

LEPAC Minutes

Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Committee – October 21, 2015

Call to Order

Welcome and Introductions

Co-Presidents: Stephanie Kalabric & Kelly Perry
Vice President: Judy Payne
Treasurer: Don Mellings
Secretary: Tiffany Voorberg
Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Brookes
Healthy Schools Coordinators: Tina Lazaruk & Jodi Holland
COPAC Representative: Reet Dangerfield
Principal: Joe Grewal
Vice Principal: Joan O'Leary
Megan Mbao
Trish Jackson
Katie Walker
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Correspondence

Thank you were offered to Scarlet and her volunteers for coupon books, Joe, Joan and staff for the back to school BBQ, Joe for covering the cost for the movie licence for movie nights as these are now required for these events. Thanks to Tina and volunteers for preparing oranges for the Terry Fox run and for Kelly and the Halloween dance committee for all their work for the upcoming Halloween event, Don for work on the budget, Tiffany for minutes and Halloween event sign up form, Jodi and Tina and their committee for the Fresh to You fundraiser and the Walking School Bus.

Approval of September Minutes

September minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Kelly to approve and seconded by Judy. Minutes were approved.

Principal's Report

School Goals

Goal #1 To meet the diverse learning needs of all students.

Goal #2 To improve students' ability to communicate clearly through their writing.

A) Successes

- Extra Curricular Clubs - are underway including indoor Soccer, Intermediate Choir & Knitting Club
- Terry Fox Run - over \$700 raised for cancer research
- Zones of Regulation – Joan spoke about this work with students to teach self regulation. Feelings are reflected in different colour zones. Joan shared the book that was created about A Week of Feelings to help students understand the different feelings they may experience and the related colour zones. Kids then worked through how to manage the different feelings they may have. This is about self-awareness and fits in well with the mindfulness work that is done at the school.
- WITS Assemblies – Police Liaison Officer Paul Egli attended and reviewed the WITS strategy with students regarding bullying. WITS stand for walk away, ignore, talk it out and seek help.

B) Information Items

- Emergency Preparedness Plan – the plan has been reviewed with staff and the emergency supplies have also been inventoried. The Outdoor Learning Centre will be a great addition for the emergency plan.
- New Curriculum Plans – the new curriculum has been mandated to be implemented next year. The focus and emphasis will still be on basic skills like reading, writing, numeracy and social emotional. The new curriculum has a big focus on thinking skills and inquiry based learning so there is a different approach to the curriculum. Teachers will be going through in-services to work through the new curriculum. A suggestion was made to use this topic for a parent education night. COPACS is holding an information evening on this subject in November and Joe will consider adding another night for Lochside parents in future.
- School Goals – Focus on Writing – School Wide Write
- Reporting & Conferencing is coming up.
- Artist-In-Residence – Gill Chater has been working with students and has been very well received.

C) Other Items

- Outdoor Learning Centre – this space is being used for a number of educational activities. Seating is needed as the floor can be quite cold. Supplies are also being ordered that can be used in the centre for the activities that occur in there. Some tree stumps are being dropped off that may be able to be used for seating in or around the learning centre.

Important Dates

Fri. Oct. 23 rd	NID – Provincial Day
Fri. Oct. 30 th	Wacky Hair Day
	5:30 pm Halloween Family Dance
Nov. 3, 4 & 5 th	1:48 Early Dismissal
Tue. Nov. 10 th	10:00 am Remembrance Day Assembly
Wed. Nov. 11 th	Remembrance Day
Nov. 12 th & 13 th	Non-Instructional Days
Dec. 1 – 10 th	Holiday Food Drive
Fri. Dec. 18 th	Last day before Winter Break
Mon. Jan. 4 th	School Re-Opens

Reports

a) President: Nothing to report.

b) Treasurer: Don shared a draft of the budget for review (see attached). This budget will now be circulated and will be voted on at the next LEPAC meeting. Judy mentioned that a fundraising committee will be struck to come up with a fundraising strategy and plan to go forward. A link or attachment to the proposed budget will be posted in a weekly update so that parents can review it before the November meeting at which there will be a vote. The current budget statement was also reviewed. On Monday night, COPACS is hosting a session called Treasurer 101. Don and Kelly will both be in attendance.

c) Volunteer Coordinator: We recently learned about Sign Up Genius and are using it now for the Halloween event. The link will be sent out again in regular updates. This is the main focus right now in terms of volunteering. Tiffany will explore if there is an ability to track who is volunteering so that all volunteers can be recognized at the end of the year. A question was also asked about how many parents are subscribed to the weekly update and the school newsletter. Joe will follow up.

d) Healthy Schools Coordinator: Today's walking school bus was the most successful yet! 10-12 students participated in the Good Life Fitness run. The last Unplug and Play event is this coming

Sunday.

e) COPACS Rep: Kelly and Reet went to the meeting October 1st. Important dates:

- Oct 26th: Treasurer 101 Workshop - for PAC Presidents and Treasurers.
- Nov 2nd: Policy 1100 meeting with all school PACs and administrators to learn about/discuss parent involvement in the district and the New Curriculum. Location Bayside Middle School at 7pm. Info can be found on the COPACS website.

Also LEPAC has provided a date to host a roving COPACS meeting at Lochside but is not yet confirmed.

COPACS hosted "Internet/Social Media Safety" presentation by Darren Laur, Oct 20th at Sidney Elementary School. The presentation focused on internet and social media safety education and digital literacy for parents. The session was widely attended and is recommended for parents with school age children engaging in the internet/social media era. Additional information on the presenter and the presentation can be found at www.personalprotectionsystems.com.

General Business

a) Fresh to You Fundraiser – Jodi has submitted the order for this fundraiser. We had 20 more orders than last spring and raised \$1000! The delivery date will be in November so stay tuned; volunteers will be needed for this.

b) Halloween Dance plans are coming along. The event is Friday Oct 30 from 5:30-8:00. There will be pizza, hot dogs and orange o'lanterns for dinner for a suggested donation of \$5.00/meal. There will be the evil Dr. K lab, a dance school performance of Thriller, games and a cupcake walk as well as much more.

c) Possible Spring Fundraiser – Stephanie suggested a carnival fundraiser in the spring. Prospect Lake and Strawberry Vale schools do a similar event and have found it to be very successful. This will be discussed further next month.

d) Subway Fundraising – A representative of Subway attended at the last PAC meeting and indicated they would be interested in fundraising. This info will be passed to the fundraising committee.

e) Grade 5 Fundraising Committee – this committee has met and the first fundraiser has begun with money raised going towards Camp Thunderbird. Information about the grade 5's fundraiser will be included in a future weekly update.

f) Director at Large positions – Megan and Trish were welcomed into their new roles as Directors at Large.

g) New Business – a letter has been received indicating we are unable to get an occupancy permit until seeding or sodding is done outside of the Outdoor Learning Centre. A landscaper or other volunteer is needed to help with this. The school would like to see wood chips be spread around it. A request may go out in the weekly update. Movie night is coming on November 27th so we will need some volunteers to run and help at the event. The scholastic book fair will run in the library Nov 20-25th. The book fair flyer and details will be coming out in the next few weeks.

Next LEPAC meeting is November 18, 2015 at 6:00pm Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm