



MARK R. ISFELD

SECONDARY SCHOOL • ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE

PAC Minutes - General Meeting

Monday February 9th 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, Sarah Friessen, Dwayne Mills

1. Call to Order: 7:15pm - no quorum, no motions can be passed, just received Reports
2. Approval of Agenda -February 9th 2026
3. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes - January 12th 2026 - motion, second
4. Reports:
 - a. Principal's Report
 - **2026/2027 Course Programming**
 - Grade Presentations (Feb 23-27)
 - Online Course Selection March 4th to March 13th
 - go into classes and go through with students, educating them on options.
 - emails to go out to parents to let them know about the students options
 - Hybrid Learning and Blended Learning – Flexible Learning Environments
 - trying to create opportunities for students to continue their education while also allowing them to learn around their other needs (athletics/work/fine arts etc)
 - **Surveys'**
 - Ministry Satisfaction (Student/Parent/Staff) – March/April
 - getting feedback on their experience with schools
 - allows Admin to look at where they can improve, what's working well, where the deficits are
 - **Grad 2026**
 - Dessert Night Feb. 4th – Big Success
 - wonderful group of grade 11 & 12 parents who did so much work to make it a great evening.
 - **Projected Enrolment 2026/2027**
 - 966 submitted
 - current 997, drop of 30 students projected.
 - **Events**

- Humanities Week Feb 9th – 13th
 - society is so focused on math science, so highlighting Humanities and the options that are there for the future.
 - SOGI (Get Real Movement) – Grade 9s – March 5th
 - continuing education around inclusivity
 - Anti- Racism Professional Learning – Grade 8/9 teachers
 - District led initiative
 - Feb 25th – Pink Shirt Day
 - **Flex**
 - Flex Learning Assessment Day – Jan 23
 - kids who had to attend, parents were notified in advance
 - parent feedback -MyEd has to be updated to reflect what is actually missing before these Flex Days
 - Decrease in Grade 10-12 failing grades
- b. Trustee Report
- sends regrets, attending Arden PAC meeting. See report below
- c. Treasurer Report
- Account Balances
 - Chequing account (formally Salad bar) -\$447.94
 - Grad account - \$1785.96
 - Gaming - \$17613.45
- d. DPAC Report

5. New Business

6. Adjournment: no adjournment, info only meeting, quorum not met

Next PAC Meeting: Monday March 9th, 2026.

Trustee Report: PAC Update – SD71 Highlights (Jan/Feb 2026)

School Food Program – Dignity, Access, and Readiness to Learn

SD71’s universal food program continues to expand with powerful results. Prior to Feeding Futures, only 19% of students had access to universal meals. As of December 2025, that number has grown to 64%.

Between September and December at just seven new schools:

- 52,243 lunches served
- 20,626 lunches provided at no cost to families
- Averaging 804 meals per day
- Over \$82,000 in food value directly supporting students

Universal access removes stigma, promotes dignity, and ensures students are ready to learn. Schools are already seeing links to improved attendance, reduced behavioural challenges, and stronger mental health outcomes.

Student Safety – Prevention, Training, and Student Voice

The district's Safe Schools update was one of the most comprehensive we have had to date, with significant proactive investments:

- Vape detectors being installed in all secondary washrooms after student feedback
- Updated Naloxone kits in all schools, including the new nasal format
- Grade 10 students now receiving CPR and AED training
- Increased student use of the anonymous Erase Reporting Tool

Ongoing staff training includes de-escalation strategies, anti-racism education, SOGI supports, and mental health literacy.

Theme: student safety is everyone's responsibility, and the district is investing heavily in prevention and trust.

Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Work – From Report to Action

Following the GBV Report presented in November:

- A Teacher Lead for Sexual Health & GBV is being hired for a two-year term
- Administrative procedures connected to the report are under review
- Strong support has been received from partner groups
- The Ministry of Education has taken interest and will engage with the district on next steps provincially
- An updated version of the report with additional resources will be presented publicly in February

This work is moving from policy discussion to operational change in schools.

Budget Update – Strong Enrolment, Strong Supports

The Board passed the Amended Annual Budget based on September enrolment, which increased by over 270 FTE students.

Funding increases have allowed for:

- 7 additional teachers (primarily online learning)
- 18 additional Educational Assistants
- Increased inclusive education supports
- Increased substitute coverage
- Continued investments in safety, professional learning, anti-racism, SOGI, and washroom upgrades

The district did not need to access contingency reserves and is in a very healthy financial position. Budget engagement surveys for partner and community voice will launch soon.

Superintendent Review

The Board has officially begun the Superintendent Performance Review process.

Suzanne Hoffman has been engaged to conduct this review and will be reaching out to:

- Staff
 - Partner groups
 - Rightsholders
 - Trustees
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Emergency Preparedness

- All schools have updated emergency supply systems (rotating food, supplies)
- District now has portable battery units to power schools during outages
- Updated emergency manuals are being rewritten (first done 4 years ago)