

# Ecole Mark R. Isfeld P.A.C.

## Minutes, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

**Welcome & Introductions:** Diana Dewitt

**In Attendance:** Combined 20 people, parents, administration, and teacher.

**Agenda Approved:** Heather Demeo 1<sup>st</sup>, Barry Walker 2<sup>nd</sup>, A.I.F.

**Minutes Approved:** Barry Walker 1<sup>st</sup>, Tannis Stanley 2<sup>nd</sup>, A.I.F.

**Election:** Donna Kane has let her name stand for nomination of P.A.C. Treasurer. Call for any further nominations. None called. Motion to have Donna Kane sit as our new Treasurer, 1<sup>st</sup> by Heather Demeo, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barry Walker. Donna Kane is the new P.A.C. Treasurer for Ecole Mark R. Isfeld High school by acclamation. All in favor.

**Principal's Report:** Bill Village

- On behalf of the administration a deep appreciation to the voices that contributed to the reconfiguration conversation. All involved were not only well spoken, they had clear points, and we can be at peace knowing that we did everything we could to impact the decisions in some way. Bill will make available the three administrator's letters to the board available to the P.A.C. and the teacher's staff meeting tomorrow.
- Continuing on with fire drills and earthquake drills
- Pro D day in September.
- Terry Fox run was a success.
- Cultural performance by Deli to Dublin (Dawn thought that was very cool).
- Interim reports came out last week. Mixed reactions all over the map, Bill to hear teachers responses tomorrow at the staff meeting. Every high school did it differently and feedback is appreciated.
- Photo Retakes today.
- Canada read week taking place this week. Extended T.A's, and the "All you can Read Buffet" that kids did have to sign up for takes place on Wednesday. Should be over 50 kids in the library.
- Jazz cabaret tomorrow night in the mulit purpose room, it is our year to host.
- Lynita Swansen organizing the Grade 8 Gym Blast. Cheer leading and several events going on. A call for any Grade 8 parents that might be available Monday to help out with making and serving of hotdogs (whole wheat buns & approved wieners), contact the school.
- Party Program for grade 10 students taking place next week. Bill highly recommends it and is of high value and impact on the children.
- Thursday a fabulous pumpkin carving contest & Friday the costume parade.
- Remembrance assemblies on November 10<sup>th</sup> will have the four different assemblies that worked very well last year.
- Grad photos November 12- 14<sup>th</sup>
- Pro D Day on Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> that is a BC Wide so teachers will be at different venues.
- Bill shared about working with Randy Gray on some neat things in regards to the Grade 12's and wanting to keep them busy during their free time.... More to come on that subject but are still moving towards the goal and vision of what that might look like.
- After school support program runs Monday to Thursday, very bare bones for now but hopeful it will become it's own as it attracts the people.
- Bill to contact Mr. Gravelle regarding the French textbook that has been talked about.

**Trustee Report:** Janice Caton (Not in attendance, very ill)

- Reminder of Reconfiguration board meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Can still email input but would not be “official” or guaranteed to be reviewed.
- All day Kindergaden is down to four options, Queenish, Courtenay Elementary, Miracle Beach and Puntledge Park. Space and social economical consideration.
- Large concern around funding for this year and next year.

**Treasurers Report:** Donna Kane

- Balance in account is 16158.24
- Outstanding Bill 2053.80 Basket Ball uniforms
- Sound System 5000.00 (allocated previous years)
- Signage 9000.00 (grant from years past, no strings attached)
- Direct grant has decreased from 14620.00 to 9270.00. Not as low as thought as direct access is based on last years enrollment.
- Summary of our expenses over the past few years shows that we spend 15000.00 – 17000.00 for a proper functional year.
- Money will be tight, decisions to be made & no wish list submitted as of yet.

**D.P.A.C.** Jeannette Gingres

- “Meeting Highlights” sheet is available in the P.A.C. binder.
- Copy of CDTA letter, Isfeld P.A.C. letter and Principals Association submitted.

