



Mark R. Isfeld Secondary PAC

MINUTES

Monday, Apr. 11, 2016
7:00pm

In attendance: Ian Langmann, Lisa Taylor, Mariah Moraes, Annette Schmidt-Schweda, Mary-Jane Douglas, Rob Bonar, Arla Calman, Sheila McDonnell, Jeff Taylor.

1. Call to Order- Lisa – 7:04
2. Approval of Agenda- Mariah and Ian
3. Approval of Previous Month's Minutes- Arla, Rob
4. Reports:
 - a) Principal's Report – Jeff Taylor

Athletics: The spring season is well underway. Girls' soccer teams have been competing in the junior and senior levels and are off to a good start. Girls' rugby will be trying to avenge a loss to Brentwood on a very stormy day four weeks ago when they meet again tomorrow. Boys' rugby have formed a combined Vanier/Isfeld team, and they are now starting to gel. The Track and Field team had their first practice today, and we are gathering support for an Ultimate team. Our golf team hosts a tournament on April 21st.

The Arts: The grade eight band students are off to Camp Homewood today. The grade 9 band will be going to Whistler next week. The senior band will attend the Con Brio Music Festival in Whistler later that week. Our drama department will be working around the blood donor clinic in the MPR to perform a one-act play on Thursday evening. We have two students going to the provincial Skills Canada competition on Wednesday and both are seeking to earn medals there.

Citizenship: The Nicaragua trip has returned and the students will be sharing their experiences with staff tomorrow. An anxiety workshop held today at NIDES drew students from across the district, with our own school sending the largest contingent. On Thursday, Isfeld becomes the first school in the district to host a blood donor clinic. Our students continue to connect with Valley View in chess club and the active connections program. On Friday of this week, Isfeld, Valley View and Berwick are coordinating our efforts to Fill the Bus, a food drive which involves Jon Bos's Citizenship class. On May 1st, the grads will host a Drive One for Charity event, raising money for YANA, Relay for Life, and to pay down grad fees.

Academics: We have started to wind up this term and head into our last quarter of the year. We will be starting our course selection process next week and to support this, we will hold a parent info session one week from today. We hope to have selections in by April 22 so that we can make some decisions on what

courses to run. Early the following week, we should have more clarity on what kind of program we will need to put together for next year. As a staff, we continue to be concerned about higher than usual absenteeism and lower than usual work completion. Honour roll is no longer being announced or given a card; it is still mentioned on the report card.

Changes that may be coming in the district that affect Isfeld:

- The budget shortfall is going to necessitate staffing changes at every school.
 - The manner in which this shortfall will be addressed should be decided upon at the end of this month. Once we have clarity on this, we will pick up our preparation for next year in earnest.
- b) **Trustee's Report – Sheila McDonnell**- No decisions have been made with respect to how savings will be achieved for the budget for next year. Puntledge Elementary will remain open. No decision regarding the shortened school week to 4.5 days has been made. Nor has a decision been made regarding the proposed boundary changes. This is keeping the schools in a holding pattern with regards to scheduling and staffing for next year. Sheila shared trustee suggestions to perhaps amalgamate the maintenance/operations between districts. Busing is also on the table; perhaps bus passes for secondary students. Parents questioned why SD71 pays anything for busing at all as they are not obligated to do so, and it would save \$1.9 million. Another option would be to close Lake Trail. Sheila said that on April 28 they will get a presentation for recommendations, and in early May there should be a decision. Sheila does not know why the recommendations are taking so long to come in; she said she cannot speak to why. Jeff mentioned that any uncertainty this late in the school year does negatively impact teachers' morale, as they do not have job security or the ability to apply for next year if laid off so late.
- c) **Treasurer's Report – Mary-Jane Douglas**- we received a gaming grant for \$1,900 – that MJ was not expecting. Report accepted – Ian, Mariah seconded.
- d) **DPAC Report – Ineke Burritt/Joka Belyk** - no report this month or last yet.
- e) **CPF Report – Lisa Taylor**

Concours d'art oratoire –winners for each grade were selected by judges:

Grade 6 FI - Nalan Goosen

Grade 7 FI - Rebecca Winkelaar

Grade 7 LFI - Louis Payne

Grade 8 - Kate Dunne

Grade 9 - Annemarie Taylor

Grade 10 - Shelby Richardson

Cheryl Adebar is still not sure exactly who will be attending the provincials, as not all those selected are able to go that day.

A Cabane a sucre meeting was held this week; the date for next year's Cabane will be either in February or April - date to be announced.

CPF Bursaries - two \$500 bursaries will be given to graduating French Immersion students from Isfeld; there were 10 applications, and there is a committee working on choosing those two recipients, who will be announced at the bursary evening.

5. Old Business

- PAC Relay for Life Team – Dave Taylor has signed up a PAC team with Brenda Hunt, and any parents who are interested can let Dave or Lisa Taylor know (taylorfive@telus.net). The date is Saturday, June 11, 6pm-6am. So far there are 23 parents signed up. Brenda is giving us the protocol to follow and Dave will send out instructions, which include each parent registering with a \$15 registration fee in the office, picking up a pledge sheet, and letting Brenda know t-shirt size for team shirts. Walk/run times will be organized for the 12-hour event, and parents are welcome to stay the whole night, or come for only an hour, or any amount of time in between.

6. **New Business**- nothing specific - Arla asked about inviting Gerald Fussell to the next PAC meeting to speak on resilience, which was well-received.

Adjournment: 8:45pm- motion Lisa, Mariah seconded.

NEXT meeting May 9th, 2016 - last meeting of the year.