	NID School Planning

Reports 6:19

- President: Nothing to report.
- Treasurer: Stephanie shared the budget statement and the revenue/expenditure report as well as the recent bank statement.
- Volunteer Coordinator: Stephanie shared the news that Mary will be stepping down from the Volunteer Coordinator role for next year and shared a description of the role description.
- Healthy Schools Coordinator: Forms went home for the Fresh to You fundraiser a couple of weeks ago. A minimum of 50 orders are required to proceed and at this point not many have been returned. Forms are due on Friday March 11th. The TC 10K run is on April 24th and we have a couple of parent volunteers helping with this. Unplug and Play will be running from May to October in McMinn Park. The committee would like to advertise to Cordova Bay school as well and put some posters and invitations together and will be seeking some funds for this. The committee would also like to encourage older students to participate as well and perhaps even take some leadership roles on. Joe shared that the Saanich Cycling Festival is coming on April 17th; more information will be sent out.
- COPACS Rep: Nothing to report.

General Business 6:35

- Guest Speaker March 31– FRIENDS for Life parent workshop will be held in the Lochside library. This is a free workshop open to parents. Information has been shared on the LEPAC page of the website. Registration can be done through the link on their poster and also through Kitlin in the office.
- Staff Appreciation Update – a small group meets every week to plan for the staff appreciation week. This year's theme is Hollywood Red Carpet.
- Fundraising Idea – Lynn shared information about a fundraising idea around spring cleaning. Parents could donate their children's good condition, gently used clothing and then a sale could take place with funds raised for LEPAC. Clothing drop off could take place at the school and stored in the multipurpose room. Lynn is willing to organize the fundraiser. Collection will take place April 25-29, with the sale on the Friday and Saturday. Communication will go out the week prior to the collection week. Volunteers will be needed to help with sorting and on the day of the sale. There was support for this fundraiser; thanks Lynn for taking this on!

- d) Carnival fundraiser vote – Discussion took place about this fundraising idea and whether or not we should proceed this year or save it for another year. If we went ahead, this would be in conjunction with the end of year BBQ in June. Rather than the BBQ we have typically done, a suggestion was made to have food done by Red Barn so that fewer volunteers are needed. Stephanie will get some costing for the food and will email it out for an email vote.
- e) Triathlon Coach funding – Over 20 students have joined so far. Tina shared that last year we paid \$600 for a coach for this club. This year, we have a volunteer Kelly Guest, who is a professional certified coach who is willing to take on the training for the 6 week period. Pool time has also been secured for the kids who are participating. A motion was made to contribute \$300 from the club support line in the budget to the triathlon club. Parents will still be asked to pay for the swim time and a portion of the coach fees. Parents will pay LEPAC and LEPAC will pay Island Swimming as well as the \$300 for the coach.
- f) Advertising for Unplug & Play Initiative – Stephanie will speak to Don about funds.
- g) LEPAC Executive Positions – So far, the Vice President and Volunteer Coordinator positions are expected to be vacant. Anyone who may be interested, please let Stephanie and Kelly know. Megan and Lynn expressed interest in sharing the Volunteer Coordinator position. Votes for all positions will take place at the May AGM.
- h) Scholastic Book Fair – will take place April 13-20 and be similar to the last book fair. Volunteers will be needed for this to proceed. Sign Up Genius could be used to get volunteers; Tiffany will talk to Mary about this and get the information from Kelly.
- i) Yearbook committee – the yearbook committee continues work on the yearbook. More pictures are needed! A request will go out in a weekly update. Team pictures will also be done.
- j) Movie Night – April 21st would be a good night for the next movie night. Megan offered to help organize. The Good Dinosaur was selected as the movie. Stephanie suggested a possible loonie or toonie draw and the winner would get to take the movie home with them as their prize. Stephanie will check in with Don about any gaming regulations and will check in with Mary about volunteer needs.
- k) Monks School supplies – we will be working with Monks again for next year's school supplies. Stephanie will look into having a volunteer to coordinate.

Next LEPAC meeting is April 20, 2016 at 6:00pm Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm