



MARK R. ISFELD

SECONDARY SCHOOL • ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE

PAC Minutes - AGM

Monday September 15th
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: Dana Beatson, Sarah Jane Howe, Jenn Fisher, Leanna Warman, Jennifer Fritzsche, Mike Godbout, Sarah Friesen, Kari Pratt, Ed Howard, Esther Graham, Brian McAskill, Dwayne Mills

1. Call to Order - 7:02pm
2. Approval of Agenda - September 15th 2025: motion to approve Mike, seconded Kari
3. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes - May 12th 2025: Mike motion, seconded Kari
4. Reports:
 - a. Principal's Report:
 - i. New admin team: Dwayne Mills, Jennifer Fritzsche
 - ii. Start-up day to decrease anxiety for new grade 8s, only two staff away for the pre-school Pro D day which brings all staff including CUPE members together to plan for start-up
 - iii. NID - helps to provide context for reconciliation
 - iv. Grade assemblies on different days - focus on making good decisions and provide sense of belonging
 - v. Enrolments a little below projections but there have been some new students since start-up; grade 9/10 is a big cohort; cannot take any more International Schools Partnership (ISP) students
 - vi. Several events in September busy weeks at end of month
 - vii. Band performing at the Waverly on Sept 26 will be an arts event and Lyndsey Duncan has arranged for them to perform for grades 10-12
 - viii. Strategic plan three main goals to support student learning including tablets, roots to success is numeracy program to reduce math anxiety; last year was difficult for all students to attend - this year will be running from 8am to 8:50am starting with French Immersion grade 9s then moving to English
 - ix. PHE 10 hybrid - last grad credit required; PE block includes half of session on Brite Space and half of session on alternate physical activities in person focusing on students with physical reasons for not participating in PHE; currently with 9 kids enrolled

- x. CLC 12 Hybrid through Isfeld - previously 33% of students going to NIDES - now mostly being delivered online but meeting with kids regularly in person - currently have 62 students; last year Career Ed emphasis was changed for Grade 8 and 9; currently thinking about altering Grade 10 Career Ed to financial management
- xi. Facilities holding tight with number of students; asked for a portable last year; new portable at Valley View that is available but will cost \$200,000 to move to Isfeld, so will remain in place but will likely be used by Mr. Floucalt; if students are late there will be leniency
- xii. Have new camera and software to look at exterior entrances - able to view immediately; 360 camera near the gym to help with theft and trespassing; consulting with PAC now even though it has already been installed and has already provided good information
- xiii. School growth team leaders approved funds for department heads - 6 positions available, teachers can express interest until Sept 18
- xiv. Isfeld student advisory council - three students approached Brian last year - students will meet once per month 2 reps per each grade - still need one grade 11 rep and need 2 grade 8 reps - will meet before Oct 15
- xv. Feeding futures Dwayne to lead - different structure since went over budget last year - moved to pay what you can structure - new program manager - main focus is to help kids that need it most to prevent food insecurity - list of 35 students who can access for free - caregivers sign up through munch a lunch website - using reusable tupperware containers so waste is minimal - started today had 67/68 orders - any family is able to sign up - breakfast will be pay as you go - there are snacks/fruit bowls available throughout the school
- xvi. Student family affordability fund is no longer available - used it for different student fees for athletics or other events - now have community links funding so are finding a way to get around financial barriers to include all students in trips/events

Q:Why are spam messages coming from college in USA for AP 12 English course?

A:Will look into why it was set up this way and what can be changed/removed.

b. Trustee Report

- i. Sept doing school liaison selecting so Sarah Jane may not be continuing for Isfeld; elections are this month

c. Treasurer Report

- i. Covers May to August
- ii. Account balances - salad bar \$451.94; grad account \$2091.96; gaming account \$263.57
- iii. Made submission to community gaming grant and accepted June 13, but won't know until Sep 30; would provide \$20,000

- iv. Filed and submitted expenditures for Community Gaming Grant

Q:What to do with the salad bar carts that are no longer in use?

A:Brian will check with other schools to see if they are needed elsewhere and report to PAC.

Q:What are the PAC accounts?

A:Salad bar is unrestricted, grad is seed money for the next grad year parents (this is the 4th year of this grant), community gaming grant is a government grant.

d. DPAC Report

- i. Kari had to leave so Jenn will speak for this
- ii. District PAC to talk about district wide information - helpful to talk with trustees and reps from different schools
- iii. First meeting is in Oct
- iv. Created a booklet of information on PACs and gave a presentation to all principals

5. New Business

a. PAC Elections

- i. Positions are open each year; maximum is 4 years in each role
- ii. Sarah Jane will run the election process
- iii. Jenn nominated by Sarah for Chair and seconded by Leanna; Jenn accepts
- iv. Mike nominated by Jenn for Vice-Chair, seconded by Sarah; Mike accepts
- v. Leanna nominated by Jenn for Secretary, seconded by Dana; Leanna accepts
- vi. Dana nominated by Jenn for Treasurer; Dana accepts
- vii. Kari nominated by Jenn for DPAC rep; Carrie accepts

Q:Mayor Wells has offered to come to a PAC meeting or to talk with any students in the classroom about any topics of interest and there is an election next year; would Isfeld be interested?

A:Will take it into consideration

Q:Substance use prevention and interest in mental health, new program called "preventure" developed by psychiatrist in Montreal - help kids make healthy decisions - money coming from the government - would teachers be interested in being involved?

A:Isfeld used to have a substance abuse subcommittee; Isfeld is also working with Island Health which has completed study on how to support kids that have substance issues; need to be careful of which guest speakers are invited or topics discussed; would be interested in how to provide information to parents such as through DPAC

Q:Orange shirt day pioneer group is graduating this year (13 years ago) and there was an interview on CBC; is it on the radar as an acknowledgement?

A:Will take into consideration

6. Adjournment: 8:26pm motion Mike; seconded Jenn

Next PAC Meeting: Monday October 20th (13th is Thanksgiving)