



MARK R. ISFELD

SECONDARY SCHOOL • ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE

PAC Minutes - General Meeting

Monday January 12th 2026
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, Dana Beatson, Kari Pratt, Sarah Friesen, Jennifer Fritzsche, Leanna Warman

1. Call to Order: 7:04pm
2. Approval of Agenda - January 12th 2026 - motion Sarah, second Kari
3. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes -November 10th 2025 - motion Kari, second Dana
4. Reports:
 - a. Principal's Report
 - Grad Dessert Night – Feb. 4th
 - grade 11 and 12 parents helping to organize
 - games and casino night with mocktails
 - dress is formal
 - silent auction
 - 50/50 draw
 - Humanities Week Feb 9th – 13th
 - week long event with speakers and guests from the community
 - theme is “raise your voice”
 - located in library and MPR, as well as some other classrooms with grade 9 to 12s signed up
 - Provincial Assessments January 12th to 23rd
 - happening this and next week
 - grad requirement

Q: where to find schedule for students

A: on website and outside of the office

Q: where to find on the website?

A: will look into getting it on the website - for those that miss it there will be an opportunity to make it up later in the year

Q: will university institutions know about these marks? And why?

A: marks do not count toward the Ministry of Education courses - universities will only look at the Literacy 12 assessment marks and English 12 marks; many universities are interested in knowing more about community involvement

2026/2027 Course Programming February to Spring Break

- planning for next year

Enrolment projects holding steady at current numbers

- numbers are staying the same but expect student population to go up by 60 students in 4 years time

Cultural Exchanges Germany – Spring Break 2026, Italy – 2026-2027

- 20 - 30 students going over spring break
- Italy trip next year

Q: Does everyone get to go?

A: Apply with an expression of interest which is run by Lila Armstrong and Terra Morreletti

Grade 10-12 Ministry Student Surveys - Either right before or after Spring Break – exact dates TBD

- will be scheduling it for after spring break
- have examples of the wellness and student experience anonymous survey questions
- encompass a wide variety of wellness, community, and learning

b. Trustee Report

- sends regrets

c. Treasurer Report

- salad bar now chequing account - have only been paying out banking fees
- gaming account has gone down - athletic expense claims from the fall activities
- applied for gaming licenses in December - one draw for \$5000 for the dessert night
- paid for DJ for prom out of the gaming grant

d. DPAC Report

- provincial government voted on new ProD day for Indigenous Learning for education staff in July
- looked at a date that would have the least impact on families - Friday before May long weekend
- will need to work on educating the public on why this education is important for staff and how it will improve student learning
- will plan for the next few years

5. New Business

Q: could Isfeld look into live streaming opportunities for graduation ceremonies?

A: was a huge expense at Vanier via external service

6. Adjournment: 7:39pm - motion Jenn, second Sarah

Next PAC Meeting: Monday February 9th, 2026.

Board Meeting Highlights : Oct 28, 2025

- Calendar Change (Parent Feedback Requested)
- Proposed amendment to the 2025–26 instructional calendar: designate Fri, May 15, 2026 as a non-instructional Indigenous-focused learning day.
 - Status: The proposed change will be posted on the district website for parent feedback prior to final approval. Please watch the site and share input. Feedback window closes November 26.
- School Growth Plans
 - Each school's School Growth Plan is posted on the district website (front-page overview with detailed action planning behind it).
 - A deeper public discussion is scheduled for the Open Committee of the Whole on Jan 13, 2026.
- Capital Projects (Highlights)
 - Aspen Park Elementary – prefab addition: on track for late winter 2026.
 - G.P. Vanier – replacement childcare facility: targeting late spring 2026.
 - Cumberland Community Elementary – 16-classroom addition: targeting summer 2027.
- Q1 Financials (to Sept 30, 2025)
- Early-year snapshot (summer + September) so many instructional costs appear lower due to timing.
- Amended budget will follow the Ministry's December grant recalculation; projections will be provided in future quarterlies.
- Child Care & Early Learning
 - Welcome to K / Kinder transitions: Shorter transition window this year to better support working families; schools added parent evenings, tours, videos, and transportation orientations.
 - New K–3 play-based "Primary Learning Community" (Airport Elementary): multi-age, play/land-based model with one day/week learning in the community. Early family and school interest in future expansion.
- Feeding Futures (Universal Lunch) Update
 - In June 2025, the program became part of the Ministry's ongoing base budget, guaranteeing continued funding unless the base budget changes. Program expansion continues (facility upgrades scheduled where needed); schools report strong student uptake and welcoming, low-barrier service.
- Program Highlights
 - Universal Lunch Program Pilot – Arden Elementary:
 - o Launched January 2025; served 12,339 lunches (avg 117/day) with 94 % participation, and 51 % of meals provided free to families.
 - Universal Lunch Program – École Puntledge Park Elementary:
 - o Launched April 2025; served 11,759 lunches (avg 245/day) with 92 % participation and 23 % of meals free.

- Additional staffing: Food Program Service Workers were hired at Aspen Park, Highland, Valley View, Isfeld, Courtenay Elementary, Lake Trail, and Glacier View to support daily food delivery.
- Partnerships: Continued support for LUSH Valley Healthy Student Meal Plan, supplying soup kits and snack bags to most schools.
- Emergency Preparedness: Schools now receive rotating comfort food supplies for emergency sea-cans—aligned with breakfast/snack programs to reduce PAC/admin workload.
- Waste Reduction: Reusable dish service introduced, reducing packaging waste while working within existing facilities

- Safe & Active Schools
 - City of Courtenay open house (Oct 3) gathered traffic-safety input for pilot schools (Valley View, Courtenay, Puntledge).
 - Next steps include peak-time school-area walkabouts, exploring walking-school-bus options, and related grant opportunities with municipal partners.

- What's Coming Up
 - Calendar change feedback: Watch the district website for the May 15, 2026 Indigenous learning day posting and feedback form.
 - ICEC meeting: Nov 7, 2025 (12:30–3:00 p.m.).
 - Open Committee of the Whole (School Growth Plans): Jan 13, 2026.