

Mark R. Isfeld Secondary PAC
September 17, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Sarah Toone, Barbara Lehman, Deb Rogers, Jo Payne, Shannon Aldinger, Blaire Iverson, Lené Trien, Arla Calman, Dawn Sheppard, David Gillis, Vaughn Chanakos, Shannon Lisch, Rena Moseley, Sam White, Lauren Lan, Norm Cardinal, Tom Mason, Mary-Jane Douglas, Ian Langmann, Natasha Taylor, Lisa Taylor, Mariah Moraes, Karma Taiji, Jonathan Bos, Sean Lamoureux

Meeting to order: 7:02 pm, Lisa welcomed everyone.

Round table Introductions

Agenda

- Mariah moved to accept as presented, Lauren seconded. Voted, passed.

Minutes

- You'll find them on the website.
- Tom moved to accept as presented, Jo seconded, voted, passed.

Introduction of new principal - Sean Lamoureux

- Graduated from UVIC (SS / PE)
- Strong background is special education and athletics
- Married (Registered Clinical Counselor who works for Hospice, one daughter, foster children)
- Began teaching in Burns Lake ~ Special Education
- Principal in Kamloops for last 17 years
- Isfeld is my 7th school

Introduction of new Accounts Clerk – Isabel Elgueda

- Please be in touch if you need anything.

Reports

Administrator Report - Sean Lamoureux

- Week 1: A few observations from Sean:
 - It has been a good startup to the year.
 - Parents should be very proud of their children. The Isfeld students are a very polite, personable and accepting group.
 - Strong staff who care about kids – good involvement in sports and clubs.

- Events so far, and upcoming: Grade 8 barbeque, Terry Fox Run, Orange Shirt Day, grade assemblies.
- I have spent a lot of time in classes and seen the students involved, participating and enjoying the learning.
- There has been a learning curve as I am from a Mac district, used to Google Docs, site-based funding, different collective agreement.
- The two VP's (Jon and Karma) have been awesome showing me the ropes.
- My Philosophy with PAC:
 - Working together to provide a good learning environment. Strong and consistent communication.
- Students
 - I believe that all students have the ability to learn and it is our job as educators regardless of the role (administrator, teacher, custodian) to facilitate this in whatever way possible.
- Principal's Report:
 - In the past I have presented:
 - Good Things: all the great things that are occurring at the school
 - Challenges, but I am also honest and relate the struggles we are having as well.
 - Upcoming events
 - Q & A

Q: With the upcoming renovation – has there been any thought to a kitchen?

A: Will look into this.

Q: Time frame for upcoming school renovation?

A: 5 years at best.

Q: Costs for renos – all new money, or from District Funds?

A: Unsure – district would have to kick in some of the funding.

Q: Anxiety among students was being looked at. Where is this now?

A: Karma advised that the term 'anxiety' is being looked at with training to teachers within the district; there is a shift to deemphasize the idea of "anxiety disorder," which is relatively uncommon, and move to the language of "stress response," which is a normal and natural response to stress, which can help us grow and learn.

Q: Wednesday afternoons – Capstone Projects

A: On hold for now. Expected to begin again October.

- Discussion followed.

Treasurer's Report – Mary-Jane Douglas

- All funds from last year spent except \$5.00.

- 2018-2019 Gaming Grant not yet received, but should be sent soon. PAC is funded at \$20.00/student, and given out based on the 4 Pillars, in consultation with the school administrators.
- Fundraising is not traditionally done by Isfeld PAC members.
- Mary-Jane moved to adopt the financial report as presented, Ian seconded. Voted, passed.

DPAC -- Ian Langmann

- DPAC meeting was held Sept. 10.
- DPAC advises PACs to find out the school budget from principals to ensure that money reflects school goals.
- Possible speakers for parent education:
 - Internet security
 - Drug awareness meeting (push for Isfeld to continue) - money from DPAC will be available, as they strongly support our holding of this event last year.
 - Emergency preparation
 - New curriculum speaker
 - Lice 101?
- Pac 101 - how to run a good PAC meeting.
- Understand/announce the role of school districts/trustees/DPAC and PACs
- What are parents' priorities for budget allocation?

Q: What is a high school PAC for?

A: Communication between administrators and parents. A place where parents can bring issues forward.

CPF Report – Jo Payne

- This group represents our French Immersion students.
- If anyone is wanting to be involved, please let Jo or Lisa know.

Old Business

Update on Salad Bar Program – Lauren Lan / Tom Mason

- approx \$13,000 has been raised via grant writing for SB (Salad Bar)
- will be making one more funding request, to the CVCF in late October
- Tom and Lauren (SB coordinators) recently completed FoodSafe1
- SB to launch at Isfeld this winter. Will start in January, as a "test run" (to work out the kinks) to a smaller group (likely, just the teachers).

- SB to launch to students to coincide with term 2: Feb 4th
- SB will be offered once weekly, every Thursday
- cost will be \$3, students/teachers/admin will need to order online in advance (can order once for whole year)
- Lauren asking for additional support from PAC and parent community; sign up sheet if interested passed around
- Press release to school community about Salad Bar coming by month end.

Update on Sexual Health Education K-12 Campaign – Shannon Aldinger

- With Dr. Claire leaving the area, the question has been raised about how this issue will be presented within our district.
 - Discussion

Information on Isfeld Sexual Health education plan – Karma Taiji/ Jon Bos

- Education/Training session was given to all PE teachers, with the focus on consistent messaging, one voice to all students.
- Grade 8 will focus on healthy relationships, dealing with peers
- Grade 9 will be Healthy Active Living
- Grade 10 Mental Health

New Business

Nominations/Election of PAC members

- Elections for PAC Secretary, Vice Chair, DPAC rep
 - Lisa Taylor (Chair) and Mary-Jane Douglas (Treasurer) will continue for one more year, as voted on in May.
- Lisa ran the election process.
 - Requesting nominations for Secretary
 - Mariah Moraes was nominated by Lisa, seconded by Ian
 - By Acclamation
 - Requesting nominations for Vice Chair
 - Ian Langmann was nominated by Mariah, seconded by Lisa
 - By Acclamation
 - Ian has agreed to another year as DPAC rep.
 - Thanks Ian!

Q: Principal's budget report – how in-depth are we wanting it?

Discussion: Perhaps it can be sent ahead of time for review.

Adjournment – 9:35 pm

Next PAC Meeting: October 15th, 2018