



École Mark R. Isfeld Secondary PAC

Monday, January 10, 2011

MINUTES

Attendees: Christian Ricard, Marlene Ricard, Shelley Gailloux, Janice Caton, Heather Demeo, Tannis Stanley, Kelly Broom, Barry Walker, Jeannette Gingras, Sallie Crawford, Lisa Taylor, Arla Calman, Carla Morrison and Bill Village.

1. Call to order 7:05 p.m.
2. Motion to adopt agenda – 1st Barry Walker, 2nd Sallie Crawford
3. Minutes of previous meeting – 1st Jeannette Gingras, 2nd Sallie Crawford – approved with spelling correction of Shelley Gailloux's name as 2nd for adjournment (not Sallie).

4. Reports

a) Principal's Report – Bill Village

- Events since last meeting in November: Grad Photos, Remembrance Day ceremony, Post secondary parent information meeting and student information sessions, grad fashion show, term one assembly, Pro D, Diary of Anne Frank – 6 nights – sold out, Christmas band concert, school dance, NI cup – improv – Vanier has won three years in a row and Isfeld placed 2nd – same this year but score VERY close – 545/540 – now off to island competition.
- Upcoming: This Wednesday – Todd Young – meeting on career planning choices for parents at 7 pm in the multi purpose room. X-block information meeting on Thursday at 7 pm in the multi purpose room. Semester end and exam week, Jan 24-28, exam schedules on the web site – grade 8-9 different from 10-12 schedule. Jan 31, term 2 begins.
- Transportation: bussing from south will continue through to the year end of June.
- Next year's programming meeting – Wednesday, February 9 at 7 pm in the multi purpose room.
- There is a NIC push to establish a mechanism for dual credit courses for grade 12 students to consider taking university transfer courses. Topic on agenda for tomorrow's staff meeting. It is likely to take some months to work through the particulars of this initiative.

- Staff and administrators are in discussion to implement a fixed timetable that would match up with other high schools. There will be more information coming about this at future PAC meetings. The impetus behind this is for many reasons, including easier scheduling and opportunities for work experience placements, easier if college transitions courses are implemented, opening the door for kids to access programming at other schools for some classes, etc.

b) Trustee Report

- Sheila Shanahan has been appointed Assistant Superintendent for the district.
- Bussing review continues. Janice brought the report from the Isfeld bussing committee to the board's attention. The school bussing issue unfortunately does come down to a money issue as the ministry has not increased funding for bussing since 2001 and in reality, the board is not legally obligated to provide bussing and it is getting harder and harder to finance. Many of the current ridership actually lives within the designated walking limit but ride as courtesy riders. As far as the problems with the public transit, there is little a local school administration or school board can do in terms of influencing a provincial company's schedules and policies. Janice advised that the best course of action in this regard is to take concerns to our local MLA or municipal governments.
- It is budget time for the board and it is expected that there will be many changes to education in BC and the funding for it, with the upcoming elections and a possible change in government.
- The 21st Century Learning initiative is still growing and will likely become a strong focus for the provincial ministry of education and future funding considerations. Parental involvement in education continues to be a primary focus but there is no clear definition of what that might look like at this point.

c) Treasurer's Report

See attached statement from Isfeld staff – PAC Monetary Support Summary.

d) DPAC Report

- DPAC help their elections

e) SPC Report

- The SPC have not met since the last report.

5. No Old Business

6. New Business

a) **X-Block Rotation**

- There is a summary posted on the school website. Parent meeting this Thursday, January 13 at 7 pm in the multi purpose room. The staff has gone over it and had input. Students have also had a chance for input. Now it is time for parents to give their input. If it is implemented, it will be on a trial basis. If you are unable to attend the meeting, view the information on the website and direct questions and concerns to Bill Village.

b) **Satisfaction Survey**

- This survey will go out to grade 10 and 12 students as it does each year. It will likely be attached to the upcoming report cards.

7. **Adjournment** – motion to adjourn – 8:04 pm, 1st Barry Walker, 2nd Heather Demeo

- **Next meeting will be held on
Monday, February 14, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the library**

Attachment: 1

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PAC Executive,

Please accept this as a brief report to your next PAC meeting in January.

As you are aware, the PAC confirmed at their last meeting the division of monetary supports to the school from the Gaming Funds to be distributed as follows:

a) Athletics	50 % share	\$9,610
b) Fine Arts	30% share	\$5,766
c) Academic/Citizenship	20% share	<u>\$3,844</u>
	Total	\$19,220

Further to this, it was confirmed that these allocations can be distributed in the following manner:

- Athletics – the Athletic Coordinator (Colin Cunningham) will consult with the coaches and then meet with Alannah McIntyre to distribute this to the appropriate team trust accounts.
- Fine Arts – the \$5,766 are to be equally distributed to the Drama, Music and Visual Art departments. They are to each receive \$1,922.
- Academic/Citizenship – the PAC voted at the Nov. meeting to allow the school staff to determine how the funds for this section be distributed. The staff was asked to submit requests and then a meeting of interested parties would decide how this would be done. The meeting took place yesterday (Wednesday, Dec. 1st) and agreement was reached to allocate the funds in the following manner:

a) Barry Walker – Cape Scott and Mt. Albert Edward hikes	\$800
b) Shawn Holland/Alissa Mather – Bard on the Beach	\$800
c) Jesse Pendak – Playland Physics	\$700
d) Claudia Hurworth/ Alissa Mather- Model United Nations	\$360
e) Wayne Kuhnert – Awards	<u>\$1184</u>
	Total \$3844

We are most appreciative of the support we get from our PAC and believe we have maximized the use of the available funds. It is our intention to provide the PAC with a year end report on these funds.

Bill Village
Principal