



# École Mark R. Isfeld Secondary PAC

Monday, November 8, 2010

## MINUTES

**Attendees:** Donna Kane, Barry Walker, Jeannette Gingras, Lisa Taylor, Debbie Brown, Tannis Stanley, Heather Demeo, Maria Dielmann, Kelly Broom, Carla Morrison, Sallie Crawford, Shelley Gailloux, Leah Taylor, Christian Ricard, Marlene Ricard, Bill Village

1. Call to order 7:05 p.m.
2. Motion to adopt agenda – 1<sup>st</sup> Barry Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Leah Taylor – approved with the addition of Barry Walker's travel request under old business and Dances and fundraising under new business.
3. Minutes of previous meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Barry Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shelley Gailloux – approved with spelling correction of teacher Gus Valen's name as SPC rep.

### 4. Reports

#### a) Principal's Report – Bill Village

- Photo retakes; Halloween pumpkin carving, assembly and costume parade all happened recently.
- Grade 10 PARTY program took place last Wednesday for the first batch of students. Another one will take place in the spring.
- Last Wednesday, Band 8 had their first performance and it was outstanding.
- Term one ends today and term two begins tomorrow with report cards going home next week.
- Grad photos are happening today, Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Presentation by an African grandmother and her granddaughter will take place tomorrow – AIDS awareness.
- Wednesday there will be four Remembrance Day assemblies that will be about one hour long. The school will be divided so all students take in one.
- There will be a post-secondary meeting next Monday for grade 12 students and parents.
- Next Tuesday, Ross Laird will speak in the multi Purpose room - technology awareness.
- Next Wednesday there will be a post secondary afternoon for the grade 11 and 12 students to meet with college and university reps.
- The grad fashion show will be on Monday, November 22.
- The Isfeld drama students will present Diary of Anne Frank starting on December 1 and running through to December 9. This promises to be a very high calibre production. Tickets will be available at the office starting Monday.

**b) Trustee Report (via email)**

- Sherry Elwood has been appointed superintendent for the district.
- The position of assistant superintendent has been posted.
- The board is starting the budget process with the first meetings to begin later this month.
- At the last meeting, the issue of bussing was brought up. There will be consultation with parents but as to when and what that will look like has not yet been finalized.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning is the focus of this government and it is still in the early stages of planning, but one thing was made clear at the provincial meeting I attended is that parents are expected to take an active role in their children's education and details were still being worked out as to what that will look like.

**c) Treasurer's Report**

A breakdown of the budget division discussed at the last PAC meeting was given as out of the total in the gaming account of \$19,220, Athletics would receive 50% - \$9,610, Fine Arts would receive 30% - \$5766, and Academics would receive 20% - \$3844.

**d) DPAC Report**

- A motion of a request for more supervisors to be requested from the district, was brought forward from the Valley View PAC, asking the Isfeld PAC for support. It was decided that it was not something for the PAC to give specific support to. The number of supervisors is set district wide and is a budget issue. All schools are facing similar issues. This is not within the mandate of the PAC.
- Another motion was brought forward from the BCCPAC, asking for support: that per student funding in the district be returned to previous levels. Many emails were passed on this issue and more information is available from the BCCPAC but it was felt that the motion was very vague and was too much information to assimilate and understand for the average person on the PAC so consensus was that it would be inappropriate to comment on it.
- The DPAC has a learning program available called *bitstrips*, which teaches history, math, etc. through comics.
- The FAAC (Fine Arts Advisory Committee) will meet November 10.
- BC Earthquake Alliance will be conducting an earthquake drill on January 26, 2011 at 10 am. Student release drill and lock down drill. All schools are encouraged to participate. Bill indicated that Isfeld would participate. The PAC agrees that school administrators are already working with the district to come up with an appropriate plan. There is still much work to do but the RCMP need to be part of the broad planning at the district level.

- Interest was voiced in forming an Emergency Preparedness Committee and three members will sit on that committee. They are: Debbie Brown, Kelly Broom, and Leah Taylor.
- The bussing issue was also brought to the DPAC. They formed a sub-committee and it was encouraged that they liaise with the Isfeld bussing committee who have already done a great deal of work on this issue. See report.
- An alternate DPAC rep was voted in. Jeannette Gingras will take on that role. Leah Taylor 1<sup>st</sup>, Shelley Gailloux 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favour.
- Lisa Taylor **moved that the Isfeld PAC become members of the BCCPAC** and pay the \$75 annual membership fee. Leah Taylor 2<sup>nd</sup> and **the motion passed.**

#### e) SPC Report

- Structure of their efforts as described in the last report has been discussed and they will meet again in the New Year to get to work on those initiatives.

#### f) Bussing Committee Report

- Bill spoke to this. Students still working on a survey. Darrin Richards from the transit company met with Bill. They learned each has significant challenges to overcome. Bill got him up to speed on the bussing committee's work and what is upcoming. Bill has drafted a letter that the committee plans to submit to the board and presented it to the PAC to review. He passed it by Sherry Elwood, the district Superintendent, for her feedback and it was favourable. The draft will go to the bussing committee for feedback and ratification and then be sent onto the board by end of tomorrow.

### 5. Old Business

- Bill listed seven requests (including Barry Walker's) for the academic portion of PAC funds. Either the PAC micro-manages who gets what slice or Bill takes care of meeting with stakeholders from academics who have put in requests and they decide as an academic department how to disseminate these funds equitably. **The motion was made by Debbie Brown to do the latter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Heather Demeo. Motion passed with a report to come to the PAC on how the money was spent.**

### 6. New Business

#### a) Timetable Alteration

- A proposal is going to the staff meeting tomorrow to adjust timetabling to allow for staff collaboration time etc., likely on a Friday afternoon. Regular schedule would remain Monday through Thursday but Friday would have each block shortened by 15 minutes and students would then be dismissed one hour early each week on Friday. This proposal was brought to the PAC to serve notice that this is something that is going forward as quickly as possible.
- Bill described the many benefits of this proposal and parents who had experienced a similar initiative at Aspen Park Middle, spoke very positively in favour of it as well.

b) **CPF Scholarship Opportunities**

- Information was unavailable but will be forwarded on to Gerald Fussell to provide that information to all French Immersion students and parents.

c) **Dances**

- Leadership students have requested another opportunity to have a dance and Bill is in support of it. They have come up with a very good/comprehensive proposal which includes hiring security, dealing with infractions, etc. A request is coming forward to staff tomorrow from the student leadership group.

d) **Fundraising**

- A request was made that all school fundraising initiatives be posted on the web site so that parents can see what is going on and support the initiatives.

7. **Adjournment** – motion to adjourn – 9:08 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Barry Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sallie Gailloux

- **Next meeting will be held on Monday, January 10, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the library**