

## LEPAC Minutes

Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Committee – February 15, 2017

### **Call to Order 6:03**

#### **Welcome & Introductions**

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

#### **Thank You's**

Thanks to Tina, Stephanie and Kitlin for their work to organize and sell shirts for Pink Shirt Day.  
Thanks to Tina for arranging the fun snow day through the Lochside Healthy Schools Facebook page.  
Thanks to Reet and Lynn for organizing the Parent Info night on Feb 16<sup>th</sup> and thanks to Tiffany for the communications with parents.

#### **Guest Speaker**

James Taylor was welcomed as a guest from COPACS to speak about BCCPAC. James spoke about his belief that school is about relationships and expressed the importance of parents being involved to help make the school a community. In addition to LEPAC's role at the school level, COPACS works at the district level and BCCPAC interacts at the provincial level for advocacy and issues that need to be addressed. Strong, healthy PACS help to strengthen schools and also help to strengthen COPACS and the BCCPAC and their ability to have a voice at the district level and the provincial level. James encouraged LEPAC to sign up with BCCPAC to help to support them to do their work at the provincial level. There is a small fee to join, which goes to support BCCPAC to maintain their services.

#### **Correspondence**

Nothing to report.

#### **Approval of January Minutes 6:32**

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

#### **Principal's Report 6:33**

On the last Pro D Day, teachers came together to focus on inquiry based learning and spent some focused time learning about this and learning how to use this approach in their teaching.

Calendar feedback has been solicited over the last month and will be going forward to the district. There is a desire to coordinate with other south island districts as well to attempt to have consistent calendars.

We are in the midst of the second term reporting period – reports will be coming out by March 16<sup>th</sup>. March 9<sup>th</sup> will be an early dismissal day which will provide an opportunity for parents to meet with teachers.

Kindness campaign – there will be an assembly on Friday morning. Last year, the campaign was based on the movie 'Up' with a theme around Lifting 'Up' with Kindness. This year, one student suggested an idea based on the movie 'A Bug's Life' and ants working together. This idea will be adopted with a theme of Teamwork Makes the Dream Work. A family bingo challenge around kindness will be sent home and pom poms will be used to acknowledge kindness as well to support this theme.

March 7 and 8 – The Maple Man will be attending at Lochside to talk about maple syrup and how it's made. Bonhomme will also be at the school for students to meet. Students will be encouraged to wear a toque and/or a lumberjack type shirt.

There are a number of sports events/activities coming up including a swim meet and a basketball jamboree. Chess club and knitting club continue.

The Terry Fox organization sent a letter thanking the school for the over \$800 raised in the fall.

Engineering for Kids – there had been a question about whether we could have a for profit activity in the school outside of school hours. Erika followed up on this after our last meeting and found out from the district that schools don't provide a venue for for-profit activities outside of school hours but a program could be done supported by the school or by the school and LEPAC next year during school time, similar to Science Venture. This policy may apply to the HAPPY program as well so will need to be considered next year.

Electronic sign – Erika did some research into this. Royal Oak will be putting up a sign shortly and Erika spoke to the person from the company that is providing it there. The cost ranges from \$11,500 to \$16,000 based on size. Erika shared some photos and information about what it might look like.

School sign – Erika is working towards the unveiling of the new sign. This needs to be coordinated with the artist and facilities staff.

## **Reports**

a) President: Nothing to report.

b) Treasurer: Nothing to report as Don is away.

c) Volunteer Coordinators: It is anticipated that volunteers will be needed for Staff Appreciation, Movie Night and the Used Clothing Sale.

d) Healthy Schools Coordinators: The McMinn playground will begin construction in June so Unplug & Play will need to move back to Lochside in order to keep it in the community. A suggestion was made to look into a porta potty at the school for the summer months or to consider Mount Doug Park as an option. There is an information session about the McMinn Park upgrade next week for anyone interested in attending. There is a World Cup soccer festival taking place in April over Easter weekend and a chance to win \$1000 for the school if Lochside has the most students registered. This will be promoted in the school. Kelly has agreed to coach the Triathlon Club again this year. There will be a charge to parents of \$20-\$25 per student plus the swim portion and we may coordinate with Prospect Lake and Cordova Bay Schools as well.

