



# Mark R. Isfeld Secondary PAC

## Minutes

Monday, Oct. 16, 2017  
7:00pm

### Attendees:

Lisa Taylor, Jeff Taylor, Lorne Taylor, Mary-Jane Douglas, Arla Calman, Tammi Whelan, Johanne Moreau, Sheila McDonnell, Dawn Sheppard, Shannon Aldinger, Jo Payne, Tom Mason, Ian Langmann, Lauren Lan

1. **Call to Order** 7:03 Lisa
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved by Lorne, seconded by Ian
3. **Approval of Previous Month's Minutes:** Approved by Ian, seconded by Jo.
4. **Salad Bar Program - Lauren Lan** – For health and for a small fund raiser; it is in place at ERR, Lake Trail and Huband; at ERR it is \$4 /plate for all you want to eat; at Lake Trail it is free; the program needs 4- 6 volunteers; is put on usually once/week; costs depend on the equipment/appropriate room already present; a commercial dishwasher is required; Ministry of Health, Whole Foods, Rotary, Comox Valley Community Foundation all have grants available; need support of the Admin and staff, PAC. If the school wants to go forward – need research costs, request start up funds from Isfeld and/or PAC, apply for grant – CVCF before October 31; apply for Whole Foods grants if possible, explore options of involving students. Jeff Taylor mentioned that there may be some possibilities within the timetable in terms of student helpers, but it would need to be looked at closely. Lauren, who presented the idea, says she has four core volunteers ready to take on making this happen. Jeff mentioned that Ian Heselgrave (SD71 Director of Operations) would have to be notified, and the feasibility of using the school facilities confirmed prior to moving forward. Some seed money can be beneficial in getting grants, and so the hope would be that some seed money could come from the school.

**Motion:** That the PAC agrees in principle to the idea of initiating a salad bar program at Isfeld pending approval and feasibility, and supports a group of parents taking the lead on finding out more about making this happen. Moved by Ian, Shannon seconded. Approved.

5. **Reports:**
  - **Principal's Report** – Jeff Taylor

1. The Pillars in Brief:

- a. Our fall athletic program includes boys' soccer, boys' and girls' volleyball, cross country running and aquatics. Our senior girls' volleyball team is provincially ranked. Isfeld will host the North Islands in senior boys' volleyball and senior boys' soccer, and the junior boys will host the North Zone tournament.
- b. The band program is preparing for the Comox Valley Band and Choir Festival on November 20-22. Our grads decided on their fashion show theme early, and picked the late date of November 27 to hold the event. Our Improv club meets very early on Friday mornings and is the warm-up act for a professional presentation at the Sid Williams Theatre this week. All three high schools will be involved in the production of Heathers, and Isfeld students are expected to feature prominently in the cast.
- c. Under citizenship, we had another successful Terry Fox run, raising over \$4000. We have trips to Italy and Germany coming up, as well as our French Immersion and band trips. The Interact club is off to a strong start and the environment club has a number of new initiatives.
- d. The new curriculum is getting closer to implementation for all grades 10-12, and is already established for grade 8 and 9. The capstone project has already been implemented to alleviate hardship on our current grade 11s in their grade 12 year. Implementation of Project Wednesdays is messy, but proceeding as expected. We have been pleasantly surprised by the energy and enthusiasm many students are bringing to this initiative, and we hope that this energy translates into excellent project presentations in January and June. Planning 10 will be replaced by a careers course, and Grad transitions will be morphed into a Careers course also.
- e. The School District is undertaking a review of how our schools align with our district in terms of what we are trying to achieve. To that end, Isfeld staff have been meeting and gathering information to complete a framework document, which I would like to present to PAC for input and approval.

2. Important dates:

- a. October 20 – Provincial Pro-D day
- b. October 25 Most Likely to Succeed Presentation DVD at Isfeld MPR ,6:30pm
- c. October 31 – Halloween Costume contest
- d. November 1-2 – Isfeld hosts boys soccer North Islands
- e. November 8 – Blood Donor Clinic at Comox Band Hall
- f. November 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly, Nov 13 Statutory Holiday
- g. November 20-22 – Comox Valley Band and Choir Festival
- h. November 21 – Reach out Psychosis presentation
- i. November 22 – Grade 9 Vaccinations
- j. November 27 – Grad Fashion Show
- k. November 24 – Parent-Teacher meetings

- **Trustee's Report** – Sheila McDonnell - It has been a good start to the year, but with challenges. In the context of discussing educational ideas and frameworks, Sheila mentioned the importance of having staff and students engaged, and that there is theoretically nothing stopping students taking extra courses until they are 19 years old, or spacing out their high school credits over 6 years instead of 5, if they would benefit from waiting to leave school, and they were truly engaged in school; she supports thinking 'outside the box' if it is in students' best interests, and is always willing to listen to new ideas. Sheila mentioned the "Framework for Learning" initiative – implemented by SD71 to bring into alignment the learning/teaching goals of all the schools in the district – the attached document from Mr. Taylor is Isfeld's version of this. All schools in the district will come up with and submit a 'Framework for Learning' document.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Mary-Jane Douglas - we now have \$19,280 in the gaming account; in keeping with the Isfeld tradition, the entire amount will be divided between the pillars of: Athletics 50% (\$9500) Arts 30% (\$5784) Academics 20% (\$3856) A motion to accept by Mary-Jane, and seconded by Ian. Approved.
- **DPAC Report** – Lorne Taylor – 5 points – 1. communication survey went out to all parents – 500 responded/7800 students – responses are being reviewed – 2. Education committee meetings happen second Tuesday every month at changing locations, for parents to connect with district staff and board members. 3. DPAC tries to engage parents throughout the district with 'Hot Topics'. 4. This month's Hot Topic is how parents can best communicate with teachers or other school staff when they have questions, concerns, etc. – parents can come to November's PAC meeting ready to discuss this topic, and DPAC reps will collect this input. 5. Next DPAC meeting is 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of November, in Cumberland.
- **CPF Report** – Lisa Taylor- next Monday is the next CPF meeting, October 23, 7 pm here at Isfeld, in Room 100. All French immersion and Core French parents are welcome and encouraged to come.

## 6. Old Business

**Educational Documentary** – "Most Likely to Succeed" – Report and update: Tammi Whelen/ Jeff Taylor – next showing coming up: Wednesday, Oct. 25, MPR, 6:30pm. After the documentary showing, Mr. Taylor will be giving a brief update about what Isfeld is already doing, with a question and answer session to follow.

7. **New Business:** Shannon Aldinger spoke about a letter she has composed, to send to the school board requesting that sexual health education be extended to all grades. She requested the district increase the budget for sex education in schools for all grades and all children. Right now the senior grades do not get Sex Ed past grade 10 and a few grades are skipped. Her request was for the PAC to endorse the request for SD71 to review the Sex Ed program and increase it to a gold standard. Jeff added the school has to work hard to counter the pop culture influence with clear facts and information. To do so, Isfeld has used a peer mentorship program, as students are more willing to speak to a person closer their

own age. (Sadly the staff member who ran this program has moved away and no one has taken it on, but it is to be hoped that this will continue sometime in the future.)

**Motion:** That the PAC endorses Shannon Aldinger's request to SD71 to review the district Sexual Health Education program, and consider providing sexual health education in all grades, rather than skipping some grades. Moved by Shannon, seconded by Lauren.

Approved.

Shannon will now take this motion and her proposal to DPAC for endorsement, and then with both endorsements take it to the board and staff.

## 8. Adjournment

**Next PAC Meeting: November 20, 2017** - moved to adjourn Lorne, and Ian seconded.