

# École Mark R. Isfeld Secondary PAC

## Monday, September 13, 2010

### Minutes

**Attendees:** Keith Harwijne, Ken Dawson, Jane Hallier, Marlene Ricard, Chris Ricard, Jeannette Gingras, Tannis Stanley, haley Humphrey, Kelly Broom, Gaylene Rehwald, Lisa Taylor, Maria Dielmann, Carla Morrison, Arla Calman, Caron Mulgrew, Diane Swing, Shelley Gailloux, Sallie Crawford, Debbie Brown, Diana DeWitt, Bill Village

1. Call to order 7:00 p.m.
2. Minutes of previous meeting – Unavailable
3. Motion to adopt agenda – 1<sup>st</sup> Sallie Crawford, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Ricard – approved with the addition of field trips (Bill Village), bussing (Keith Harwijne) and dress code (Kelly Broom) items for discussion

#### 4. Reports

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

- Space tight – one portable deemed unusable before school began which necessitated needing to use the bookable computer lab for that classroom. By the end of the first day, second portable was shut down due to higher than acceptable spore count. That class had to use eight different locations in the school. Staff member was very accommodating in that difficult situation. New portable arrived Friday and is awaiting inspection and second portable is due to arrive Sept. 23.
- Bussing announcement from the board on the Friday before school started added to a bumpy start. Work is being done to try to rectify that situation. See discussion below.
- Despite early issues, the year's start-up has gone very well. Good atmosphere. Lyneita Swanson (VP) is on one year's leave of absence and Dean Patterson is in as new VP. He is a great fit to the team. There were eight new staff this year and all are exceptional teachers. Early collaboration initiatives with staff are showing great success so far.
- Originally 945 students were staffed for but the number is currently at 972.
- Wiring issues still to be resolved in portables for morning announcements to get out there.
- School photos on Friday
- Sixty kids will go to Bard on the Beach
- Terry Fox Run – Sept. 30
- Grad parent meeting – Sept. 30
- Pro D – Monday Sept. 27



Gerald have made an effort to list who is riding these busses so that those kids do not have late marks on their attendance and do not get grief from staff. For now, Bill will address the current school district bus issue and meet with Chuck Morris from the board and Ginger from the bus company. In terms of the broader bussing issue and the parking/drop-off issues at the school that are making for a very unsafe environment in front of the school each day, a steering committee has been formed and will meet to address these issues, get parents organized and focused and attempt to come up with solutions. This steering committee will meet before the next PAC meeting and bring forward their work at that time.

- **School Playing Fields** – The lower field is off limits for football and rugby practices as per board policy. This has meant these teams must travel to Bill Moore Park to practice. This policy is based on the original field design of a sand based field but now the fields have matured and are no longer fragile. One rugby game was played on the field and no damage was evident upon inspection. Bill will schedule a meeting with concerned parties in an attempt to address this issue and see if the policy can be updated and changed to include these sports as they are part of the school sporting culture and should be able to use the school field.
- **Dress Code** – Concern was voiced over “penguin pants” and the need for a dress code to be enforced to discourage this style. Bill stated that there is a dress code for such things as girls wearing tops that are too revealing and students wearing t-shirts with inappropriate slogans but that this style of showing the boys underwear with pants hanging down could be added to what is deemed inappropriate. Bill will discuss appropriate dress at the next assembly.

**7. Adjournment** – motion to adjourn, 1<sup>st</sup> Sallie Crawford, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lisa Taylor – approved  
**Next meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. in the library**