

LEPAC Minutes

Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Committee – April 19, 2017

Call to Order 6:02

Welcome & Introductions

Co-Presidents: Kelly Perry
Vice President: Nicole Whitsitt
Secretary: Tiffany Voorberg
Treasurer: Don Mellings
Volunteer Coordinator: Megan Mbaio
Healthy Schools Coordinators: Tina Lazaruk & Jodi Holland
Directors at Large: Trish Jackson & Marissa Cameron
Principal: Erika Moser
Vice Principal: Joan O'Leary
Tiffany Congdon
Heather Gale
Heather Caul
Regrets:
Co-President: Stephanie Kalabric
Volunteer Coordinator: Lynn Hood
COPAC Representative: Reet Dangerfield

Thank You's

Thanks to the Healthy Schools Committee with all of their work with BOKS, World Cups Soccer and the other work that they do for our school. Also, thanks to Reet for her work in organizing our guest speakers.

Correspondence

Nothing to report.

Approval of March Minutes 6:04

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

Principal's Report 6:05

District News:

New Superintendent: Mr. Dave Eberwein

New Director of Human Resources: Mr. Jonathan Wittig

Community Budget Meeting – attended last week at Bayside. Information that was presented can be found on the district website. The district is still in a \$1 million deficit at this point. There was lots of discussion about next year in regards to funding, teachers and staffing. There was a conversation about EA's and other learning support staff and potential cuts to those positions in order to manage the deficit. No decisions have been made yet. Decisions are made at the Board level; parents are encouraged to read more on the district website and share their thoughts with the district. Tiffany will add a link to the presentation to a weekly update.

School News:

School Activities – cross country has been going, first meet was today. Knitting club and chess club is continuing and choir has also begun.

Grade 5 Transition – The ROMS band teacher came to the school last week and in the next couple of weeks the ROMS learning support team will be talking to the Lochside learning support team about

students moving to ROMS next year. The grade 5's will visit ROMS on May 3rd and the grade 5 teachers will be working on making the classes on May 9th.

On the same day as the grade 5 students visit ROMS, upcoming kindergarten students will be visiting Lochside. LEPAC will partipate.

Growth Planning – on the non-instructional day on April 28th, staff will be working on this plan. LEPAC executive has been invited to attend in the afternoon for the discussion about the plan and what changes to make for next year.

Artist in Residence – French Canadian Folk dancing will happen next week! This fits in with the french and the P.E. curriculum.

Camp Thunderbird and Camp Lochside – Coming in May, chaperones for Camp Thunderbird have been selected. Camp Lochside for grade 4's occurs at the same time at the school.

Dates of Note
April 24 th -27 th French Folk Dancing Workshops
April 25 th ROMS Student Services Team Talk
April 28 th NID – School Planning Day
May 3 rd Grade 5s Visit ROMS
May 3 rd Kindergarten Orientation
May 8 th Non Instructional Day; Growth Planning Day
May 11 th -16 th Scholastic Book Fair
May 22 nd Victoria Day
May 24-26 th Camp Thunderbird and Camp Lochside

Reports

a) President: Nothing to report.

b) Treasurer: Don shared the budget statement. Projected revenues for the year look to be fairly accurate. We are not seeing a lot of use of the Smile Card program so are only about halfway to our fundraising goal. Not meeting our goal will result in a lower fundraising allotment next year. Reminders will go back in the weekly updates and information will be shared at the kindergarten orientation. The biggest outstanding expense is the classroom activity budget so we expect to see those come in over the next two months.

c) Volunteer Coordinators: Two big events coming up – Staff Appreciation week is coming the first week of May and we are still looking for volunteers to help with preparations and with the lunch. Sign up genius pages have been created to allow parents to sign up to contribute their time and/or a lunch item. The other event is the Scholastics Book Fair from May 11-16th. This is going to be a bigger event with many volunteers needed.

d) Healthy Schools Coordinators: Jodi shared the following report:

1. On April 12th the Healthy School Committee and interested parents met with P.J. Naylor, UVic Professor in the School of Exercise Science, Physical and Health Education. We discussed how parents can contribute to the health and wellness of our students and school and heard about some great new ideas, such as a box with balls and games that are available to students for after school play that a parent could be in charge of, looking at healthy fundraisers, having events where families can be active together. Risky play was also talked about and Joan mentioned Challenge by Choice that is discussed at Camp Thunderbird.

2. BOKS (Build Our Kids' Success) kicked off on April 18th. Parents are encouraged to drop off their children early twice a week, for a supervised fun and active start! BOKS will be offered at 8 am on Tuesdays and Fridays in the back field for some active fun until June 16th. The gym will be used on

rainy mornings. We are excited to announce that we will have two Silver Medalists from Rio, the rowing double Lindsay Jennerich and Patricia Obee attending on April 25th with their medals.

- We held a poster contest to help advertise this program. Two classes participated and the students who won were very pleased.
- We're waiting to see about Claremont students helping, so may have a request for parent volunteers.

3. World Cup Soccer: We had 23 students participate. The winning school had 24. we have been told we will be awarded \$500 for second place!

4. Unplug and Play to commence May 7th at the school playground running Sundays from 1-3 pm.

5. TC 10K Thrifty Foods Kids Run on April 30. We have 14 children signed up so far.

e) COPACS Rep: Tabled for next meeting.

General Business

a) Nominations for LEPAC Exec 2017/2018 are as follows:

- Co-President – Nicole Whitsitt and Megan Mbao
- Vice President – Kirsty Hooker
- Treasure – Don Mellings
- Secretary – Heather Galey
- Healthy Schools – Tina Lazaruk and Jodi Holland
- COPAC – Reet Dangerfield
- Volunteer Coordinator – Lynn Hood
- Directors at Large – Trish Jackson and Marissa Cameron

Voting will take place at the AGM in May.

b) ½ Price Scholastic Host Fair – This will be a big event and will run May 11, 12, 15, 16.

c) Silent Auction Fundraiser – research has been done on the electronic sign which will cost approx. \$11,000. It has been suggested that we have a silent auction fundraiser at The Beach House on June 9th. Kelly is waiting to hear back from The Beach House and will let people know when she has firm details. The parent community will be asked for donations for the auction and Erika will be offering her parking space for a block of time as an auction item. Other items can be requested from local businesses.

d) Internet Safety Committee Update – The committee met with Joan and made some suggestions around supervision procedures, internet search monitoring and communication to parents. A meeting has been scheduled with Greg, who is responsible for IT at the district on Friday to share concerns and discuss further. The committee is committed to taking this forward. Joan shared that the school is looking to update the Code of Conduct to include internet safety and there will be an opportunity for parent input, Erika has met with intermediate teachers and reviewing digital expectations with students. There will also be a communication going out about expectations regarding devices being brought to school by students. Tiffany C. shared some information about a documentary she had an opportunity to see and an upcoming local presentation by the White Hatter. That information has now been shared with the committee so they can follow up.

e) Year End BBQ - has been tentatively set for June 23rd. We are still looking for volunteers to organize this event. Anyone with interest, please let Kelly know and she can share the information she has from previous years.

f) Summary of Vancouver Island Parent Conference – Jodi thanked COPACS for sponsoring her registration for this conference she attended in Feb. Jodi got contact information for a person that can provide information about the hot lunch system and passed it along.

g) Staff Appreciation Update – volunteers needed as discussed earlier.

h) New Business – Erika advised that she is waiting to hear more information about installing the new sign. Erika will suggest the year end BBQ for the unveiling.

The next meeting and AGM is scheduled for May 17, 2017 at 6pm.
Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.