

## LEPAC Minutes

Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Committee – January 18, 2017

### **Call to Order 6:05**

#### **Welcome & Introductions**

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

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

Thanks to Nicole, Lindsay and Reet for organizing the recording of the winter concerts and organizing and distributing the cd's to families. Thanks to Reet for setting up the Save-A-Tape envelopes outside the classrooms. Thanks to Kelly for organizing our new school sign and thanks to Kelly, Don and Reet for picking it up.

#### **Correspondence**

Nothing to report.

#### **Approval of November Minutes 6:08**

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

#### **Principal's Report 6:09**

##### **School Goals:**

Goal1: To meet the diverse learning needs of all needs.

WITS/Zones of Regulations/Mind Up

Goal 2: To improve our students' ability to communicate clearly through writing.

Guest Speaker Carol Walters/TL

##### **Update:**

- a) School Seismic/Renovations – More work occurred over the winter break with new flooring in the sunspace and in one of the boys' washrooms. The library now has sliding doors as well. For seismic reasons, another door was needed by the aquarium. Work will be done on the windows in the old wing during spring break. Outdoor and indoor painting will take place at some point in future as well.
- b) Ready Set Learn – took place on Jan 18<sup>th</sup>. and was well attended. A large number of peacekeepers helped with the event as well – thanks peacekeepers!
- c) Grade 4 Foundation Skills Assessment – will be taking place at the end of Jan and beginning of Feb.
- d) Curriculum Day – coming up later in January. The intent is for teachers and administrators to get together to delve into the new curriculum. Another curriculum day will take place in the spring.
- e) School Recycling – two teachers have taken this on with help. The focus is also on reducing and reusing and litterless lunches as well as recycling.

- f) School Sports/Activities – see list below.
- g) Kindness Month: February – Every year the school does a kindness initiative for approx 5-6 weeks with the students. Planning is underway for this year and parents are encouraged to support their child's participation.
- h) Peacekeepers – Grade 4-5 students rotate classes to act as peacekeepers. Mr. O'Connor's class is doing peacekeeping currently.
- i) Engineering for Kids: After School Opportunity: Spring – there is a parent interested in offering this after school program. It would be a 4, 6 or 8 week program doing a number of STEM activities and would be open to any interested students. Cost is \$120/student for 1.5 hours a week for 6 weeks to cover the instruction and materials. He would be willing to come to a future LEPAC meeting to speak more about it. Erika will check with the district about any policies and will gather more information.
- j) Camp Thunderbird Grade 5 Parent Meeting – will take place on Feb 7 at 6pm with Mr. Warrender. Discussion took place around funding for families who may face hardship to pay for it. There has not been any grade 5 fundraising this year so far and the cost is expected to be \$205/student. Tiffany will contact the group of grade 5 parents that had expressed interest in fundraising to ask for an update. LEPAC committed to ensuring that any student in need will be supported to go.
- k) New School Signage – Erika spoke to the Principal of Indigenous Education and she will find out what is needed in terms of protocol to unveil the new sign to ensure we acknowledge and respect the Indigenous territory we are on. Erika will update when she can.

<b>Dates to Note:</b>		<b>Activities:</b>
Wed. Jan. 18th	Ready Set Learn	Knitting Club
Wed. Jan 25th	District Kindergarten Evening	Swim Club
Friday. Jan. 27th	Lochside Literacy/ Family Reading Day	Basketball Club
Mon. Jan. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Day	Chess Club
Jan 30th-Feb. 3rd	Kindergarten registration	
Tues. Jan 31st, Feb. 1st-6th	Grade 4 FSA	
Fri., Feb. 24th	Tri District Pro-D Day	
Mon. Feb. 22nd	Pink Shirt Day	
Mon. Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	Grades 4/5 Symphony	
February 7 <sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm	Camp Thunderbird Meeting	

l) On Feb 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Oak Middle School is having an open house for grade 5 students and families going into grade 6 next year.

