



# Mark R. Isfeld Secondary PAC

## Minutes

Monday, May 9, 2017  
7:00pm

1. **Call to Order:** Lisa – 7:03- Last meeting of the year
2. **Approval of Agenda** –motion by Ian – seconded by Arla
3. **Approval of Previous Month's Minutes-** adjust to 2002 from 2008 funding levels – approved by Ian –Mary Jane seconded

#### 4. Reports:

Principal's Report – Jeff Taylor

Highlights from last month

- **Achievement in Athletics:** Girls rugby wrapped up their season with a win over Ballenas and Cowichan last weekend. The team won all the games in their tier and greatly benefitted from their committed community coach. Junior Girls placed third in the North Islands and will be competing in Islands in Nanaimo this weekend. The senior girls are hosting North Islands today and tomorrow. The track and field team had a very successful meet, with some grade 8 students placing in events in the grade 9 category. Many senior students scored 1<sup>st</sup> (hurdles, 100m), second (javelin) and third (high jump). Mountain bike team and golf team active.
- **Citizenship check:** The grads put on the Drive One for Charity fundraiser on April 30. This is the first year we didn't have YANA croquet, and this allowed us to change the format to great effect. It was our most successful Drive One event ever. Our Environment Club is trying to organize an Eco Fair later this month, and this is almost exclusively student driven.
- **What's up with Arts:** Two teams from Isfeld will be representing the valley and the Destination Imagination Global Finals in Knoxville, Tennessee. The Drama department recently performed one act plays and are already in discussions about next years' combined production with Highland and Vanier. The Band will be performing their final concert of the year on June 12.
- **Academics:** At this time last year I announced that the 8/8 alternate week was confirmed as a reality for the upcoming year. I can confirm that we are going back to 7/8, and our bell schedule will be adjusted accordingly. The staff have been engaged in a month of discussions/debates on how to move forward with 21<sup>st</sup> century learning, and we hope to be resolved on a course of action

by the end of this week. This will be focused on 'Inquiry' based instruction, with the students. We have also gathered student impressions on educational innovation, and I welcome feedback from parents. It was my intent to share where we are at with all parents at the film viewing on June 14<sup>th</sup>, but with the postponement of that event, we will look for other opportunities. 20<sup>th</sup> Century learning – motivation of students is compliance- 21<sup>st</sup> century learners have 'called the bluff' and disengaged- 21<sup>st</sup> century learning is based on supporting staff and students to keep them engaged. The schedule for next year will be 2.5-3 hours/week divided into 2 sessions; a short one early in the week and a longer one at the end of the week.

#### Upcoming Events-

- Election Day tomorrow. Parking spaces at an absolute premium all day.
- Ab Ed Recognition Ceremony May 10
- Bowling with Special Olympics Athletes May 12
- Grad Parent Meeting May 15
- Gwynne Dyer presentation on The Trump Era at 2:13 in our MPR, May 18- Last period on a Thursday-
- Non-Instructional Day May 19. Victoria Day May 22
- Tailgate Bar-b-que May 31
- Athletic Banquet June 1
- Scholarship Bursary Evening in MPR June 5
- Retirement and Long Service June 8
- New Student Orientation June 8
- Summer Band Concert June 12
- Last Day of regular classes June 22
- Year end assessments June 23, 26, 27, 28
- Ceremony rehearsal June 27
- Commencement Ceremony June 28

**Trustee's Report – Sheila McDonnell** – Sheila says they are making budget decisions; they have public budget meetings coming up this month. There are space 'crunches' in a few schools- Arden and Aspen – but there is space at other schools, near these schools, available. Capital investment is required for the 'too-full schools' for portables because there are many cross-boundary students, who could be at schools that have room. Much research and discussion is required before decisions are made. Four cohorts of French Immersion and three of English are incoming in the fall of 2017.

- **Treasurer's Report – Mary-Jane Douglas** – see attached
- **DPAC Report – Ian Langmann, Lorne Taylor** – Lorne reminded all of us how few high school student parents are represented at DPAC and encouraged all of us to come out and have some input into the decisions made at DPAC.
- **CPF Report – Lisa Taylor** - French movie night went splendidly at Isfeld and Ecole Robb Road. The AGM is Monday, June 12, at 7:00pm, at Mark Isfeld Secondary, in Room 100. All French Immersion parents are welcome, and we look forward to seeing you there!

## 5. Old Business

- **PAC Relay for Life Team** – Update – Mary-Jane Douglas- Still a chance to sign up.
- **Educational documentary – “Most Likely to Succeed” – Update** – Tammi Whelan – TW spoke with Sheila regarding support from the school board or sd71; she indicated it would require passage through a board meeting. This will take until next fall. DPAC would also require more time than we have if we want to show it this June. TW made a motion that we the Isfeld PAC bring the documentary ‘most likely to succeed’ to Isfeld to be shown in the MPR on June 14, 2017. The school will financially support bringing the film here \$350.00 USD. Motion passed. Stay tuned for promotional material.

## 6. New Business:

- Mark R. Isfeld PAC Constitution & By-Laws – notice of proposed amendment. Tabled until next time. There is reference in the Bylaws to committees that no longer exist.
- International Student Program – need more host homes – pamphlets available.

## 7. Adjournment:

Next PAC Meeting: September 11, 2017 -8:03

Meeting adjourned at 8:03.