

LEPAC Minutes

Lochside Elementary Parents Advisory Committee – June 21, 2017

Call to Order 6:10

Welcome & Introductions

Co-Presidents: Kelly Perry
Vice President: Nicole Whitsitt
Secretary: Tiffany Voorberg
Treasurer: Don Mellings
Healthy Schools Coordinators: Tina Lazaruk & Jodi Holland
COPAC Representative: Reet Dangerfield
Principal: Erika Moser
Heather Caul
Kirsty Hooker
Nicole MacDonald
Nicole Trimm
Julie Adams
Lauren Stratford
Regrets:
Co-President: Stephanie Kalabric
Directors at Large: Trish Jackson & Marissa Cameron
Volunteer Coordinators: Megan Mbao & Lynn Hood
Vice Principal: Joan O'Leary

Thank You's

Thank you to Lindsay Shields, Alex Slater and Alicia Boss for all that they do to contribute to Lochside!

Correspondence

Nothing to report.

Approval of May Minutes 6:12

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

Principal's Report 6:13

School News

District Track Meet at Uvic – Thanks to everyone who participated. We are so proud of our Lochside lizards!

Science Venture – Thank you to LEPAC for sponsoring. Each division received 2.5 hours of time with the Science Venture group learning about different topics. We hope to bring them back next year.

Fine Arts medley – occurred last week, students did singing, dancing, playing the ukelele, boomwhackers. It was very well done and a great way to celebrate the music program.

June 21st – Today is National Aboriginal Day and to mark the day, the Lochside cedar artwork was mounted as well as 5 plaques in the foyer that outline Lochside's beliefs. There was a Coast Salish singer, storytelling and other activities that took place to celebrate the day.

School space – The french room is one of the classrooms that will be used next year as one of the classes in the sunspace. The south zone team will stay in place. The tri-district reading recovery room will be moving into the computer lab. The math resource room is being moved into the primary PE equipment room. The primary PE equipment room will share with the intermediate PE equipment

room. Eight of the computers from the computer lab will be moved into the Learning Commons to make a computer lab there.

Sandy Ranier will be retiring. Sandy has traditionally done work in the summer to care for the courtyard, mowing the grass. A request will go out in a weekly update to ask if any parents would like to volunteer to take this on.

Dates to Note

June 21 st	Author/Storyteller
June 22 nd 9:00-11:00am	Lochside Fun Day
June 22 nd 12:15	Talent Show (Gym)
June 23 rd 12:15	Talent Show (Gym)
June 23 rd 5:30pm	LEPAC Year End BBQ
June 27 th 10:00am	Service Assembly
June 27 th 11:00-12:00	Grade Five Luncheon
June 29 th	Final Assembly
June 30 th	Administrative Day: Staff Only

Members of the LASP Board spoke about concerns that they do not have access to the same amount of space next year due to the changes to the classes. Specifically, LASP is losing a 3rd space that they have used for their programming. This may result in an inability to provide before/after school care to 20 students next year. Kids Club will also not be providing service next year. The LASP Board only recently learned of these changes and made a written proposal to the District on June 15th and to Erika with suggestions about how to accommodate space for LASP but have not yet received a response. LASP asked for LEPAC's support in trying to reach resolution about space for next year. If the district says they are not able to use the Strong Start space next year, they would like to have an ability to have some discussion about creative solutions. Erika will contact the district again after the LEPAC meeting. LASP will keep everyone posted.

Reports

a) President: Kelly presented the following Co-President's report:
The Lochside Elementary Parent Advisory Council (LEPAC) had a very rewarding 2016/2017 school year.

We have continued on with our annual fundraisers as well as adding a new event, the Silent Auction at the Beach House, to help raise funds for a new electronic sign.

We have designed and implemented a new "Lochside Elementary Parents' Page" on Facebook and a new system using Classroom Representatives, both to help in communications between LEPAC and Parents.

We have continued with funding ongoing programs and classroom support, as well as funding a new school sign created by Indigenous Artist, Chris Paul.

We struck an Internet Safety Committee to help research solutions and make suggestions with regards to Internet security at Lochside.

We have done all of this working together as a team and we are so very proud to have been a part of such a great group of parents, teachers and administrators. We thank you all so very much for your hard work, ideas, suggestions, dedication and support over the last year. It has truly been a pleasure!

Yours sincerely,

Kelly Perry & Stephanie Kalabric
Co- Presidents, LEPAC 2016/2017

b) Treasurer: Don shared and reviewed the budget statement. The Thrifty Smile Cards program has changed so our new time period will start on June 24, which allows more time to meet our goal for next year as we can now include cards used over the summer months. Information will go out in an update letting parents know this.

c) Volunteer Coordinators: Tabled.

d) Healthy Schools Coordinators: Jodi presented the following report on behalf of the Healthy Schools Committee:

1. We plan to offer BOKS again in the fall on Tuesday and Friday mornings (8 - 8:30 am) and will be trying to recruit more volunteers to help. Tentative dates: Sept. 19 – Oct. 13th. Erika agreed that BOKS could continue to use the gym on rainy days. A proposal was made to have Grade 5's assist with this program, similar to crossing guard.

2. We submitted an Action Plan to Action Schools! BC and received a \$200 equipment grant. Equipment has been purchased for use at BOKS, Unplug & Play and year-end BBQ. Equipment will be stored in the shed by the Outdoor Learning Centre and Erika will locate a key for the Healthy School Committee.

3. Unplug & Play is running on Sundays at the school playground from 1-3 pm, throughout the summer. Erika will ask the teachers to promote this.

4. We plan to host a table at the beginning of the school year with information on Healthy School initiatives, to recruit new parents and to sell Lochside T-shirts.

5. Walking, Wheeling, Wednesdays will also start again in the fall.

e) COPACS Rep: There was no meeting this month so there is nothing to report.

General Business

a) Silent Auction & Electronic Sign – Kelly thanked everyone on the committee who worked so hard to make this happen. Attendance wasn't as high as hoped, but we did raise \$4300 towards the electronic sign. We will continue to raise funds for this, including at the BBQ. We will not have the sign in place for September but will continue to work towards this.

b) Year End BBQ – Things are coming along, grade 5 students will be helping to set up tables and Kelly will be in the early afternoon to start setting up. An urgent call for volunteers went out today and Kelly feels confident we will have enough help. Don advised that the money raised through the silent auction needs to be kept separate from any other funds raised at the BBQ. A float was requested and Don will provide it. The new sign will be officially unveiled at 7pm by projecting an image and hopefully having an Indigenous speaker as well as Erika and Don.

c) Internet Safety Committee Report - the committee continues to work with administration about this and has met with the district. There are 2 new participants on the committee who have some experience and will be meeting with the IT Director for the district.

d) Halloween Party – Nicole has agreed to organize this event in October and is welcoming any ideas anyone might have for it and offers of assistance. This is a large event, so work will need to begin in

September. Nicole and Megan will be meeting with Erika about the calendar for next year so will discuss dates for this and other activities/events then.

e) New Business – Don will provide a sample wishlist to Erika and asked that a wishlist be provided for spending requests for next year.

Erika advised that staff email has been down since Friday. If parents need to contact a teacher or staff, for the time being they are asked to either come in or call.

Nicole thanked Kelly for her involvement in the PAC as she finishes her term as co-president. Kelly has been involved in so much in the school in front and behind the scenes and she has been so appreciated. Thanks Kelly!

The next meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2017 at 6pm.
Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.