

**MT SLESSE MIDDLE SCHOOL
PAC
MEETING MINUTES**

**LOCATION: MS MIDDLE SCHOOL
DATE: MAY 28th, 2024
TIME: 9:30AM**

Attendees: Lynn Loewen (President), Geri Marshall (Secretary), Paula Gosal (Principal), Misty Farmer, Kelly Jamieson, Tanya Lynnyk, Jim Toohey, Klazina Pap, Celeste Coldwell

Sends Regrets: Angelee Jack (Treasurer), Sher Grater (DPAC Representative)

I. CALL TO ORDER L. Loewen called to order the regular meeting of the Mt. Slesse Middle School PAC at 9:37am on May 28, 2024.

II. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS L. Loewen conducted a welcome.
The following persons were present: **Lynn Loewen, Geri Marshall, Paula Gosal, Misty Farmer, Kelly Jamieson, Tanya Lynnyk, Jim Toohey, Klazina Pap and Celeste Coldwell.**

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

L. Loewen introduced the minutes from the April PAC meeting and copies were viewed. **Moved** to accept the minutes by M. Farmer. **Second** to accept by L. Loewen. **CARRIED**
The minutes were approved.

IV. REPORTS

a) Principals Report

- There are 19 days of school left and it has been a great year for the students who have grown so much.
- The Grade 8 celebration is this week (May 30th). Though the weather does not look cooperative for outside activities, staff are working hard to provide indoor activities. Pizza and drinks will be provided.
- The Grade 8's have been visiting G.W. Graham High School for transition activities to familiarize them with the school (ie: Take Action Day; School of Rock; Drama, Film and Television participation). G.W. Graham is Mt. Slesse's parent school.
- Administrators and teachers are busy looking at class lists and planning for next year to match students with appropriate teacher needs and social groups. This is also a focus for the Grade 5's who are new to the school in September.
- On June 6th staff will be participating in the Mt. Slesse Indigenous Family dinner.
- On June 7th the Grade 8's will be going to Playland.
- It is Indigenous Heritage Month and on June 11th Mt. Slesse will have a group of dancers (Sasquatch Dancers) perform for the students in the afternoon.
- On June 21st the whole school will be going to the Cultas Lake Waterpark. It is a great opportunity for the incoming Grade 5's to have a tour of the school which is scheduled.
- Admins and PAC members reviewed the Mt. Slesse Code of Conduct and some minor adjustments were made. Overall the Code of Conduct was found to be very comprehensive.
- P. Gosal spoke of the Province's announcement of a policy restricting use of cell phones by students in schools. It will be very similar to the measures already in place at MSMS. Likely cell phones presented during class time without permission will be held until the end of day by administrators and returned to the students after school hours.
- P. Gosal noted that MSMS is paying particular attention to student attendance and working on strategies to communicate with and support families who have students missing significant chunks of time at school. Various ideas and existing services were discussed with regards to supporting students before and after class time (ie: The breakfast program is open to all students before school and can act as a gathering space; After school clubs exist as well).
- The PAC discussed having better updated food choices in the cafeteria available for purchase by students. L. Loewen updated on a seminar she

attended about the Feeding Futures program and updates on their plans for breakfast programs and lunch programs. P. Gosal advised that a food cart is being delivered this week which will be set up outside of the office. The cart will be stocked with healthy snacks for free that the students can grab at their leisure at any time of day.

- P. Gosal wanted to include a reminder that parents are invited to the year end assembly on the last day of school (June 27th).

b) Treasurers Report (delivered by L.Loewen)

- There were some additions to the General Account due to the latest babysitting course which occurred in May. The course did not provide much profit in PAC funds but is seen as a service to the student body.
- The May Neufeld Farms fundraiser concluded and was profitable to the PAC generating approximately \$400 in profit.
- Still outstanding in payments are funds contributing to the Grade 8 celebrations and the second teacher appreciation event to conclude the year.
- No movement in the gaming account presently which will be paid out at the end of the school year.

c) DPAC Report (delivered by L.Loewen)

- DPAC spoke of the services offered via “Family Smart” which provides training and workshops on child / youth mental health.
- The district gave notice that they were looking at changing class composition by 2025 which may create larger class sizes. More details to come on this.
- Bowls of Hope (a free soup and lunch in-school program) needs occasional volunteers for product pickup in Langley.
- DPAC was interested in hearing from schools about how the Feeding Futures Program is going. PAC had all positive feedback on their experience.
- DPAC was looking for input on what PAC’s would like to focus on next year. Use of and reliance on technology was discussed.

d) Fundraising

- See Treasurer Report
- No further fundraisers are scheduled for this year.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Grade 8 Celebration – This will occur May 30th. Pizza, drinks and activities are provided for students. The weather is becoming a challenge but staff are finding flexible workarounds.
- b) Staff Appreciation – This will occur on May 31st (a Pro-D Day while teachers are in schools). The PAC will be providing some treats to add to an already scheduled brunch event.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a) P. Gosal explained how the Safe Arrival App works for reporting student absences. There are many redundancies built in (text, dialer system and email) to notify parents and the system is working well.
- b) PAC Executive Voting for 2024/2025 School Year

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- I) President – L.Loewen nominated by K.Jamieson; Second by G.Marshall
 - ii) Secretary - C.Coldwell nominated by G.Marshall; Second by L.Loewen
 - lii) Treasurer - G.Marshall nominated by L.Loewen; Second by K.Jamieson
 - Iv) DPAC - K. Jamieson nominated by L.Loewen; Second by G.Marshall

The PAC will meet every 3rd Monday at 9:30am for the 2024/2025 school year starting in September.

VII. OPEN ISSUES a) None

VIII. NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the MSMS PAC to be held September 23rd, 2024, at 9:30am at Mount Slesse Middle School.

IX. ADJOURNMENT L. Loewen adjourned the meeting at 11:05am.
Minutes submitted by: Geri Marshall