

MT SLESSE MIDDLE SCHOOL PAC MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: MS MIDDLE SCHOOL

DATE: OCTOBER 17TH, 2023

TIME: 9:30AM

MEETING AGENDA

Attendees: Lynn Loewen (President), Angelee Jack (Treasuer), Geri Marshall (Secretary), Kelly Jamieson, Paula Gosal (Principal)

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- I. CALL TO ORDER L. Loewen called to order the regular meeting of the Mt. Slesse Middle School PAC at 9:34am on October 17th, 2023.
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- II. ROLL CALL & WELCOME L. Loewen conducted introductions.
The following persons were present: **Lynn Loewen, Angelee Jack, Geri Marshall, Kelly Jamieson and Paula Gosal.**
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- III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA & APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPT MEETING L. Loewen introduced the minutes from the September meeting and copies were viewed.
Moved to accept the minutes by A. Jack **Second** by K. Jamieson. **CARRIED**
The minutes were approved.
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IV. REPORTS

a) Principals Report

Important Dates to Note

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday (October 18th) which the administration enjoy as it aids student development. Information has been emailed to parents and is in the school newsletter.

A provincial Professional Development (Pro D) day is on Friday, October 20th.

Halloween spirit week is coming up with a sock hop planned during school hours (candy and music provided). Students are allowed to wear Halloween costumes on Halloween Day (October 31st).

Photo retakes are scheduled for Monday, October 30th.

A Remembrance Day assembly will occur around 11am on Thursday, November 9th.

A provincial Professional Development (Pro D) day is on Friday, November 10th.

The Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday in lieu is on Monday, November 11th (No School)

There is also a Professional Development (Pro D) day on Friday, November 24th.

Skateboard Club

The club has been very successful since inception last year and is under the direction of one of the teachers. The club is for new and current skateboarders looking to learn how to skate or occupy their time during lunch.

The school is hoping to find a grant to pay for the kids to make their own skateboards in woodwork that they can take home.

Social Media

The administration is monitoring and communicating messages to the students about safe social media use. The messaging appears to be effective and useful to the students.

b) President's Report – See New Business (Fundraisers)

c) Treasurer's Report

A. Jack submitted copies of the MSMS PAC General Bank Account and Gaming Account which was viewed by attendees.

There have been no additions to the general account which stands at \$1,927.09.

The PAC did receive the gaming grant as expected. The amount added to the gaming account was \$15,140.00. The total for the gaming grant is now \$15,711.16.

There have already been some requests by administration for the grant regarding how to spend the funds on student activities. Teachers have until November 9th to submit their requests which will be reviewed for eligibility and accepted or denied by the PAC at the November 21st PAC meeting.

d) DPAC Report

Mt. Slesse Middle School does not have a DPAC representative. Communication is ongoing with an interested party to determine if we can have a DPAC rep.

V. OLD BUSINESS a) None

VI. NEW BUSINESS a) Fundraisers

- i. Babysitting & Stay Safe Courses – PAC is finalizing details regarding securing resources for a November 10th date to host the babysitting and stay safe course (1 course of each offer). Friday, November 10th is a Professional Development Day and no school is scheduled.

First Aid Hero is engaged and developing online links for registration. The cost is expected to be \$65 per course (with \$10 of the proceeds collected per sign-up as PAC funds).

More information about registration is expected and the courses may be advertised more broadly (to other schools) for larger participation.

- ii. Neufeld Farms – L. Loewen was able to secure a date of Tuesday, December 5th at 7:30pm for Neufeld to deliver orders. Neufeld is creating an email startup link with instructions soon and this fundraiser will be communicated to families via the Howler newsletter.

- iii. New ideas for fundraisers are welcome! Please email the PAC (mtslessepac@outlook.com).

b) Budget Projections

A. Jack reviewed and provided the General PAC budgets from previous years. Copies were provided to all present.

Income Projected:

Annual PAC grant expected to add \$200 to the budget; Babysitting / stay safe courses expecting to add \$500; Neufeld Farms expected to add \$1000 to the PAC budget if done twice this year; PAC donations sitting at an expected \$800.

Expenses Projected:

There is expected to be an increase in need from families for Christmas hampers so room was made in the budget to meet those needs.

Other major expenses projected were staff appreciation efforts and the Grade 8 celebration (budgeted for 300 people which is less than previous years). Donations will be sought from community partners to keep the cost of the celebration as low as possible.

Removed from the projected budget to make room for family donations were Terry Fox treats, PAC meeting supplies and treats and bank fees.

Christmas Hampers:

Items to include in the Christmas Hampers are still being decided and will be based on the needs communicated. There is no affordability fund this year to assist with this. P. Gosal will send a notice to teachers to canvas the needs of students and families and will give an update in the November meeting.

K. Jamieson **Moved** to accept the budget. **Second** by A. Jack. **CARRIED**
The budget was approved.

VII. OPEN ISSUES a) None

VIII. NEXT MEETING The next meeting is due to be held on November 21st, at 9:30am at Mount Slesse Middle School.

IX. ADJOURNMENT L. Loewen adjourned the meeting at 11:02am.
Minutes submitted by: Geri Marshall