



Mark R. Isfeld Secondary PAC

Minutes

Monday, Jan. 9, 2017
7:00pm

Attendees:

Lisa Taylor, Tammi Whelan, Arla Calman, Lorne Taylor, Sheila MacDonnell, Mary-Jane Douglas, Anette Schmidt-Schweda, Mariah Moraes, Joanne Payne, Jeff Taylor, Claudia Harper, Ian Langmann.

1. Call to Order- Lisa -7:03
2. Approval of Agenda- Mariah and Lorne seconded
3. Approval of Previous Month's Minutes- Lorne approved – Lisa seconded
4. Reports:
 - Principal's Report – Jeff Taylor
 - Achievement in Athletics: The Fall season is over and both of our senior volleyball teams made Provincials. Our senior boys' soccer team only narrowly missed it. In the winter season, we have a full slate of basketball teams and they are all competitive. The senior boys are provincially ranked, and finished second at the Port Alberni tournament. The senior girls returned from Brentwood with a 2-1 record. Wrestling has been underway as a Friday activity for some time and is attracting new members. The ski and snowboard teams have already formed and, although the weather is cooperating, they face stiffer competition this year than in the past.
 - Citizenship check: Our Grade 12 students saw that one of our cultural traditions was in danger of discontinuing, and they stepped up to fill the leadership void. Twenty grade 12s put on the French Immersion Christmas Banquet this year, including the planning, purchasing, running and clean-up. It was a fabulous event and widely regarded as the best run. Grads are on a brief hiatus from grad work while we wrap up semester one, but start again early in February. The blood drive continues January 19 at the Florence Filberg Centre from 1 to 7 pm. December was a busy month for Citizenship, involving the school-wide hamper drive, gathering clothing for the homeless, raising money for toys at the Children's Hospital and many other worthy causes. It is important to note that some of these efforts were initiated entirely by students.

- What's up with Arts: Lindsay Duncan has her first school concert under her belt, and it was well-received. A highlight was the Glee Club, a choir run entirely by senior students on Fridays. Our Improv teams, always contenders, are seeing a real shot at taking the top spot this year.
- Academics: January is study month and we are hoping to get students refocused. We will measure the results we get this month, both on exams and in terms of assignment completion, to see if we are getting what we want from Fridays. Our graduation results have come back from the ministry and for the fifth year in a row, our six year completion rate is 99%.

Upcoming Events-

- The North Island Improv Games are being hosted by Isfeld, and are taking place January 22.
- The end of semester is coming, with classes, exams or other activities remaining in session until Thursday, January 26th. Semester 2 starts Jan 30.
- Family Day Feb 13, District Pro D day hosted by Isfeld on Feb 10. Curriculum Day March 3rd.
- Destination Imagination Regionals at Isfeld on Saturday February 25- need volunteers 20 students and 20 adults.
- Cabane a sucre is on February 25th
- Arbitrator in our district has decided to reinstate recess to elementary schools; and decided that teaching 8/8 blocks is acceptable under the collective agreement. This is disappointing for some high school teachers.
- The province is correcting to the 2002 class size and composition, with \$50,000,000- Isfeld will get approximately 1.75 more staff or the equivalent of.
- Some discussion ensued.
- **Trustee's Report** – Sheila McDonnell- Sheila became a trustee to make learning more relevant to the students. This past Friday evening and Saturday, staff and board trustees had a meeting about their purpose and function, goals and ambitions. They have been working with a shortage of support staff and money. Sheila is saying it will take a lot of work and thought to implement the changes imposed. She is sad that the decision to go to the 4.6 day week was so controversial with the teachers that it engendered a lack of trust between the parties. The other issue, returning to 2002 letter of the agreement ruling, is of concern as teaching methods for designated students has changed. Sheila's hope is that the spirit of the agreement will be funded with some added flexibility. She is feeling humbled by the amount of conflict. One in ten people in CV feel sd71 not doing a good job. They are making an effort to have some public meetings. She is acknowledging that people who attended meetings last year were discouraged about not seeing their views reflected, after having given input. She feels the new superintendent is a good leader. A public meeting will be held, January 30th at Glacier View Learning Center starting at 9 am. Lunch is included. People will be asked to register.
- Treasurer's Report – Mary-Jane Douglas- attached – Mary-Jane moved to accept –Mariah seconded
- DPAC Report – Ineke Burritt/Joka Belyk - no report as Ineke and Joka are not in attendance.

- CPF report – Lisa Taylor – AGM last month – with guest visitor – meeting was encouraging and exciting. February 25th is the Cabane a Sucre. January 23, next meeting at Isfeld.
5. **Adjournment** – Lisa moved to adjourn 8:55
NEXT PAC Meeting: February 20, 2017