



École Mark R. Isfeld Secondary PAC

Monday, May 9, 2011

MINUTES

Attendees: Christian Ricard, Marlene Ricard, Donna Kane, Shelley Gailloux, Jeannette Gingras, Barry Walker, Sallie Crawford, Lisa Taylor, Carla Morrison, Bill Village.

1. Call to order 7:04 p.m.
2. Motion to adopt agenda – 1st Barry Walker, 2nd Sallie Crawford - Adopted
3. Minutes of previous meeting – 1st Barry Walker, 2nd Shelley Gailloux – approved.

4. Reports

a) Principal's Report – Bill Village

- Grade 9 trip to Seattle leaves on Thursday
- Grad dessert night was a success, enjoyed by all.
- School Review went very well that included four senior Management folks and two trustees in attendance.
- About 400 students attended a very emotional assembly with a guest speaker on the drinking/driving topic sponsored by ICBC Roadsense.
- Barry Walker hosted an All Candidates meeting attended by about 500 students.
- Valedictorians were selected by the Grads – Karlee Holm and Josh Duncan
- Both Junior and Senior Jazz Bands participated in a Jazz Festival in Nanaimo and did very well.
- A group of French Immersion students had a great trip to France with Mme. Lockquell.
- The school hosted a “Lose the Training Wheels” event for one week with many of our students volunteering to help youngsters with special needs learn how to ride a bike.

b) Trustee Report – Janice Caton - Absent

c) Treasurer's Report – Donna Kane

- Presented year end financial review (see attached)
- Asked for input as to how to spend the extra \$4805 gaming grant. It must be spent on music and sports. This spending could be deferred to next year but where the money is earmarked to go must be annotated in the treasurer's report to the gaming committee. Bill will discuss with the music and sport staff and provide feed back to executive who will make a decision to disperse this funding based on that information as the PAC is not meeting again this school year. With sports the understanding is that any funds would go to

sports that have yet to receive funding for tournament fees etc. (i.e. track and field). Music comprises choral as well as band.

d) **DPAC Report** – Jeannette Gingras

- There again was no quorum at the DPAC meeting so they will meet again on the last Monday in May to try again.

2. Old Business

a) **Teacher Appreciation**

- Sallie and Kim are planning on the week of June 6th to hold the staff appreciation and will be seeking parent volunteers to provide baked treats and help with this event. An email request will go out to all parents.

b) **School Sign**

- As was agreed at the last meeting, a letter was drafted to the Board of Education (attached) seeking to resume work on getting a sign for the school and seeking information from the board on what they are willing to provide financially and in support. The letter has been sent
- Sallie spoke with a city staff member but was not met with much support.
- A suggestion was made to see if we can simply have the city erect two street signs indicating the location of the school, much like those indicating roads ahead such as those indicating Huband road etc., along the old island highway.
- This will be revisited in September once we hear from the board and have a better idea of the level of support they will provide.

3. New Business

a) **Destination Imagination trip to Knoxville, Tennessee**

- Ten students qualified to go to this event, classified as the “worlds”. École Robb Road PAC is funding part of the expense and wondered if our PAC would do the same for our students. If there are unused allocated funds in the citizenship and academics pillars, the staff from those areas can decide to designate a portion for this event
- The district is paying for registration, accommodation, and meals. Transportation is not covered and is a very big cost.

b) **School-wide education about the topic of “Sexual exploitation”**

- Last year the RCMP came and spoke to just the girls about some issues in the community. There was some flak about why boys were not included
- Due to a few recent events on this topic, the administration felt that it was timely to address this educationally with the whole school. RCMP members and Miranda Blomquist (John Howard Society) spoke and Bill spoke in assemblies of grade 8/9, 10 -12, boys/girls.

- The term LG (little girl) is becoming more widespread among boys. It has explicit sexual connotations describing girls who are “asking for it” by the way they dress.
- Girls need to be aware of the dangers and boys need to be aware of the criminal side of participation in this behaviour. It is absolutely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Education is the key.
- Dr.Claire Vanston met with the grade 8 and 9 girls separately to discuss these issues as the younger girls are usually the “targets”. She speaks very well on issues of sexual exploitation and did a great job with the girls. If we can get another booking with her we will also have her speak to the boys.
- MITV will interview her and draw attention to this issue and apologize about a segment that used some poor humour choices about this issue and had to be stopped for being posed on U-Tube. This is their chance to redeem that mistake.
- Staff and counsellors are being very vigilant to watch for and address issues arising from this “trend”.
- This is a community issue as it is prevalent in all the senior schools. This school has such a positive atmosphere, it would be wrong to let this LG issue go unaddressed. This is so wrong and is predatory and it needs to be stopped. There will likely be a spike in this behaviour after this and a few kids will need to be dealt with as is the case when something like this is brought to the light.

4. **Adjournment** – motion to adjourn 1st – Sallie Crawford, 2nd – Shelley Gailloux -
Adjourned – 8:40 pm

- **Next meeting will be held on
Monday, September 12, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the library**