



# École Mark R. Isfeld Secondary PAC

Monday, November 14, 2011

## MINUTES

**Attendees:** Marlene Ricard, Chris Ricard, Shelley Gailloux, Sallie Crawford, Barry Walker, Bill Village, Janice Caton, Carla Morrison, Jeannette Gingras, Lisa Taylor, Mike Howland, Cheryl Adebar, Loretta Fedor, Lynda Magor, Pam Blake, and Arla Calman.

- 1) **Call to order** - 7 pm
- 2) **Approval of agenda** - Barry Walker – 1<sup>st</sup> and Sallie Crawford – 2<sup>nd</sup>, agenda approved
- 3) **Approval of previous month's minutes** – Sallie Crawford – 1<sup>st</sup> and Shelley Gailloux – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 4) **Reports**
  - a. **Principal's report**
    - Big shake out
    - PARTY Program
    - MADD presentation. Very raw, emotional and intense. Very well done.
    - Grad photos, 1<sup>st</sup> round done
    - Remembrance Day assembly. Ceremony was flawless and wonderful. The students were very respectful. Amazing.
    - Post-secondary sessions tomorrow for senior students
    - Band and choir festival happening next week. Choir at Northgate foursquare church and band at Filberg Centre.
    - Drama student's theatre production end Nov/beg Dec
    - Christmas concert Monday Dec 12
    - Report cards have started coming home from individual teachers. Will not look like traditionally compiled reports. Parent /teacher interviews on Thursday, Nov 24 so there will be no school for the students. Schools are required contractually to provide a report card but it will be mostly blank.
    - Teen suicide. Although Isfeld has been fortunate to not have had a tragedy here, we are not kidding ourselves and are being very proactive. Counsellors are doing exceptional work with students, getting to every classroom and staff are keeping a very close eye on high risk students. Isfeld hosted a parent's night to highlight all of the supports there are out there and it was very well attended with over 400 attendees. We want to do everything we can to give kids all the help possible.

- b. Trustee's report** – In transition from old board to new board. Six trustees acclaimed. Member from Cumberland to be elected this Saturday, November 19. In the new year the ministry wants a numbers review (how many students in the district and how many “spaces” –empty and /or occupied, in the district) as part of their capital funding and long term planning to ensue after those numbers are in. 5-6 year plan to get a stable environment in the district for the near future. There will be public forums for dialogue on planning and the future of the district and of the various programs, i.e. French Immersion, Montessori, etc.
- c. Treasurer's report** – The audit. Shelley Gailloux will be one of the auditors and David Taylor will be the other. We have still not received our direct access money and it shows as “in progress” on the search of the website.
- d. DPAC Report** – Jeannette Gingras
  - Suicide prevention discussion - one suggestion that Highland is looking into Grade 12 mentors for younger students
  - Avi Luxenburg is going to do a 30 min presentation on internet and teens at the DPAC meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Anyone can attend these meetings.
  - [www.Born-to-Learn.org](http://www.Born-to-Learn.org) has an overview of John Abbotts work21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning is a hot topic in the district right now as well as among the administrators/staff. There Are a number of speakers, ideas and ideologies around this topic and there is much to be considered and a lot of work being done in this area.
- e. SPC Report** –Bill Village, Lisa Taylor, Sallie Crawford and Shelley Gailloux. Did not meet since last meeting.

#### 5) Old Business

- a. School sign.** Nothing new to report
- b. Emergency Preparedness.** Mary Maclean was not present. Passed to next meeting.

#### 6) New Business

- a.** Cape Scott trip request for funding. Last year the PAC was mandated to divvy up the moneys for Academics and that amount is not yet known as the treasurer was not present and the funding is not all in yet. The same process for divvying the funding will be done this year so Barry Walker's group will get funding based on that method.
- b.** French Immersion International trip for 2013. Berlin, Amsterdam and Paris. Maximum 40 students and over 60 have shown interest already so far. Projected cost over \$3300. Taking place 29 March to April 7, 2013. Trip proposal has gone to the board and organizers are seeking PAC approval (as required for international travel). Barry Walker motioned to approve and Lisa Taylor 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved with one abstention.

#### 7) Adjournment – 8:30 pm Sallie Crawford – 1<sup>st</sup> and Loretta Fedor – 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Next PAC Meeting – Monday, January 9, 2012**