e) COPACS Rep: Reet provided the following report:

- The Board of Education is pleased to announce that, following a nation-wide search, Mr. Dave Eberwein has been selected as the incoming Superintendent of Schools and Chief Executive Officer of School District 63. Mr. Eberwein will replace Dr. Keven Elder who is retiring in July. Mr. Eberwein has

been part of the executive team at School District 45 (West Vancouver) since 2011, and currently serves as the Deputy Superintendent of Schools. Previously Mr. Eberwein had worked in School District 41 (Burnaby) as a teacher, principal and district administrator. During his time in education leadership, Mr. Eberwein has come to be widely known as an educator who consistently inspires system improvement using goal-setting, effective communication and collaboration. Mr. Eberwein has a Master of Arts (Educational Administration) degree from Simon Fraser University and Bachelors of Science and Education from the University of Calgary.

- Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) is meeting Feb 20<sup>th</sup> at the School Board Office to start the budget planning process for next year. Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at Bayside there will be a town hall meeting for any that are interested. Currently the Board is forecasting a 1.3M pressure, as budgets have not kept up with inflation and the reserve budget that the district had over the last several years has been deleted.

- LEPAC has invited Don Peterson, BCTF to attend the LEPAC March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to share information about the recent Supreme Court ruling and the resulting changes to class size and composition.

- Draft school calendars for 2017/18 and 2018/19 are now available on the district website for feedback. The winter break timing is very late.

- The district is working on bulk buys for earthquake/emergency kits. Feb 24<sup>th</sup> is the order by date.

- Lynn will be meeting with James Taylor to see about arranging a parent information night about learning disabilities.

## **General Business**

a) Kelly made a motion for LEPAC to join BCCPAC at a cost of \$75. Motion was voted and was passed.

b) Tru Value Foods Update – Tru Value will be closing so we need to use up our donated amount there. Heather will get the gift card and pass it along to Kelly/Stephanie.

c) Reet received gift cards from Country Grocer for the Save-A-Tape program in the amount of \$262.

d) Movie Night – will take place on Feb 23. Megan and Trish will organize it and the movie Trolls was suggested. It was suggested that Sign Up Genius be used to get an indication of how many people will attend for pizza ordering purposes. A call will go out for volunteers as well.

e) Used Clothing Sale Update – The sale will take place on March 9<sup>th</sup> 1-3 and 10<sup>th</sup> at 8-9am and 2-3pm in the gym. Racks will be set up on March 8<sup>th</sup> after dismissal in the gym. Funds raised will be used to fund Camp Thunderbird for those who in need. Donations will be collected beginning Feb 20<sup>th</sup>. A call will go out for volunteers for this as well.

f) Staff Appreciation Update – this has been changed to the week of May 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be in need of volunteers to support this. Tiffany will post something in the weekly update about the change in date and the need for volunteers.

g) Pink T Shirt Update – We ordered 150 t-shirts through this sale. The shirts will need to be distributed by Monday since Pink Shirt Day is on Wednesday next week.

h) New Business:

Jodi spoke about the Facebook page that is in place for the Healthy Schools Committee. It was suggested that this be changed to be a Lochside Facebook page to communicate out to parents about other Lochside related information.

Kelly has had a few parents approach about doors being locked and parents being asked to leave the school. A question was asked about if there has been a change in school direction. Erika shared that some students have been coming into the school before school hours and that teachers need that time to prepare. There is no change to direction about parents entering the school.

Parents dropping off and parking at the school was also discussed. There will be a reminder to parents in the March newsletter about this as it is an ongoing safety concern. Joan and Erika will follow up with the School Constable as well.

Megan suggested a fundraiser she learned about that another school did with a Grizzlies game. This can be researched further but will also need to be considered in terms of the district fundraising policy.

**The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2017 at 6pm.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm**