



Mark R. Isfeld Secondary PAC

Minutes

Monday, Feb. 19, 2018
7:00pm

Attendees:

Jo Payne, Lisa Taylor, Jeff Taylor, Arla Calman, Sheila McDonnell, Shannon Aldinger, Lauren Lan, Tom Mason, Dawn Sheppard, Brad Tobacco, Tammi Whelan

1. **Call to Order:** Lisa 7:03
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Tom, seconded by Lauren
3. **Approval of Previous Month's Minutes:** Shannon seconded by Jo

4. Reports:

- **Principal's Report – Jeff Taylor**

New report on goals format from school board - to replace the Four Pillars report - based on goals, progress and decisions. Goals decided on in September are now the basis of the report. Goal #1.39- reinforcing the relationship between staff and students- Action – supporting the students with anxiety – teachers attended a workshop on how to better support the learning potential of individual students. Drills: Fire and Lockdown drills - are reviewing to decrease the anxiety associated with the events. Opportunities Room, for students with anxiety, was deep inside the school, and is now in the portable closest to the parking lot to facilitate those students with anxiety. Staff and administration continue to reinforce the TA model of developing a relationship with each of their students. The Capstone project work has provided an opportunity to enhance this relationship. Students will be asked to indicate their preference for next year's courses. The school may or may not be able to offer the courses they have chosen. Every effort will be made to do so, but there are no guarantees. Extracurricular Activities: Robotics came first! Improv did well; senior girls did very well and have made it to provincials! Junior girls did very well. Senior boys will go to the Islands this weekend. Boys and girls snowboarding teams are both going to provincials!! Many clubs have assembled and meet at lunch in the library and the school has a place for many diverse groups of students. Isfeld is hosting a student forum with students from all 3 high schools to be held March 14 in the afternoon. Goal is for administration and board members to hear from the students. Tom Demeo and administrators had a meeting and Isfeld is ready to implement the new curriculum specifically with regard to Planning 10 and Grad Transitions. Isfeld is not running these programs anymore. We are morphing to

'Careers 10 and 11' – Careers 11 includes the capstone project. Highland and Vanier are not doing this yet. The students with anxiety are offered an opportunity to do tai chi with Mr. Green. Goal still in process: # 138.2 to continue to develop competency-based instruction to develop critical thinking, collaboration, creative thinking and problem solving.

There is a Quebec exchange for 23 grade 8 students- Feb 4-10, in addition to the Italy and China exchanges for the older grades.

- **Trustee's Report – Sheila McDonnell-** With regard to the start of the budget year – district is waiting for the government ministry to come out with the details of what will be funded specifically re child care funding; program reviews are happening. Sheila as a board member is excited that the report on Health (sex) education identified missing pieces, and she is hoping that there will continue to be an annual review of the program. Sheila also noted the hoops the board has put up in the past for a parent to bring forward a concern. They are now reviewing other programs as a result. No major changes in schools anticipated, all schools will remain open and are needed.
- **Treasurer's Report – Mary-Jane Douglas** - unable to attend – no new cheques have been written as per MJ via Lisa. A student group has applied for a gaming license for a fundraiser.
- **DPAC Report – Ian Langmann/Lorne Taylor** – unable to attend
- **CPF Report – Jo Payne** – French classes for parents very successful, and are being taught by a teacher at ERR, levels one and two. Cabane a Sucre to be held March 3. Concours d'arts oratoire is to be held at Puntledge. CPF Comox Valley chapter has won the provincial membership drive, and therefore gets the entire amount of the membership fees for our local chapter. The CPF is grateful to École Robb Road's PAC for their support of CPF through purchasing the memberships of all new Kindergarten families at the school for one year, and CPF recently presented the Robb Road PAC with a 'plantable' gift for their school garden. We may have the theatre group, Theatre d' Seizieme. Next meeting is April 23 at Ecole Puntledge Park. There is a face book page now for the local chapter. There will be 2 \$500 scholarships to graduating grade 12 students.

5. Old Business ,

- Sexual Health Education – request to SD71 board endorsed by Isfeld PAC – Update - Shannon Aldinger. News- Eleven pages of review indicate that there are some gaps in health education. Dr. Claire will not be able to expand her services to the level that will be needed in future. Classroom teachers do not have the training to deliver the sex education program. There are sex education kits that Dr. Claire has put together that schools can apply for. There are recommendations that involve aiding the staff at the secondary schools to fully implement the health education curriculum. At Isfeld the PHE staff is primed and ready to deliver the curriculum. There is also a public health nurse here at Isfeld for 2 hours once a week to provide an opportunity to ask private questions. Support is available for teachers not comfortable with teaching the curriculum now that we know there are gaps. Shannon is still concerned that there is no information in the curriculum regarding pornography and sexting and the influence of technology on sexual health. Jeff indicated that the PHE teachers and other classes at school are already addressing online issues. Nothing done at Isfeld to directly replace Dr. Claire; she is unique and valued.
- Salad Bar Program at Mark Isfeld Secondary – Update – Lauren Lan/Tom Mason - moving along well- pieces are coming together well.

- Parent Drug Info Night – Sub-Committee Update - Tammi Whelen. Need a PA specialist from the school to help. Jeff has volunteered. The committee has confirmed a format and is working on confirming the panel speakers. It is coming together and promises to be an informative event with specialists in the field to speak and add to the Hedicans’ story. The Drug Info Night will be held on April 18, in the Isfeld gym.
- School District PAC Funds for Mark Isfeld Secondary – 2016-2017 – Thrifty’s Gift Card – proposal to do something special for Isfeld staff from PAC – need for discussion re requirements of PAC In-service funds. Parameters for use-parent education events, babysitting for meetings, travel to provincial PAC meetings. Each year it is of the value- \$100 plus \$ 0.70/student. An example of suitable use would be to use the funds to pay for parents/staff to take the food safety course so they can work the salad bar. Another option would be supplying the PAC-supported meetings with refreshments, like the drug information night or an Emergency preparedness night.
- Memorial Bursary – in the name of Bev Skwernuik – proposal to use SD71 PAC funds for 2017-2018 to contribute to this bursary – \$824 (proposal brought forward from January PAC meeting).With our new understanding of the parameters for use, this is not an option. This proposal is not something that falls under the mandate of the PAC. Other suggestions were made, such as contacting the Interac Club or Grad Committee. Thank you for bringing it forward.

6. **New Business:** not tonight.

7. **Adjournment :** Motion by Lisa, seconded by Tom – 8:50.

Next PAC Meeting: March 12, 2018