



MARK R. ISFELD

SECONDARY SCHOOL • ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE

PAC Minutes

Monday January 13th

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, Mike Goudat, Leanna Warman, Dana Beatson, Kari Pratt, Jen Hoar, Sarah Friesen, Brian McAskill

1. Call to Order -7:03 pm
2. Approval of Agenda - January 13th 2025. Motion: Mike G, Second Sarah F. CARRIED
3. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes - November 18th 2024. Motion to Approve: Mike G, Seconded: Jen Hoar. CARRIED
4. Reports:
 - Principal's Report
 - Feb 27 Grad Dessert Night
 - Senior Girls Island Championships hosting basketball, volleyball, soccer
 - Numeracy assessment today
 - Salad bar starting this week
 - Breakfast: added wraps to breakfast to go plus adding soups to lunch
 - Staffing posting closed today; one full-time position to provide learning assistant LST; aim is to be doing more inclusive education techniques within classes; French Immersion leave will need to be filled; foods teacher leaving to go to Vanier
 - 2025/26 projected enrollment will be about the same if francophone numbers hold
 - French immersion program messaging needs to be changed; currently required to stay in FI for first year but will need to stay in FI until Grade 11 otherwise need to go to catchment school given enrollment numbers
 - Semester change January 24 – last flex block has not worked well with kids leaving things to last minute at end of day; instead the entire day will be a flex learning day; some kids won't need to be at school depending on their needs; pilot to see if useful; survey will be sent to parents

- Non-instructional day on Jan 27 to offset the parent-teacher interviews being held afterschool for all secondary schools
- Jan 28 start of semester 2; Jan 31 won't have a flex;
- Island Health annual grade 9 vaccinations plus hpv vaccination for grades 11/12 before spring; trying to catch students missed during covid
 - Q: When is the cutoff for teachers to submit marks from Semester 1?
 - A: Jan 31
 - Q: Is there an opportunity for kids in academic courses but missing classes for sports tournaments to hand in assignments later given the delay before marks are submitted after the semester ends?
 - A: Teacher dependent, most are flexible for school athletes, communicate with teacher in advance
 - Q: When do kids know about French Immersion teacher leaving?
 - A: Will be up to the teacher.
 - Q: What kind of answers do you expect to get from parents on flex block?
 - A: Unknown, but need to communicate with parents to understand value of flex block; generally get 20% response
 - Q: Why is flex block on Friday at end of day?
 - A: Minimizes the amount of class time that school athletes miss, allows for weekend early leaves for families; able to get homework done before the weekend
 - Q: Are you surveying the kids about flex block?
 - A: Survey will go out to students but will be different from parents' survey
 - Q: Requirements for the third LST position?
 - A: Numeracy is primary skill
 - Q: Is there a policy for the teacher to attend on days when tests are given and is there a preference?
 - A: None known, but preference is for teacher to be there
- Trustee Report - Sarah Jane provides her regrets has conflict
 - Working on budget, see DPAC minutes
 - Updating arena proposal for Vanier second turf approved and to get upgrade to sports field and arena, proposal is online, would need to expand parking around arena; rec facilities approved by the board
 - Communication funding for emergency purposes such as power outage especially in areas where there is no cell phone coverage; food is not the only issue in an emergency, need infrastructure such as generators
 - Q: How do we know if kids make it to their destination if they leave school under an emergency?

- A: Kids are not supposed to leave but they do; initially kids would go to the safe zones and then set up tents and then kids would end up leaving; there is a release process
- Treasurer Report, Dana Beatson/Jen Hoar
 - Accounts reconciled to December 31, 2024:
 - Gaming \$16,085.31
 - Current chequing account \$5465.57; \$3,030.23 added from salad bar
 - Grad account \$1,470.85;
 - \$250 grad photo booth deposit
 - Applied for gaming grant for February 27, 2025 for the 50:50 grad event;
 - No outstanding invoices
- DPAC Report, Kari Pratt
 - Food subgroup meeting emergency preparedness; keep it simple because of expiry date then cycle out food at end of year
 - Schoolshake.ca seismometer readings to learn about earthquakes; closest installed on Quadra Island
 - Vanier has long term plan for arena 3
 - Some districts have no funding for DPAC but SD71 does

5. New Business - Nothing at this time

6. Adjournment - Motion Jen F, Second Mike G

Next PAC Meeting: February 10th 2025.