**S.P.C.** Diana deWitt/Rhonda Snook/Arla Calman: No meeting has taken place as of yet.

**F.A.C.** Hayley Humphrey/Dawn Nickerson

- Letter to the board was reconstructed and resubmitted
- 12.5% of school population is in the French Immersion Program
- F.I. Policy is with board and suppose to be brought up on October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Next meeting for French Immersion is on November 9<sup>th</sup> @ Isfeld.

**Old Business**

- Letter to the board on behalf of P.A.C. was written. Copy in P.A.C binder.
- **Parking** has become a safety concern. It was brought up in the newsletter. Many are using the back area for parking, creating a bit of a balance, however still major congestion and danger with people parking on the actual lane coming from Lerwick turning right into our parking lot. Mr. Village has asked for the RCMP to monitor the situation and put some pressure on. Mr. Village will contact our current school liaison who we can invite to comment & assist in a solution.
- **Bussing** is an ongoing problem. After much discussion, with the full support of the P.A.C. Mr. Village is going to organize a forum that will include several involved representatives. Students currently do not have access to bussing into Comox due to the current schedule. After several attempts at conversing with The City of Courtenay, The Town of Comox, BC Transit, The RCMP and local counselors, we still do not have any indication we will have a resolution. Bringing in the media of different types will hopefully bring some attention to the growing safety concern. Some parents are of the view that indeed someone will die before anything is done. One parent picks up six kids in an attempt to lesson the number of cars coming to pick up. There are 218 new students, French Immersion that do not qualify for bussing, thereby needed to use transit (which is clearly not user friendly) and or being picked up (again causing a problem). Darren Richards is on the record with Mr. Village saying that we are “on the radar” for a meeting in January. The P.A.C. finds this time line unacceptable. A plan to invite Gord Kurbis of “A” channel, and Dean Stoltz of “Check News” to the forum will be followed through with. An invitation to our MLA Don McRae will be drafted, along with an invitation to as many counselors as we can.

Those who put names forward to assist with the forum: Sally Crawford, Heather Demeo, Dawn Nickerson and Jeanette Gingres.

## **New Business**

### **Budget**

- Smaller amount of money to work with this year, down approx 5,000.
- Old money stored away for the P.A. System & the Sign.
- Last year we had more start up costs due to all new students. Dollars allocated to sports was high, Bill had extra monies to help with field trips
- Mr. Walker shared concerns over the amount distributed to sports, leaving not much room for fine arts and academics, one trip was cancelled due to lack of funds. T.O.C. was covered but the actual funds were not available.
- Last years formula was 50% Athletics, 30% Fine Arts, 20% Academics & Citizenship.
- The sound system does not appear to be a high priority at this point. \$5000 is currently set aside for that.

**Motion** by Dawn Nickerson that the Isfeld P.A.C. strike a budget committee to look into and report back to the P.A.C with recommendations based on past spending and current amount to work with. 1<sup>st</sup> Barry Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hayley Humphrey. Discussion. A.I.F. **Motion carried.**

A budget committee sign up sheet was circulated, a request for Mr. Village to ask for a rep from each pillar of the school to sit on this committee. A list of names and numbers will be given to Diana deWitt for organization of this one time meeting.

**Motion** by Barry Walker that the funds set aside for a new sound system is unallocated for that purpose and brought back into the budget to work with. 1<sup>st</sup> Dawn Nickerson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tannis Stanley. Discussion. A.I.F. **Motion Carried.**

Monies set aside for the sign will remain until the future of Isfeld is determined and talks move forward with the City of Courtenay.

### **Fundraising**

- Fundraising is almost always done with a cause attached to it.
- If and when we do something it should not take over what is already going on.
- Band, grad and sports are often doing their own.
- Dawn pointed out that our fundraising dollars are “non gaming” giving us more freedom to do what we want, but noting that most don’t want to do fundraising.
- Question about the coupon book that used to be used? Anyone knows if that is still available as a possibility, please let the P.A.C. know.

**Next Meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm  
In the Library of Ecole Mark R. Isfeld**

Meeting Adjourned 8:40pm