



École Mark R. Isfeld Secondary PAC

Monday, February 13, 2012

MINUTES

Attendees: Marlene Ricard, Chris Ricard, Shelley Gailloux, Sallie Crawford, Brenda Geddes, Barry Walker, Bill Village, Carla Morrison, Cheryl Adebar, Donna Kane, Pam Blake, Arla Calman, Loretta Fedor, Dave Taylor, Cynthia Geddes, Jackie Power, Nell Divinagracia, Janice Caton.

- 1) **Call to order** - 7 pm
- 2) **Approval of agenda** – Salle Crawford – 1st and Donna Kane – 2nd, agenda approved
- 3) **Approval of previous month's minutes** – Barry Walker – 1st and Shelley Gailloux – 2nd
- 4) **Gary Aylward's presentation/tour** - was not in attendance – moved to the next meeting
- 5) **Reports**
 - a. **Principal's report**
 - Sevec Quebec exchange students returned this weekend – fantastic trip
 - Planning for next year has commenced with feeder school talks and grade 11 NIC tour on Thursday February 23. Also upcoming time-tabling.
 - Destination Imagination groups starting and gearing up for competitions.
 - Reporting – reports (blank) went home last week and parents are encouraged to contact teachers via email to ask for students grades.
 - Bill acknowledged Superintendent Sherry Elwood for facilitating many things that go on in this school. One of these is the sound system for the gym as so many non-school groups use the facility and so the district is partnering with the school and the new much improved system should be in soon. Score clocks are being replaced as well as the old ones have broken down and are irreparable. They are much used.
 - Event to acknowledge the 10th anniversary of this school becoming a secondary school and named after Mark Isfeld is scheduled for March 9, 2012 at 11 am. This will be a celebration. Significant military presence planned. A woman from Calgary, who came across his story in a military museum there, has written a book and her music group has written a song about him and his Issy dolls. The intent is to have the books available at this event and the proceeds may be, at least in part, given to the school. Many of the Isfeld family members are coming up from the States for this event as well. It will be a celebration of all that the school has become and how far we have come and all that is hoped for the future. It is an evolving event and all are welcome to attend. The plan is to also have a much larger display cabinet for the front foyer to display all the

memorabilia that the Isfeld family would like the school to have, which would be a fantastic testament to this school's namesake.

- There was some concern with the exam schedule during the exam week. Those concerns are being acknowledged and addressed for the future. June will look much different.

- b. Trustee's report** – Janice Caton – In May the calendar for the following school year comes out for recommendations and feedback. Watch the school website for a request for that feedback. The budget comes out for review and feedback in June. One big change will be the transportation formula as well as the declining enrollment subsidy as our district is not currently declining so there could be a bit of a decrease from that. The province has made it clear that there will be no new money so no budget increases so it will be make do with the same or less money.

- c. Treasurer's report** – Dave Taylor audited the PAC books which covered 2 years. There were some receipts outstanding and he recommends that some of those accounting issues be dealt with in a much quicker manner. There is often too much time lag happening there. He will be presenting a report at the next meeting when all the paperwork comes in. Donna shared the financial report. The gaming grant came in for \$19,260.

- d. DPAC Report** – No one present to report.

- e. SPC Report** – Not meeting due to teacher's job action as a teacher must sit on the committee.

- f. FAC Report** – The provincial government gives a significant amount of money to French Immersion schools to help pay for French immersion resources and that money is not always utilised to the fullest. The French Immersion resources here at Isfeld have been exploding as the librarian has been doing an outstanding job of acquiring that funding and resources. The Vice Principal, Gerald Fussell, has also been doing an outstanding job of tracking and utilizing those resources.
The new NIDES program, Navigate, starts next year and some FI families have expressed intent to pull their students from FI to attend that.
There was some curiosity around how Isfeld will evolve as FI numbers grow in relation to the English numbers but Bill felt that the bulk of the adjustment has already occurred and although there will continue to be some adjustment, it will not be as large as some predict. There are still many unknowns to definitively quantify those changes. The biggest will be staffing which will likely be adequate at current levels through next year.

6) Old Business

- a. School sign.** This issue has been going on for many, many years and user groups have a very hard time finding the school. This has been just ridiculous in the fight with the city of

Courtenay to try to resolve this issue. Bill finally had a meeting with the new mayor over this issue and requested an audience with the counsel with the PAC reps and students to address this issue. Since then, many emails and calls have not been returned by the mayor. The new director of operations, Ian Heselgrave at the district, has met with Bill and been apprised of all of the issues and still it has gone nowhere. Time to take action for our sign and just get it installed, perhaps leaving a place for the display component. Write letters to the paper and city to express displeasure perhaps?

7) New Business

- None

8) Round table

Concourse D'art oratoire/public speaking will take place on February 27.

If parents feel they need information about assignments and due dates etc., they should access the teachers email through the school website and seek that information directly from individual teachers.

The Ford test drive grad fundraiser upcoming on Sunday, March 25. Ford donates \$20 for each test drive and it goes to the student's grad fees.

9) Adjournment – 8:30 pm. Nell Divinaracia 1st and Sallie Crawford 2nd - All in favor.

Next PAC Meeting – Monday, March 12, 2012