



# Mark R. Isfeld Secondary PAC

## MINUTES

Monday, Jan. 11, 2016  
7:00pm

### Attendees

Lisa Taylor, Tammi Whelan, Jeff Taylor, Caylee Bullock, Julie Shields, Ineke Burritt, Steve Claassen, Denise Bullock, Arla Calman, Mary-Jane Douglas, Sheila McDonnell, Mariah Moraes, Rob Bonar, Ian Langmann

1. **Call to Order** - 7:01 – Lisa
2. **Approval of Agenda**- Mariah and Mary Jane
3. **Approval of Previous Month's Minutes**- Ian and Steve Claassen
4. **Isfeld Student Presentation – Anxiety – Caylee Bullock** – discussion ensued with questions, the main message being the value and need for intervention by a health professional and/or counselor- an actual person to talk to. Also the extreme value of a home/family that the child can depend on. Peer help is also valuable if the peer has the training and tools, understands confidentiality, and can keep a healthy separation between themselves and the issues they are hearing about.
5. **Steve Claassen – Robotics Teacher at Vanier** – Steve identifies 'STEM' (science, technology, engineering and math) – as the interests of a certain type of student. The district has been adding programs to support this type of student at the elementary level and at Vanier, and now Mr. Claassen wants to help Isfeld give support to these individuals. Presently, Isfeld students go twice a week after school to his classroom; they are a robotics club and up to 25 of them attend. Website is [teched.gpvanier.ca](http://teched.gpvanier.ca). He hopes at some point to expand the club, to a credit course.

## 6. Reports: a) Principal's Report – Jeff Taylor

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### Principal's Report:

- **Achievement in Athletics:** We are building on a great fall season that saw three teams reach provincial level competition with a strong basketball season. We are taking steps to build a strong program at the junior level, based on including everyone and rewarding commitment and hard work rather than natural talent. Our Senior teams just came first and second at the Alberni 16 team tournament. The senior boys are provincially ranked at sixth and haven't lost yet this year. Our Ski and Snowboard team may be resurrected after a two year hiatus now that we can count on snow. Our wrestling team continues to build slowly, and rugby (a spring season sport) will begin practices as soon as the snow is off the field.
- **Citizenship check:** The Rotary Club is abuzz about our Interact students and what they have quietly been able to accomplish to support students in Tegucigalpa. In past years they have been able to raise \$5000 to support a school there, but this year they raised more than \$10,000 to pay for new roofing, more desks and proper washrooms instead of latrines out in the field. On the local scene, our French Immersion classes hosted a Christmas dinner and more recently a free lunch for the whole school, serving authentic French food, with French music and French trivia thrown in. Two grade eight classes coordinated with elementary schools in our district to really elevate the EDA (everyone deserves a smile) campaign. This culminated in our students attending a luncheon and handing out bags they had filled and decorated as presents.
- **What's up with Arts:** Graham Green's first band concert with us was a success, and though subtly different from the Wayne Kuhnert variety, it was well-received. The production of Footloose just wrapped up, and it was a huge success. Although we could have run many more nights or found a larger venue to meet demand, Isfeld will benefit from a \$15000 audio equipment upgrade as a result of hosting the show. More importantly, this effort represented one of the few times Vanier, Highland and Isfeld students truly collaborate over a long period of time to produce something that represents the best of all of them. Building bridges like this between schools is very important and helps break down barriers and misconceptions.
- **Academics:** January is study month and we are hoping to get students refocused. The admin team has been chasing down some students with missing work, and we hope the outstanding assignments come in this week. We want the last two weeks of January dedicated to study and exam preparation for our grade 11 and 12 students.

### Upcoming Events-

- The North Island Improv Games are being hosted by Isfeld, and are taking place January 19-21.
- The end of semester is coming, with classes, exams or other activities remaining in session until Thursday, January 28th. Semester 2 starts Feb 1st.
- Family Day Feb 8, District Pro D day hosted by Isfeld on Feb 26. Curriculum day Feb 25.
- Destination Imagination Regionals at Highland on March 5.

**CORRECTION** to Mr. Taylor’s report: Highland is hosting the North Island Improv Games, Isfeld will host the Island Improv Championships Feb 6.

- b) Trustee’s Report** – Sheila McDonnell- Phase 5 facility review- Sherry Elwood, School Board superintendent, has left, gone to Richmond. Tom Demeo is the Acting Superintendent. Our secretary treasurer took another job and has gone to Vancouver. The School Board is beginning to question the process of moving the boundaries. They are also reviewing the French Immersion program – early and late.
- c) Treasurer’s Report** – Mary-Jane Douglas – Mary Jane makes a motion to accept her report- Ian seconds it. Motion carried.

