

Education Committee Meeting—Minutes

Tuesday, October 9, 2012
Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School (Library)
1551 Lerwick Road, Courtenay, BC
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Members:

Committee Chair, Janice Caton, City of Courtenay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Board Chair, Tom Weber, Lazo North (Regrets)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trustee, Paula Selby, Puntledge, Black Creek	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trustee, Sheila McDonnell, Baynes Sound (Denman/Hornby Islands)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trustee, Donna Gambacorta, City of Courtenay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trustee, Rick Grinham, Village of Cumberland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trustee, Peter Coleman, Town of Comox	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Superintendent, Sherry Elwood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assistant Superintendent, Tom Demeo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Director of Instruction (Elementary Curriculum) Allan Douglas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Director of Instruction (Student Services) Esther Shatz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

AGENDA

1. Mark R. Isfeld Admin/Student Presentation

- *Where we are now at Isfeld, and where we are taking it*

Mr. Jeff Taylor, Principal of Mark R. Isfeld informed us that it has been a very smooth and exciting start to the year. The overall tone of the school is very positive. He shared that 2/3 of the student population were involved in an extra-curricular activity in the month of September. He then explained that staff were involved in a variety of professional/extra activities—great staff involvement.

Mr. Taylor then introduced 3 Isfeld students: Thomas Andrews, Dayton Turchenek and Leah Tien. The students shared with us what makes Isfeld a great place. Dayton, shared that the teachers are very supportive of the students; they are “here to help you get to where you want to go.” He also stated that one of the keys about the school is getting involved in activities.

Thomas, discussed how being at Isfeld changed who he is. He stated that school is a great place because of the people who are here.

Leah, talked about the teachers and the people of Isfeld. She felt the key to a great school was getting people involved.

All 3 students spoke very well and are excellent ambassadors of Mark Isfeld.

2. **Achievement Contract**, Sherry Elwood, Superintendent

Superintendent Sherry Elwood gave the Trustees an overview of the School District Achievement Contract. However, due to time limitations it was decided that the Achievement Contract and related questions would be brought forward at the November Education Committee Meeting.


3. **PowerPoint Presentation**, Tom Demeo, Assistant Superintendent

Assistant Superintendent Tom Demeo led the Trustees and parents through the questions which will be asked at the Graduation Requirement Review Forum. The information recorded from the dialogue will be passed on to the Ministry as part of our school district submission.

**Graduation Requirements Dialogue:
A Community Conversation about the Future of Graduation Requirements**

DATE: Monday, October 22, 2012
TIME: 4 pm to 7:30 pm
LOCATION: Campbell River Maritime Heritage Centre
621 N. Island Highway
Campbell River, B.C.

Next Education Committee Meeting:

 **DATE:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012
TIME: 6:30 pm
LOCATION: G.P. Vanier Secondary School
4830 Headquarters Road, Courtenay, BC