



# MARK R. ISFELD

SECONDARY SCHOOL • ÉCOLE SECONDAIRE

## PAC Minutes

Monday September 16th  
Isfeld Library at 7:00pm

*The Mark R. Isfeld PAC respectfully acknowledges that the land we gather on is on the Unceded Traditional Territory of the K'ómoks First Nation, the traditional keepers of this land.*

Attendance: Sarah Friesen, Jennifer Hoar, Jennifer Fisher, Yicong Lin, Michelle Waite, Mike Godbout, Maureen Radawiec, Tara Meyerhofer, Kari Pratt, Victoria Tessman, Lee Ann Gleason, Marc Halliwell, Leanna Warman, Brian McAskill

1. Call to Order - 7:01pm
2. Approval of Agenda - September 16th, 2024  
Mike G. (motion); Kari P. (second)
3. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes - May 13th, 2024  
Mike G. (motion), Jenn H (second)
4. Reports:

### **Principal's Report**

(General Introduction for new PAC attendees)

- Start up: Went very smoothly. Used the first day (pro-d) to go through district strategic plan, staff meeting, and assessment of student learning. That day is good as it allows them to have the support staff in the building and be a part of the bigger start up and the planning process.
  - The next day was grade 8s and new students, and then student assemblies throughout the first week. Assemblies included discussions around vaping, future planning for the up and coming grade 9s and 10s in terms of course selections
- Enrolments: we are at 952 students this year, which is about 100 more than last year. In conversation with the district around the possible addition of another portable. Grade 8 & 9 are particularly tight. ISP (International Student Program) we have reached our 84 maximum. Second semester will likely lighten up a bit with grade 11s and 12s moving around to different programs.

- Events: All the athletics are up and running, we are doing the district musical this year, consent week this week
- Strategic Plan: looking at integrating technology in a positive way and possibilities of blended learning.
  - PC 12: 30 Ipads provided for that class as part of their learning of going paperless. The idea came out of a student capstone last year. Some students are bringing their own tablets, 39 have asked the school to provide a tablet, some have decided to stay with paper. Feedback has been positive so far. We are still 9 Ipads short and are in the process of working to get those for the remaining students.
  - Roots to Success: Numeracy Skills - providing grade 8 & 9s some time in their day to work on foundational skills to aid in the preparation for Grade 10.
  - Digital Literacy 8 & Intro to Business 9 in an effort to move away from the traditional 'careers' curriculums. These two will encompass focus of Careers, but not replace the course itself
- School Facility: we took the benches out of the pods and put in bistro height tables, but don't yet have the seating. In the interim, students are still using the tables but standing at them so will assess this year as to if we need to add the seating or not.
- Feeding Futures: in the past we've had the grab and go breakfast and the evening/weekend pantry.
  - Meeting with the Food Coordinator to discuss options for what we can do with breakfast and lunch moving forward, and how to get Salad Bar back up and running.

Q: Are our numbers inclusive of the International Students?

A: No, we are now at 1039 if you include the International students.

Q: Salad Bar - weren't we going to try and make a connection with LUSH?

A: Yes, that will be part of the conversation.

Q: Have TikTok challenges been an issue yet this fall?

A: Not yet

Q: Issues with vandalism through the summer?

A: Just one broken window

### **Trustee Report (Michelle Waite)**

- The School board office has now moved right across the street
- The previous Board office is now housing the Indigenous Education team and Inclusive Education team
- Personal devices in schools: restrictions in place.

- Q to Brian: can you share if anything is different with the personal device changes that have been put in place this year?

A: Had the discussions with the students, but we were a bit lucky as we had put this in place last year in terms of having your phone with your teacher's permission and for learning only, with the exception of needing it for medical purposes. We've had a couple phones brought into the office, but it hasn't been a huge issue.

- Next school board meeting is next Tuesday at 7pm in the new space and is open to the public.

### **Treasurer Report (Jennifer Hoar)**

- Gaming grant is mostly used up and we are just pending this year's gaming grant

Q: Is it based on last year's numbers?

A: They don't ask for the numbers during the application process but likely pull it from the school

- Without the Salad Bar income coming in, we are into our contingency funds in the non-gaming account
- Gaming fund distribution to be decided (if remaining the same or changing at all?)

### **DPAC Report**

- DPAC rep isn't present this evening
- Jenn F intro to DPAC (as DPAC chair)
- Has not had a meeting yet, but will be meeting in October

Q: Can any parent go to those meetings?

A: Anyone can attend, you just can't vote. Can attend via online or in person

#### 5. New Business

- AGM: October date, Thanksgiving conflict  
\*October 21st, 2024 will be the AGM

#### General Questions:

Q: General concern around the lack of lights/intersection for entry into Isfeld

A: It's under the jurisdiction of the City of Courtenay, has been brought up multiple times in the past as an issue.

Q: The back corner of the school parking lot, is that still designated for Valleyview?

A: It hasn't come up, but we were informed that the School district was tasked with adding more parking spots for Valleyview to help with events and such.

#### 6. Adjournment - 8:15pm

Next PAC Meeting: October AGM