



# Mark R. Isfeld Secondary PAC

## Minutes

Monday, Apr. 8, 2019  
7:00pm

*The Mark R. Isfeld PAC acknowledges that we are on the traditional territories of the K'omoks First Nation. We would like to thank them for the privilege of living on their land and the gift of being part of this school community with them.*

Present: Lisa Taylor, Mariah Moraes, Arla Calman, Sean Lamoureux, Shannon Aldinger, Jo Payne, Janice Caton, Lorne Taylor, Tom Mason, Lauren Lan

### Call to Order/Welcome & Introductions

MTO 7:03

### Approval of Agenda

Mariah moved, Shannon seconded. PASSED

### Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Amendment: It was raised that Shannon Aldinger's minuted report for the Sexual Health Education Committee at the last PAC meeting contained an unclear statement. She mentioned that a small group of parents (names not given) had come to her committee to report a rumour that some assaults had been made on students outside of school property; the minutes made it seem that the assaults had been in the past month, but Shannon reported that the parents had come to the committee in the past month, but the rumoured assaults had taken place sometime earlier. Discussion and clarification. Minutes to be amended. Shannon moved the minutes as amended, Arla seconded. PASSED

### Reports:

- **Principal's Report – Sean Lamoureux**  
Point of Interest: Traditionally the principal provides a report. The current PAC enjoys discussion and seeking clarity. The principal will prepare the report in any form that meets the needs of the parents.
  - Email blasts (Principal's Corner) on topics of interest or concern, updates, pieces of information will continue to go out, and parents welcome specific emails from the principal as needed.
  - The PAC appreciates using the principal's time at PAC meetings to ask questions and discuss, so potentially Sean will prepare a report to send out ahead of time to regular PAC parents and then his time at the meeting can be more focused on specific discussion.

### 1. Good News Items:

- Very busy time at Isfeld.
  - o New season of sport for BCSS,
  - o Bursaries, scholarships, reference letters

- Graduation festivities
- Time Tabling
- Jake Boan - Grade 9 - recited PI to 1400 decimal
- Maisi Mathews (gr 9) Gold in Baking, Maria Bood (12) Silver in Culinary at Skills Canada

## 2. Invitation

A reminder to all volunteers on PAC's that you are invited to the SD71 Volunteer Recognition Dinner. It is scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Florence Filberg Centre.

## 3. Grad

- Handout provided to parents

<b>Monday, April 15</b>	Last day to order Grad Clothing
<b>Monday, April 29</b>	Grad Parent Meeting #3 - 7:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room
<b>Wednesday, May 15</b>	NIC Advisor at Isfeld 9 am-12 pm. Sign up in Student Services
<b>Friday, May 17</b>	Grad Tailgate Relay for Life fundraiser for whole school
<b>Monday, June 3</b>	Bursary Reception 7:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room
<b>Saturday, June 15</b>	Relay for Life, Vanier Track, 4:00 pm to 12:00 am
<b>Mon. June 24- Wed. June 26</b>	Semester 2 Provincial Exams
<b>Wednesday, June 26</b>	Grad Car Parade, Grad Ceremony and After Grad

## 4. Time Table

### Philosophy of Build

- Student Driven
- Cater to our staff next
- Post remaining

### Noticeable Trends:

1. Reduction in PE classes selected
2. SS 11 requirement allow students to replace SS 11 with other courses like History, Genocide. They no longer choose to take both courses.
3. French Immersion: increased blocks (4). Ratio of French Immersion to English students varies by 25-40 students per year.
4. French 11 – S2 placement and loaded with grade 10 from S1. Will run every 2 years

## 5. TA Options

Reviewing TA for September 2019

If parents have any feedback, please feel free to see me over the next few weeks.

- Q: Are French Immersion grade 12 marks posted?
  - A: They are on line
- Q: On average, how does Isfeld rate provincially: 5 of the last 9 we exceeded the provincial average. We exceeded with this last testing cycle.
- Q: 30 hours work experience still needed for graduation?