The non-gaming account closed as it was used for the sign. There is an account for SD71 PACs for continuing education- it is from this account the \$75 for BCCPAC membership fee will be paid.

**Mark R. Isfeld PAC Treasurer's Report Sept to Nov 2015**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Jul 21/15	Opening Balance			\$2,028.34
Oct 9/15	Deposit from Province of BC		\$18,700.00	
Oct 21/15	Balance			\$20,728.34
Nov 16/15	Cheque 359: 50:50 draw proceeds	\$607.20		
Nov 16/15	Cheque 358: Proceeds from basket raffle	\$683.00		
Nov 18/15	Deposit from Mark R. Isfeld		\$1,290.20	
Nov 20/15	Balance			\$20,728.34

- d) DPAC Report** – Ineke Burritt/Joka Belyk – **draft report of the DPAC minutes.**

Attendance:

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| Tonia Frawley     | Vice-Chair; Highland (Rep)       |
| Sheri Graham      | Secretary; Cumberland (Rep)      |
| Joka Belyk        | Isfeld (Rep)                     |
| Ineke Burritt     | Isfeld (Rep) / Valley View (Rep) |
| Lori Forrest      | Huband (Rep)                     |
| Tammy Garrett     | Royston (Rep)                    |
| Kathleen Hawksby  | AEC (Rep)                        |
| Chettie Macdonald | Brooklyn (Rep)                   |
| Sarah Ritchie     | Queneesh (Rep)                   |

Ramona Simard	Arden (Rep)
Julie Smith	Airport (Rep)
Heidi Tobiassen	Highland (Rep)
Danielle Vandermolen	Denman Island (Rep)
Gesa Ward	Navigate / NIDES (Rep)
Jennifer Winter	Aspen (Rep)

Ian Hargreaves                      Trustee

Regrets from: David Gillis, Janice Caton, Cliff Boldt

**i. Called to order: 6:35 pm. Welcome and Introductions.**

- ii. Presentation:** Rolanda Murray from VIU, Canada Learning Bond Coordinator
- there are grants available to help parents save for their child's post-secondary education
  - BC is one of three provinces in Canada to have additional education funding available for students who are pursuing education other than university (ie trades)
  - money from these grants can be used for tuition, fees, or other education expenses, and can be used for a variety of programs (short certificates or longer degrees)
  - for the Canada Learning Bond, the child must have been born after 2004, have an open RESP account and the family has an annual income of less than \$45 000 (as verified by federal taxes). An initial \$500 will be deposited when the account is set up, and an additional \$100 will be deposited each year that the family remains eligible, until the child turns 15.
  - children with some savings are more likely to graduate high school and 50% more likely to pursue a post-secondary education; parents are more likely to discuss post-sec options
  - uptake rates in the Comox Valley are about 34% (for eligible children); approximately 66% of children are not receiving money that they are eligible for
  - application is done online and transmitted directly to the bank; all that is required is a SIN card for both the child and the custodial parent
  - everytime a family uses a SmartSaver application, VIU is paid \$25; if a PAC would like to set up an event location and provide families (minimum 10 families), then the PAC could raise \$15 from every sign-up done at this event
  - more information can be found at [viu.ca/clb](http://viu.ca/clb)

**iii. Motion to adopt agenda:** Chettie / Kat CARRIED

**iv. Approval of past minutes:** Heidi / Ineke CARRIED

**v. Correspondence:**

**5.1 Beyond Measure Presentation**

- December 2 at 6pm in the Strathcona gym at Cumberland Community School
- documentary film about the future of education, followed by a panel discussion with Sherry Elwood (District Superintendent), Gerald Fussell (District Principal of Technology and Innovation), Vickey Brown (Trustee) and Nick Ward (local businessman)

**5.2 Darren Laur Presentation**

- Lake Trail and NIDES are hosting Darren Laur on January 4, 2016, with a parent presentation that evening

**MOTION:** to spend \$500 to assist with the parent portion of Darren Laur's presentation

Lori / Gesa                      CARRIED

- DPAC will help promote this event through our channels

**5.3 Lynn Joseph – Coordinator, Success by 6**

- would like to speak at an upcoming meeting about the importance of Success by 6

