



Mark R. Isfeld Secondary PAC

Minutes

Monday, Nov. 20, 2017
7:00pm

Lisa Taylor, Bobbi Rowntree, Arla Calman, Shannon Aldinger, Dawn Sheppard, Tom Mason, Ed Howard, Lorne Taylor, Ian Langmann, Jeff Taylor, Tammi Whelan, Mary-Jane Douglas

1. Call to Order: Lisa 7:04
2. Approval of Agenda: motion by Ian and Tammi seconded
3. Approval of Previous Month's Minutes: motion by Tammi seconded by Jo
4. Reports:
 - Principal's Report – Jeff Taylor
 - Athletics:** The senior /boys soccer team played well but fell to fourth place at Islands, which ended their season. The junior girls volleyball team came up short at the north islands for the second time in two years, but the senior girls team was in close with the best teams in the province at their Island finals at Timberline, and will be going to provincials at Crofton House in ten days. The senior boys upset Lambrick Park and SMU to claim the last berth at provincials as well. Our Junior boys volleyball are going to provincials in Kelowna this week. Basketball has already started for all levels, which makes our success in volleyball even more challenging for gym space.
 - The Arts:** The grad Fashion show is coming up next Monday. Props have been created over the span of almost three months, so our first show without the services of Gary Aylward is still likely to be a success. The Comox Valley Music and Choir Festival is running right now. The Choir performed today and our bands will play tomorrow and Wednesday. The Improv team continues to rehearse on Fridays and we continue to have strong teams at junior and senior levels. Destination Imagination is well underway but always looking for more team managers. This will be another building year for VEX robotics, but now that the program is being run out of this school, we can probably expect a big jump by this time next year.
 - Citizenship:** The Isfeld Interact Club was recently given an award by Rotary for exemplary service over an extended period in support of schools in Honduras. Other new clubs are cropping up, including Minecraft, Dr. Who and others. We are collecting clothing for EDAS, and the Christmas hamper program will continue this year.
 - Academics:** Term one is behind us and marks have been input into MyEDBC. Transitioning to continuous, paperless reporting has been overdue, but onerous at times. Parents will be meeting with teachers this Friday to discuss progress. For those on linear programs, the year is still early and the better indicator of eventual success would be work habits. Some parent helpers will be in the

gym to help set up for fashion show on Friday, so parent/PE Teacher meetings will be moved to other locations.

- At the last PAC meeting the idea of a Salad Bar was put forward. I made a grant request for Community Links funding, which was approved for \$2000. Thank you Jeff.

Upcoming events

- Nov 20-22 SD71 Band and Choir Festival
- Nov 21 'Reach out Psychosis' presentation in gym for all students teenage mental health
- Nov 22 Grade 9 vaccinations in room 100
- Nov 24 Parent / Teacher Interviews Friday
- Nov 24-26 Fashion Show setup
- Nov 27 Grad Fashion Show November 27th
- Dec 11 Winter Concert

- Trustee's Report – Sheila McDonnell- could not make it – no report.
- Treasurer's Report – Mary-Jane Douglas- No change since October, there are two gaming grants for the fashion show that Mary –Jane got approved. Balance is the same. Mary-Jane moved to approve, Bobbi seconded.
- DPAC Report – Ian Langmann/Lorne Taylor-main issue at DPAC was the letter from Shannon Aldinger. They reviewed the wording of the request to the school board , and it now reads: " To endorse Shannon Aldinger's request to SD71 to review the District Sexual Health Education program and consider increasing funding for providing sexual health education in all grades, rather than skipping some grades". Tom moved to approve the change, Bobbi seconded.

Discussion ensued – the suggestion was made that education of parents is needed and wanted, as much as the students. Program Review, is defined by the superintendent SD71 as a specific process undertaken by a committee. Jeff made the suggestion that we request the review we are requesting via Shannon's letter, be a Program review, similar to other Program reviews.

This month's DPAC Hot Topic : "How parents interface with teachers and admin". There will be guest speakers to address this topic. Any parents are welcome and can attend December 4th at Valley View Elementary. DPAC@sd71.ca is the contact email for questions or comments.

- CPF Report – Jo Payne – Isfeld Representative – see attached. Thank you Jo.

5. Old Business:

DPAC-endorsed letter to SD71 re Sexual Health Education – Shannon Aldinger- addressed in earlier discussion.

Salad Bar update – 'Farm to School' grant is an option Tom brought up that he would like to apply for, Jeff endorsed the pursuit of grants with the thought that the salad bar will be installed in the small kitchen off the multipurpose room. Tom will go ahead. Very exciting!

6. New Business: Lorne brought up the concern that opioids are so prevalent, and available to kids. He is looking for feedback and ideas. Jeff advised us that each school now has a Naloxone kit, as they have AED's, earthquake kits etc.

7. Adjournment : 8:39 Moved by Ian and seconded by Bobbi.

Next PAC Meeting: January 15, 2018