



MARK R. ISFELD

SECONDARY SCHOOL • ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE

PAC Minutes

Monday Feb 13th, 2023

Isfeld Library at 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.

Call to Order at 7:02pm

Attending: Jennifer Fisher, Danielle Porter, Sarah Friesen, Brian McAskill, Tanya Petri, Nadine Beaulieu, Shannon Aldringer (acting as Trustee)

Approval of Agenda: Tanya motion, Dani second; Passed

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes (Jan 16th): Tanya motion, Dani second; Passed

Reports:

i. Principal's Report

Emergency Preparedness Update: We have received the inventory list for the sea can, to be conducted by Feb 15th (by joint OHS committee) and to then be submitted to the district

Course Programming: Upcoming (once done humanities week) - between now and spring break

Surveys: We sent ministry survey out to parents (grades 10 & 12 will do them next week), grade 11 will do the youth development (YDI)

- More surveys are to come: McCreary Health survey - a grade 8 student was chosen for the CPAC survey

Grad 2023: Dessert night is coming up - Casino Royale theme

ICBC Roadsafe presentation: coming up on the 16th

Volunteers in schools: updates to the AP

- A new volunteer code of conduct is coming, pending the final drafting and approval



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Humanities Week: February 27th to March 3rd

- Serves to increase the awareness around the Humanities
 - Will highlight to the students what can be done in the Humanities realm
 - Wednesday will be a keynote speaker to come speak to the students: Waneek Horn-Miller
 - Tuesday of that week will be Model UN (all three highschools will be here) - topic of process will be Child Trafficking around the world
 - Budget for this whole week is approx \$8k (put together between various parties)
- Q: Who can attend/who is it open for?
A: Open to all students in the school, there will be a sign up - invites have also be sent to the other two schools
- Q: Are the students involved in organizing this at all?
A: There may be some senior students helping, but it is primarily the main organizers

General Questions:

- Q: What is happening with the damaged curtain in the drama room?
A: A replacement is in the works and is pending
- Q: Has this school ever considered getting the school messenger app for absences?
A: We've had conversations around it, can look more into it
- Q: Would the Humanities Week fall under the Citizenship funding for the four pillars?
A: I could look into it

Student Affordability fund: We can now carry any unused funds over to the next year (no longer need to spend it all by May)

ii. Trustee's Report (Shannon Aldringer)

- The last Board meeting was at the end of January
- The Equity Scan is still on-going as it is a multi-year process - various committees are involved, each addressing one of the pillars involved in it
- Our budget process should be getting started, but nothing to report yet. It is good to start thinking about what the PAC may want to lobby for or ask for in terms of priorities for the year



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- MoE (Ministry of Education) has announced an Anti-Racism initiative from K-12 focussed on teaching kids/adults in the system more holistically around privilege, race, discrimination
- MoE also announced a series of Consent Education workshops for parents. These will be via zoom. Feb 27th and March 8th are the next two dates. The ones for parents are geared towards those with teens as well (more mature subject matter)
- The board passed a motion to extend an invitation to the new Minister for Childcare to visit the district
- The board was presented with a motion by another trustee to rescind a previous motion that had been passed by the previous board around gender-based violence and the establishment of a Gender-Based Violence Committee
- Upcoming Presentation this Thursday
- The next board meeting will be an open meeting rather than closed so it can be more of a forum for discussion rather than decision making. This is an opportunity to be presented with information and take the time to reflect prior to making a decision (tomorrow). The open portion has an agenda topic regarding childhood literacy and numeracy (the provincial standardized testing)
- The next general board meeting will be Tuesday, February 28th, 2023

General Questions:

- Q: The MoE focus on Anti-Racism - what is there already in the curriculum?
A: There is guidance in the existing system, but this is really focussed on targeting anti-racist behaviour/conduct
- Q: Can you elaborate a little on what has happened to trigger the motion to rescind the previous motion around gender based violence? What was the previous motion? Why is the new motion happening?
A: there have been some changes in how the district now responds to issues of gender based violence based on recommendations by the sexual health committee (ie. now 3 new counselors dedicated to addressing gender based violence in the community and outreach in the community). It will be further discussed at the next board meeting at the end of the month
- Q: Regarding the start of the Committee of the Whole (C.O.W.) and what is being discussed - has the C.O.W., which was supposed to be an open forum for discussion, but what is actually happening is different. It is an open session for 1 hour at the board office, but now there's this presentation for that hour and there seems to be a disconnect between the goals of the partner groups and the lack of ability to actually participate. I would love it if you could take this back to



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the trustee group to address that the intention and the action do not line up together.

A: I am happy to bring that to the attention of the group

iii. Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer was unable to attend (see attached treasurer report sent in in advance)
- None of the funds are going to the Citizenship pillar at this time - if the school is proceeding with the Model UN program then the PAC can look at fund allocations going forward to potentially support this via the Citizenship pillar

iv. DPAC Report

- Had a presentation regarding school presentations around waste management
 - Helps with school mentorship programs like a repair cafe, which would be a great opportunity for our students
 - She (the presenter) has been to Isfeld in the past and did some great presentations around recycling, etc
- The speaker series - Sharing Cultural Perspectives coming up this week
- Emergency preparedness - a DPAC committee has been created
- Sexual health committee - asking for more members
 - This committee has been around for a couple of years
 - Additional committees include transportation, food, etc
- DPAC has joined the Speaker Series committee and is interested in presentation topics for teenage age group
 - (Comment) Would love to see a speaker to address the anxieties in kids around mental health post-covid
 - (Comment) Presentations around drug use in the valley
 - Please approach with any other ideas around speakers that parents may be interested in seeing

v. Salad Bar Report

- Nothing to report at this time
- Q: Are there any leads on replacement for outgoing coordinator?
A: Still looking into potential replacements but nothing established yet

General Discussion

- Q: Are there any supports in the school around helping kids develop better study habits and address test anxiety?



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A: That may be a great speaker series as well in terms of helping support our kids that way

A: It may be also worth approaching all the teachers to look at how the student can work on that with them directly.

New Business: No new business.

Adjournment: 8:10pm (motion Jen, second Dani)

Next PAC Meeting: Monday, March 13th, 2023, 7:00pm at the Isfeld Library.