

MT SLESSE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
PAC  
MEETING MINUTES

Location: MS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
Date: February 27, 2024  
Time: 9:30am

**Attendees:** Angelee Jack (Treasurer), Lynn Loewen (President), Geri Marshall (Secretary), Paula Gosal (Principal), Misti Farmer, Jessica Tugnum, Kelly Jamieson

**Sends Regrets:** Sher Grater (DPAC Representative)

**I. CALL TO ORDER** L. Loewen called to order the regular meeting of the Mt. Slesse Middle School PAC at 9:33am on February 27, 2024.

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**II. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS** L. Loewen conducted a welcome for all attendees.  
The following persons were present: Angelee Jack (Treasurer), Lynn Loewen (President), Geri Marshall (Secretary), Paula Gosal (Principal), Misti Farmer, Jessica Tugnum and Kelly Jamieson.

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**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA & APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JAN MEETING** L. Loewen introduced the agenda for the February meeting and copies were viewed.  
**Moved** to accept the agenda by A. Jack **Second** to accept by K. Jamieson.  
**CARRIED**  
The agenda was approved.

L. Loewen introduced the minutes from the January PAC meeting and copies were viewed.  
**Moved** to accept the minutes by K. Jamieson. **Second** to accept by A. Jack.  
**CARRIED**  
The minutes were approved.

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## IV. REPORTS

### a) Principals Report

- MSMS successfully had Valentines day events including a “sock hop” dance. It was noticed that some students were sensitive to loud music and lights so options are being explored for different celebration alternatives.
- Pink shirt day is on February 28th. The annual event is dedicated to raising awareness about bullying and promoting acts of kindness in schools. Kindness has been the latest theme of MSMS which has already helped with framing conversations with students in a constructive direction.
- The White Hatter organization is booked to conduct a virtual presentation to all classes on March 8th. The White Hatter is a family run company dedicated to providing proactive internet and social media safety, digital literacy and safe app awareness. The presentation topic to the students will be cyber bullying, nudes (images) and protections.
- Administration continues to include resources on digital safety in the Howler newsletter. The Ministry of Education is also putting on a few sessions about substance abuse and digital safety and the information will be included in the Howler. These resources are a great online reference tool for parents.
- There has been some conversation with the Ministry of Education about what the upcoming cell phone policy for the 2024/2025 school year will look like. It may be similar to what MSMS already implements. Some students use their phones (with teacher permission) to listen to music and self-regulate which is considered a positive usage habit. Administration and the Ministry are looking at solidifying things in time for the upcoming school year.
- Administration has noted a general apparent lack of respect from the students for the cleanliness and maintenance of the school facility. Courtesy seems to be lacking with regards to taking care of the surroundings (picking items up and not making it a custodial issue). Staff are working to spread a message of responsibility to students.
- The staff are working with Feeding Futures, which is a BC initiative and fund to support nutrition in schools, to make sure all students have healthy foods and soups available when needed. Feeding Futures works to make nutritional offerings consistent across schools. MSMS staff are hoping to have a refrigerated cart accessible in the hallway of the school containing health snacks (Fruit, yogurts) for students available all day. It will cost approximately \$4000 and the staff are hoping to have it in place for the new school year.

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- Teacher Initiated conferences are pending on March 1st after an early dismissal.
  - Reports cards will be distributed March 8th.
  - Spring break begins on March 18th and school will be in session again on April 2nd.

b) Presidents Report

- Update in Fundraising

c) Treasurers Report

- There were no notable changes with the budget. The general fund stands at \$2,327.58.
- There was also no movement in the gaming fund which stands at \$22,761.71.

d) DPAC Report

- No Report or update.

e) Fundraising Report

- Neufeld Farms is booked to deliver items for another fundraiser on May 14th. The PAC is going to try and do a text / call reminder for items ordered the night before pickup so parents are aware of pickup details. The ordering system goes live on April 22nd and orders need to be in by May 6th.
- PAC has booked another Babysitting Course for April 26th. 20 spots will be available by first come, first serve. A new company is offering the course and registration will be offered online (via google forms). The cost to parents will be \$65.

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**V. OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Grade 8 Celebration – L. Loewen advised she found a volunteer to lead the BBQ. L. Loewen and Principal Gosal met to discuss appropriate dates and Thursday, May 30th was selected as Friday is a Pro-D day. Food options to be discussed. Food and activities will be provided with the assistance of teachers and students.

Volunteers would also need to have criminal record checks completed.

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**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- a) None

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**VII. OPEN ISSUES**

a) Principal Gosal - Staff are still dealing with consistent issues with bathroom vandalism issues and misuse of provided sanitary products. They are trying to come up with creative solutions to manage the washroom issues.

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**VIII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is due to be held on April 16<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30am at Mount Slesse Middle School.

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**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

L. Loewen adjourned the meeting at 10:37am.

**Minutes submitted by:** G. Marshall