- A: yes. Tracked by career centre
  - Q: A previous student passed away. Was this a result of a drug OD?
    - Not able to share, but a response team was available for any student who needed this.
    - Discussion on how this response team works.
      - Students/ Staff/ Parents can initiate this.
  - Rumours regarding kids and situations – this causes issues, without the facts. Discussion on what can be done to squash the rumours. Permission from family must be given for information release. Social media is often incorrect in the information that the students & parents take as factual.
  - Q: Does SD look at history, and what could have been done?
    - Janice Caton – approx. 7/8 years ago, 7 suicides. Policies and crisis response team as a result.
    - 4/5 John Howard Society counsellors working in district to work with students and staff
  - Q: Information Sharing – within SD. What is shared between Schools and SD? And again share with other Schools? Without breaching privacy.
    - Sexual Abuse / Self Harm – Policies must be followed. Student safety is the primary concern. The reporting of these, are in policy.
      - As principals – they do have regular meetings, and are working collectively.
      - Open relationship with SD office. Regularly call with updates of various topics.
      - McCready Report (<https://www.mcs.bc.ca/>) discusses Youth Health/Research/Engagement; perhaps a presentation on this might be a good idea next year?
- **Trustee's Report – Janice Caton**
  - Board of education is doing a strategic plan. Looking for community input. Strategic planning consultation Apr 23 1:30- 4:30 or April 29 6:00-8:00 register with Debra Page at SD71; limit to 25 parents/session. Survey available on SD website.
  - Mental health of all SD staff and students is a priority for Janice.
  - Wednesday night dinner 5:30; Filberg Centre thank-you dinner for volunteers.
  - Community consultation for boundary changes to be announced. We have 3 high schools, 1 over capacity (Isfeld), 1 at capacity (Vanier), 1 under capacity (Highland).
  - Dr Charmaine Enns to attend Board Meeting, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, to discuss vaping and teens talking about it. Being recorded, for watching at a later date.
  - Board may be able to do education for mini video/pod casts etc. – Let Janice know of topics that may be of interest.
  - Q: how do we know the system that we have created is successful? Do we track kids after grad? Surveys or questions? At grad & 5 years out.
    - All grade 12's have an exit interview. We don't follow years later – due to resources.
  - Budget Meetings in May
  - Janice sending regrets for May Meeting.
  - Committed to Parent Education in conjunction with DPAC. Suggestions to Janice.
  - 50% of the School Boards in BC do not meet with the School PACs! Our board does very well in this regard.

- **Treasurer's Report – Mary-Jane Douglas**
  - No report tonight. No cheques have been written since last meeting, so financial report is unchanged.
- **DPAC Report – Ian Langmann/Lorne Taylor**
  - See attached

### **Old Business**

- Update on Drug Strategy Committee Proposal - Isfeld PAC Sub-committee
  - 2 tentative dates had been set - April 25, May 23 in MP room at Isfeld. (Given the session on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, the April 25<sup>th</sup> date will be cancelled.)
  - Calls out to some community speakers/presenters
- Reminder about new PAC Executive for 2019-2020 – PAC Chair and Treasurer election have been held in the May meeting, with co-chair and secretary elections held in September.
  - However, as per our by-laws, our AGM has to be in September, so all elections will be held in September, and the PAC AGM will take place at that time.
  - Executive to discuss about how to move forward with Chair and Treasurer leaving our school with kids graduating this year.
- Reminder that updated PAC Constitution is being worked on, to be ready for 2019-2020 school year – thanks to Lorne for the draft. Please see attached.
- Lauren/Tom Salad Bar:
  - Lots of Student Support, little parent support – more parent volunteers are urgently needed!

### **New Business**

Reporting from Sean, how do we want this to look? Discussion, and decision to try a pre-sent Principal's Report if possible.

### **Adjournment**

Tom moved to adjourn/ Shannon seconded.

Next PAC Meeting: May 13, 2019