



# Mark R. Isfeld Secondary PAC

## MINUTES

Monday, Feb. 20, 2017  
7:00pm

**Attendees** Lisa Taylor, Julie Shields, Alison Kavaliunas, Jeff Taylor, Mary-Jane Douglas, Sheila McDonnell(Trustee), Jo Payne, Shannon Aldinger, Mariah Moraes, Ian Langmann, Arla Calman, Annette Schmidt-Schweda, Stacey Fussell, Tammi Whelan

1. **Call to Order** 7:03 by Lisa
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Mariah – seconded by Stacy
3. **Approval of Previous Month’s Minutes** – Mariah moved to accept – Jo seconded.
4. **Presentation: Alison Kavaliunas – Isfeld Vice-Principal** – Discussion of grief counseling for students and parents in a school community, including processes and resources to help. Alison was a counselor for 5 years prior to becoming an administrator. There is a network available, a critical response team, who liaise with the police and school counselors, family, and home school or school of sibling. The critical response team is activated when a traumatic experience befalls either a student or any person directly associated with students. At Isfeld, we have Deb Long and Caroline Gauthier at the school, and available to the school is David Hext, a suicide intervention worker, and a Youth and Family worker. There are materials available, including “A Path Through Loss,” a workbook available to students; in addition to grade 8 and 9 health with PE; workshops; and clubs.
5. **Reports:**
  - **Principal’s Report – Jeff Taylor**  
Highlights from the last month:
  - **Achievement in Athletics:** Our Winter season is in its final weeks. Basketball has been tougher this year than last, which was tougher than the year before. Our Junior Girls finished their season at North Islands. The senior girls made it to Islands and finished fourth. The junior boys and senior boys are still playing. The seniors travel to Victoria for the Islands this weekend and need to place in the top four to keep their streak of Provincials appearances intact. Our wrestling team continues to compete, and did earn three bronze medals in one tournament. Our boys’ snowboard team qualified for provincials at Whistler. Girls Soccer and Rugby are about to start.
  - **Citizenship check:** Pink Shirt Day is coming up this Wednesday, which this year is part of Spirit Week. The staff will be taking on students in indoor soccer at lunch on Thursday. Our Interact Club

is currently canvassing for attendees to the Rotary's Gala event, which will raise even more money for their sponsored school in Tegucigalpa. They are also talking about supporting covered bike racks for the school, but this may be months or even years off.

- **What's up with Arts:** Our Junior and Senior Improv Team competed in the Islands. Our junior team place second on the Island behind Vanier. Our senior Improv team also placed second behind Gulf Islands. Destination Imagination Regional Championships will be held at Isfeld this Saturday, and I still have a few volunteer spots that need filling.
- **Academics:** The January Report card was mostly good news. We have identified struggling learners in grade 8 and 9 that we dedicated our last staff meeting to. It was our intention to share the data with students during the semester end assembly, but we have had to reschedule this.

Upcoming Events-

- Grad Parent meeting Feb 27 at 7:00 pm in the MPR
  - Pink Shirt Day Feb 22.
  - Destination Imagination Regional Tournament at Isfeld on February 25th.
  - Cabane a Sucre on February 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Grad Dessert night March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Grad scholarship booklets out - Due on March 10<sup>th</sup> - no late ones will be accepted
  - March break begin March 20 and ends on March 24.
- **Trustee's Report – Sheila McDonnell** – Extra funding just announced includes \$50/student for supplies, new desks etc. Rural school district education meeting was held last Friday at Isfeld regarding the concerns and realities of rural schools. School board hosted the first 'public engagement' meeting at Glacier View School. It was held during office hours on a week day – 60 people attended. A question was asked regarding the 4.6 day work week- is it being looked at with respect to changing it next year –from an educational perspective-as well as a financial perspective. Answer yes but not yet. If a parent would like to make a comment or suggestion to the board, the best way is to email the trustees.
  - **Treasurer's Report – Mary-Jane Douglas**- attached – Mary Jane moved to Accept – Ian seconded.
  - **DPAC Report** – not available – We need a new rep for Isfeld – DPAC meets once a month.
  - **CPF Report – Lisa Taylor** – 4:30 – 7:00 this Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> - Cabane a Sucre - \$5/person – tickets available at Isfeld office. There will also soon be a French film night announced - one for elementary and one for secondary students, hosted by CPF.
6. **New Business:**
- **Need for a new DPAC representative for Isfeld PAC** – any volunteers or nominations are invited.
  - **Julie Shields spoke about scheduling and timetabling** - Usually, the administrators know approximate numbers of students; unfortunately they do not know the numbers for staffing. They will therefore ask the students what courses they wish to take, after spring break, and use the information shortly after. When students do not request their courses at that time, or change their minds later, the school may not be able to provide for those choices.

**Adjournment -8:10 PM** – moved by Ian, seconded by Mary-Jane

**Next PAC Meeting: March 13, 2017**