ACTION ITEM: Chair to reply with the options that were raised by the DPAC Reps that may represent a better strategy for this program (StrongStart, HeadStart, info in kindie planers, hosting a "childcare provider" info event, etc)

**vi. Reports:**

**Superintendent's Report - none**

**Trustee's Report provided by Ian Hargreaves**

- at the recent Trustee meeting, Tom Weber was elected to Chair and Janice Caton to Vice-Chair
- Sherry Elwood has been elected again as President of the Superintendents Association of BC
- the 5 recommendations in the long-range plan document will likely be determined separately; discussions on these are proceeding but no decisions have been made yet
- an online consultation process is available through the District website
- the next Board of Education meeting will be on January 12 at a location still to be determined
- more information on the new curriculum is available on the District website; the k-9 draft is out and is being used by teachers on an optional basis
- calendar options will be available on the web site for parental input; final decisions regarding next years calendar will be made at the February Trustees meeting
- the District has received an increase in capitol project funding for items at Isfeld, Lake Trail and Courtenay EI
- the Vanier seismic upgrade will be breaking ground July 2016; this is projected to be completed in two years instead of three; shops classes will be the first area to be upgraded
- the first session for the student roundtable went well; participants were competent and articulate; many students would like to see a larger focus on initiatives to improve student mental health
- our District is losing Russell Horswill (SD 71 Secretary treasurer) to the Vancouver School Board early in 2016; a process has been started to find his replacement
- out of 40 schools in BC that are set to close, 19 of them are in Vancouver

**Chairs Report provided by Tonia Frawley**

- DPAC is trying to coordinate a meeting where Don McRae can be in attendance; PAC's will have the opportunity to each ask 1 question; more details to come
- In-Service PAC Funds: used to be \$65 went to each PAC from the District; now is a flat rate of \$100 per school plus \$0.70 per student at that school. This money is available at the school and to be used at the PAC's discretion

**Treasurers Report - none**

**Aboriginal Education Council Report provided by Kathleen Hawksby**

- at the Ab Ed AGM, Kelly Shopland was elected Chair, Chettie Macdonald was elected Vice-Chair and Sheryl Landers was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair

**Ad-Hoc Committee Reports**

- this committee will be suspended for the time being and revisited in the Spring

**vii. Business from last meeting**

**7.1 Upcoming Speakers**

- possible dates for Gary Anaka are: Feb 10, 11, 16 or 22; we will book one of these days based on the availability of a suitable location for hosting
- After confirmations are received, the following should be happening:
- Doug David and Jay Bridges will speak on the iCan program and Chantal Stefan will speak about EDAS at the January meeting
  - Gerald Fussell will speak about Resiliency at the February meeting
  - Lyn Swift, Denise Anderson and Gail Martindale will speak about Ab Ed and the Truth and Reconciliation Project at the March meeting

**7.2 Treasurer Training**

- 5 schools / people have conveyed their interest in attending a Treasurers Workshop; this will be booked most likely for January; more details TBA

### **7.3 Vancouver Island Parent Conference**

- registration is now open for this event

### **viii. New Business**

#### **8.1 Open Nominations for 2016 Executive Officers**

- nominations are now open for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary
- nominations may be submitted by email prior to January 25, or in person at the AGM

### **ix. Questions / Comments from DPAC Representatives**

- Cumberland Community School is seeking funding from DPAC for hosting a community / parent education event, featuring the documentary "Beyond Measure"

MOTION: to support Cumberland Community School with \$200 to show "Beyond Measure"

Gesa / Sarah CARRIED

- for 2015, DPAC provided funding to schools to host parent education events that are open to the rest of the District, once per year, up to \$200; schools needed to provide minutes from the meeting stating the request, and DPAC still had to vote to approve the request; this policy will be revisited in January

### **x. Meeting Adjourned**

Motion to adjourn at 8:23pm

Next meeting is the AGM and will be 6:30pm on January 25, 2016, at Valley View Elementary in the library END DPAC REPORT

- e) **CPF Report** – Lisa Taylor/Jeff Taylor – there will be a Cabane á sucre meeting Wednesday. An expanded report will follow at the next PAC meeting.
- f) **Old Business**
  - BCCPAC application – completed as per treasurer's report.
- g) **New Business**
  - Tutors for SD71 students - there seem to be growing numbers and needs – should this be a concern? Tabled for now.
- h) **Adjournment:** Lisa and Mariah
- i) **Next meeting** - February 15, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the library.