



# MARK R. ISFELD

## SECONDARY SCHOOL • ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE

### PAC Minutes

Monday November 18th

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.*

Attendance: Jennifer Fisher, Sarah Jane Howe (new school trustee Liaison to Isfeld), Mike Godbout, Dana Beatson, Sarah Friesen, Kari Pratt, Brian McAskill

1. Call to Order: 7:00pm
2. Approval of Agenda - November 18th 2024 Motion: Mike G, Second: Kari P; All in favour
3. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes - October 21st 2024 Motion: Mike G, Second: Dana B; All in favour
4. Reports:
  - Principal's Report
    - Holiday Charity Season: various opportunities for the Christmas season
    - Feeding Futures: looking at options for pricing, doing bag lunches right now and the program is getting well used and the numbers growing, this is being done by the Youth and Family worker.
    - Salad Bar: Met with Ivan Cote the Food Services Coordinator (being shared with Valleyview), coming out of the Feeding Futures fund. He is a local chef. He has been asked to prioritize getting salad bar up and running and looking at hot lunches/options. Have also connected him with Hannah (Salad Bar rep). So this is in motion and he is starting on November 25th, 2024. He has also been asked how he can support breakfast prep once salad bar is up and running. He will be committed Mon/Wed/Fri 8:30-2:00pm. Funds from Salad Bar would continue to support PAC, will still need parent volunteers to help.
    - Athletics & Extra-curricular: Volleyball is winding down, Senior girls won Islands so they are off to BC Provincials. Senior Boys finished 3rd, Junior Girls won 4th and the Boys won 6th

- Soccer Islands are going right now
- Basketball all the teams are starting up
- District Choir starting up & District concert Band starting tomorrow
- Grad Dessert night coming up at the end of November
- Indigenous Awareness: Susan Aglukark is coming to perform here and at Vanier
- English First People 11 are doing their Big House visit next week
- Indigenous Education school based team is coming up shortly
- Cultural Exchanges: Thailand group heading over during Spring Break. Germany will be coming next year.
- End of term 1, beginning of Term 2: Learning Updates have been published and the summary of learning for Semester 1 comes out in January

Q: How are the Life Skills students involved in the lunch preps?

A: They are very involved and asked if they want to help for lunches each day

Q: Parent-Teacher, how does that work(compared to elementary)?

A: You'll get a link, you go in and select the teacher. They have set appointments and you pick what will work best. We don't set aside the full day the way it is done in elementary schools as we found that schedules often didn't work with parent's schedules.

Q: We are struggling with the new Clevr system.

A: We are one of the schools to pilot this program so we are working out the kinks.

#### Trustee Report (Sarah Jane Howe)

- We had another presentation at the COW meeting to go over the school boundary changes, that meeting was taped and you can view if you like. The recommendations will come in our November meeting. We are trying to accommodate families as much as possible, but schools are quite full so it is being taken on a case by case basis.

Q: Are all schools in the district at capacity?

A: There may be specific numbers on the district website. There are a couple of schools that may have some space, but in general the district is pretty full.

#### DPAC Report (Kari Pratt/Jenn Fisher)

- Had a good discussion with the reps from all the schools about Parent support/volunteers and how do we engage to provide the support we needed? Discussed the value of Administrator engagement with the parents in each school.
- Inclusive Education did a critical incident report/education session, which was valuable and offered the ability to discuss parent suggestions for improvement in communications when incidents arise.
- Sea Cans for Emergency Preparedness

- Discussion around Lock Down drills: concerns that lock down drills were becoming potentially traumatic, specifically when they were done as a surprise drill.

#### Treasurer Report (Dana Beatson)

- Jen Hoar and Dana Beatson are planning to meet this month to finalize the treasurer take over
- Grad Prom student has reached out to ask for a deposit for \$190.12 (venue and music fee) to book the Grad venue for this year

**Motion** (Jennifer Fisher): To cover the cost of the deposit for the Prom out of the gaming money provided for \$190.12

**Second:** Mike Godbout

**All in Favour; Passed.**

Q: We talked about the concerns in terms of the Lush Valley issues with invoicing, has this been resolved?

A: It will be coming out of the chequing account and is still working towards final resolution as it hasn't been completely cleared.

#### 5. New Business - *no new business*

- Improvement to the main driveway leaving Isfeld onto Lerwick, concerns with traffic situation at peak school pick up/drop off times. Letter drafted by parent to be sent to the City of Courtenay, cc'ing school district.
  - Suggestion for PAC to reach out to Monica at the RCMP to support and look into accident history in that area.

#### 6. Adjournment: Motion Mike G, Second Kari 8:28pm

Next PAC Meeting: No meeting in December, next PAC meeting January 13th, 2025