## Reports

- a) President: Nothing to report.
- b) Treasurer: Don shared the Treasurer's report as well as the bank statements. We have already brought in the anticipated revenues for the year. Thrifty Smile Cards are moving slowing – we can earn up to \$3000 but only have earned \$600 at this point. Tiffany will put a reminder in the next update to remind parents of how much we can earn using these cards and that the funds will be used to fund technology items such as tablets and smart boards. The movie night in November raised \$400. We have spent about half of our budgeted expenses for the year. Discussion took place to bring Erika up to speed on budget items.
- c) Volunteer Coordinators: Nothing to report.
- d) Healthy Schools Coordinators: Some initiatives are being planned for the spring, including BOKS

returning for May and June, hopefully 3 days/week. PISE may be able to offer some training to Claremont students and parents to run the program. Unplug and Play is being planned to start at the end of April, location TBD. The TC 10k run is April 30 and registration is now open. Triathlon club is also planned for the spring with the intent for students to participate in the Victoria Youth Triathlon on June 11. We are hoping to have the coach from last year again. Discussion took place about funding the coaching for the program. Tina will follow up with the coach to ask if there will be a charge for coaching and will report back. Jenni Erickson, the teacher health champion attended the last healthy schools committee meeting and is looking at some projects.

e) COPACS Rep: At a meeting in early January, Don Peterson (Saanich Teachers Association) along with a rep from the School Board spoke about the latest funding announcement of \$50M (transitional agreement) into the education system for this school year. Saanich will receive \$650K. They will be staffing 12-13 positions within weeks. Next year the amount will change and there will be changes to class sizes. Next year there will be 35-40 new teachers hired in District 63.

Budgeting is starting for next school year in late Feb and wraps up at the end of May. Any members of LEPAC that would like to be involved in the Budget Advisory Committee can contact Reet.

New Superintendent to be announced end of Jan/beginning of Feb.

Parent Education Night, Feb 7<sup>th</sup> with Julie Ann Richards on Childhood Anxiety. Location Bayside Middle School.

Vancouver Island Parent Conference: Lets Talk: Sex, Brains, Letting Go and Connecting, at Royal Bay, Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 8:30 – 4:00. COPACs is willing to fund attendance if there is interest let Reet know. (<http://www.vipc.ca/>)

James Taylor (President of COPACs) is ending his 3 year term as per the COPACs constitution. Is there anyone from LEPAC that might be interested? James has offered to come speak to LEPAC about BCCPAC. Reet will work on inviting him to the next meeting.

### **General Business**

a) New school sign – the school sign is ready and was shared. It is amazing! Thanks Kelly for all of her work in making this happen!

b) Upcoming Parent Information Night – Dr. Mueller is coming on Feb 16<sup>th</sup> to speak about Electronic Media and Young Children.

c) Questions regarding new hires – The district is allocating more elementary counselling which will increase the amount available at Lochside. Learning support staff in classrooms will also be added this year. It's unclear what changes will take place next year, but there may be an additional division. Erika will keep us posted.

d) Staff Appreciation Week – Will take place the beginning of April. Tiffany will invite interested volunteers to contact Stephanie.

e) BCCPAC vote – Deferred until after presentation from James Taylor.

f) Used Clothing Sale – Lynn is interested in doing this again and was wondering about combining it with the kindness campaign - remaining clothing would be donated to a charity. This may be an option for a grade 5 fundraiser if some grade 5 parents or students can help. Discussion took place about logistics to hold it in March. Joan and Erika will look into the community use of the gym in this time period. A message can go in a weekly update to ask parents to start collecting their items for the sale and Tiffany will connect the parents interested in grade 5 fundraising with Lynn.

g) New Business - Lynn suggested perhaps we could have a speaker in future regarding learning disabilities; Reet will look into that through COPACs. Kelly suggested we also consider having Darren Laur come as a speaker regarding internet safety. She will do some research and report back.

**The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2017 at 6pm.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm**