



MARK R. ISFELD

SECONDARY SCHOOL • ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE

PAC Agenda

Monday March 11th
Isfeld Library at 7:00pm

The Mark R. Isfeld PAC respectfully acknowledges that the land we gather on is on the Unceded Traditional Territory of the K'ómoks First Nation, the traditional keepers of this land.

1. Call to Order: 7:01pm
2. Attendance: Jennifer Fisher, Brian McAskill, Sarah Friesen, Sean Fisher, Shannon Aldringer, Jennifer Hoar, Maureen Radaweic
3. Approval of Agenda - March 11th, 2024 First: Jen F. Second: Sarah F
4. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes - February 12th, 2024: First: Jen F., Second: Maureen
5. Reports:

Principal's Report

- Course programming for next year was wrapped up today
- Now looking at building timetable for next year, staff allocation
- Grad 2024 Dessert night was Feb 29th, 2024 and was a great success
- Enrollment projections are at 939 for next year, not including ISP
- Capacity: 925/950 so we are close to 100% capacity. We may have some space challenges for next year - we are looking at some prep rooms
- Strategic Plan Survey for parents and guardians is out and they are looking for as many voices as they can get
- Feeding Futures: we're at about \$17,000 left to spend
- Student and Family Affordability: because the District paid student fees this year, the additional funds when to support families to access the school events/programs
- Community Links: we are at \$7,200 and we are going to help fund Mental Health Week project and is also being used to support vulnerable students when needed
- Mental Health Week in the planning stages still
- Sexual Health - March 4th, 2024. Grade 11s and 12s in two different groups. will discuss effects of pornography

- Recently did an anti-vaping presentation for the Grade 8s

Question: for student enrollment, do you have any sense of if the numbers will be able to be absorbed?

Answer: I think next year will be okay, but it will be tight. If we continue to grow the following year it will be more of a challenge

Question: and the International Students, do we get those numbers in advance?

Answer: Yes

Question: So the students coming in, are they mostly French Immersion and does that affect how they are allocated?

Answer: yes, we have a clutch coming from the French school. There are 555 FI students and 384 in English so we are leaning more to FI

Question: If we are at our max, how do we balance International Students?

Answer: We haven't reached that point yet, there are always ongoing discussions each year regarding what can be accommodated.

Question: Do we ever solicit student feedback on the Sexual Health education?

Answer: I don't think we've solicited feedback at this time. We are looking at opportunities.

Question: For attendance, when you do it online you put in your email, what's to stop a student from doing it themselves?

Answer: Julie is on top of the absences and reviews them all and follows up when needed.

Trustee Report (Shannon Aldringer)

- We have a new secretary-treasurer and she has worked in a number of school districts
- We are fully immersed in the Strategic Planning process, it has gotten underway and the email with survey links has been sent out and we encourage everyone to contribute their thoughts and opinions
- In addition to the survey, there are four community engagements sessions coming in April (Wed. April 3rd 630-800 @Cumberland; Thurs. April 4th 630-800 @ Aspen; Monday April 8th @Lake Trail & Zoom 630-800; and Monday April 15th @KFN Band Hall 630-800 for Indigenous Families)

DPAC Report (jenn F.)

- Had a great meeting, thank you Isfeld for allowing us to host here
- Feeding Futures: representatives went to Feeding Futures to discuss funding. DPAC came with information and discussion points
- There was a disparaging article in the newspaper about Feeding Futures, we did respond with a follow up letter to the Editor and is attached to the DPAC minutes
- Sexual health committee, we did a White Hatter series of presentations for parents and families

Salad Bar Report

- We may not be able to host salad bar for the spring as the students that were assisting, the teacher is finding it too disruptive for her teaching
- Will likely not have enough volunteers to run it this spring

Treasurer Report (Jen Hoar) *See specific amount breakdowns in attached treasurers report

- Without salad bar, Isfeld kids will be paying for a lot more as we would be restricted to gaming funds
- Can we make an infographic type of thing to communicate to families the economic impact that Salad bar has
- Gaming funds are at \$5,424, we have used gaming funds so far to grad \$630), Model UN (\$3500), and Athletics
- \$12,075 of non-gaming funds left
- Grad Dessert night raised funds to go towards the Isfeld Grad
- Athletics, Arts, Academics and Grad all have some funds left
- Question: Model UN used a significant amount, do we know if Academics will use their whole amount? Can we reallocate some unused funds to float the other areas that are needed?
- Answer: we have a staff meeting coming up and we can check in with the teachers on funds needed for the rest of the school year

New Business

- Sherry Martens - Financial Request for Grad: \$815 for Tailgate (\$5 per grad), \$652 for Pancake Breakfast (\$4 per grad), for a total of \$1467.00 funding request
- Maureen Radawiec - Robotics request: We have another 3 Isfeld Students (grade 9, 10, and 11) going to Dallas to compete.

Q: has the robotics team approached the district? there is an administrative procedure where the district provides \$200 per student.

A: It's a \$2400 registration fee and the district is covering that. Parents are fundraising for hotels and airlines.

Q: what's the timeline for this?

A: April 25th to 27th

*Because we still need the numbers for what will not be spent out of the currently allocated budgets, we will have to revisit the funding requests at next month's PAC meeting to determine.

Adjournment: 8:24pm

Next PAC Meeting: April 15th, 2024 at 7:00pm