



Mt. Slesse Middle School PAC Meeting Minutes for OCT 7, 2025

In attendance: Michelle Lemieux (PAC Chair), Kelly Jamieson (PAC Treasurer), Jessica Tugnum (PAC Secretary), Dr. Paula Gosal (Principal), Jody Whalley, and Tara Price

- 1) Call to order: 9:08am
- 2) Welcome and introductions

- 3) Adoption of agenda:
 - a) Jessica motioned, Kelly 2nd

- 4) Adoption of minutes from Sept meeting:
 - a) Jessica motioned, Kelly 2nd

- 5) Reports:

- a) Admin Report:

- i) See attached Principals Report

- b) Presidents Report:

- i) The Gaming Grant has been approved at \$12,760. It is a little less than last year based on student enrollment going down this year at the time of application.

- ii) We as a PAC would really like to grow our engagement and enrollment at school functions and

connect more with the parents/guardians of the school.

iii) The PAC would like to do a table at the parent teacher interviews on Oct 22nd with flyers explaining what the PAC is and what the PAC does for the school. We will create a survey and email sign-up in hopes of gaining some interest for future meetings and volunteer positions.

iv) As our gaming grant has been approved, Dr. Gosal will send out a grant application to staff.

c) Treasurers report:

i) Gaming grant has been approved for \$12,760. We have a balance forward of \$282.91 from last year, giving us a total of \$13,042.91 in our gaming account.

ii) Our General Account balance forward from Sept 16, 2025 is \$2,161.14

d) DPAC report:

i) Jody Whalley has offered to take on the DPAC role

ii) There have been many technical issues with hosting the DPAC meetings online. The DPAC has decided to stop the online option due to the complications and will switch to in person only meetings that will run from 7:00pm-8:30pm.

iii) Jody is going to make sure she has a current criminal record check completed before she officially takes the role.

iv) DPAC meeting minutes are available for viewing online

e) Fundraising: None

6) Old Business:

a) Eating period vote:

i) The eating period time will add two minutes and change from 10 mins to 12 mins, the bell will be changed and as usual kids will always be welcome to bring food outside and are often given more opportunities to eat during class time if needed

b) fundraisers we would like to run this year:

ii) Pizza (once a month), Neufelds, The Babysitting course (once or twice depending on interest) book for Nov 10th and or Apr 24th, more hot lunch options possibly, candy jar votes at the office, Granola Girl possibly, Bee's Wax Wraps at christmas, snacks and drinks at school sporting events and other school activities, christmas hamper donations online (in lieu of dropping off food items/gift cards)

c) DPAC role is still open:

iii) Jody has volunteered to take on the DPAC role, pending her criminal record check being up to date. (everyone accepted this unanimously)

d) Cafeteria menu concerns:

iv) Currently being worked on by Dr. Gosal

e) Decision on Wolfpack:

v) Wolfpack is currently on pause as the consensus on moving ahead with the program was divided, and it also requires someone to head the organization of it, which is a big job. It will be revisited in the new year.

f) Knight Road Grant:

vi) Jody will look into the Knight Road Grant and if it is available for us to apply for as a middle school.

7) New business:

a) Pizza sales:

i) We would like to do Pizza day sales at least once a month this year as it is a very profitable and easy fundraiser.

ii) Our first Pizza Day will be Oct 30th as it is a nice treat before Halloween.

iii) Kelly will call Domino's Pizza and see what kind of a deal they offer to schools. She will coordinate arrival for 12pm on Oct 30th. Jessica and Tara are available to help distribute on the 30th.

b) Budget decisions:

i) We had a very long discussion on the budget and ran over time for the meeting by over an hour, which resulted in no vote being held on the budget. We came up with frame work for the budget and what we would like to do. We will need to hold a budget vote at the next meeting.

ii) We anticipate to earn \$800 from the Neufeld farms fundraiser, \$1195 from student fee PAC donations, \$5000 on pizza orders if we run 9 pizza days this year, and \$300 on the babysitters course if we run it two times.

iii) Our anticipated costs for this year include: \$125 for bank fees, \$50 discretionary, \$1500 towards the grade 8 celebration at the end of the year, \$300 for PAC event extras such as flyers and tables if we hold 4 events, \$500 for staff appreciation at the end of

the year, \$3000 for christmas hampers which will support 15 families.

c) PAC presence at school functions:

i) Dr. Gosal would like to have the PAC at the meet and greet at the beginning of the year with a table and possibly treats to help with engagement and knowledge of the PAC and what it does at the start of the year.

ii) We as a PAC would like to be more present at school events such as sports games, open houses, parent teacher interviews. We would like to have a table at such events to encourage engagement and be more visible within the school.

d) Meet at Greet:

i) The PAC will have a table at the Meet and Greet at the beginning of next year to help out and give more exposure for the PAC. Possibly a table with flyers, info, members, and treats/drinks.

e) School dances:

i) We typically have a few dances (SocHops) per year, the first being OCT 31st this year.

ii) If behavior is good for the dance on Oct 31st then more dances will be planned for the future.

8) Open floor:

a) Jody has connections at Save on Foods on Promontory road, and she was able to confirm that they are willing to work with our PAC on Christmas hampers.

b) We will be doing food hampers this year, not gift cards like we have done in the past few years.

- c) Everyone is very excited about fundraising and being able to support our Slesse student body as much as possible this year and into the future.
- d) We would like to run a donation fundraiser to help with the cost of Christmas hampers this year. One idea was to approach businesses in the community for donations. Dr. Gosal is going to approach Costco and will have a letter done up for us to use to approach more businesses. We also talked about opening up student quick pay for donations from our school parents and guardians and families if they wanted to help contribute money towards the Hampers.
- e) We would like to put a candy jar at the front office as a passive fundraiser. \$1 per guess on how many candies are in the jar with a winner being drawn once a month.
- f) We as a PAC have a lot of excitement and are eager to help support the school and many activities for the students. In order to accomplish our goals and be successful with fundraising and providing as much support as we would like, we do need to get some more people interested and involved in the PAC. We have many opportunities for parents/guardians to help out with things such as volunteering, handing out food, occupying tables. Ideally it would be nice to have some more people come on board for things like hot lunch coordinator.

9) Next Meeting: Nov 4th, 2025

10) Adjournment: 11:42am

Principal's Report – October 2025

1. Enrolment and Staffing

- **Current Enrolment:** As of **September 30**, our enrolment is **610 students**, slightly lower than this time last year.
- **Education Assistant Allocation:** The final EA allocation will be confirmed in the coming weeks, based on our September 30 student population. During this period, we can expect some staffing adjustments as postings throughout the district are released and positions are filled.
- **Staffing Update:** One of our Resource Teachers is currently on leave. **Mr. McLeod** is filling in during her absence, and **Ms. Dirks** has stepped in to cover Mr. McLeod's position.

2. Assessments and Student Learning

- Our Grade 7 students began writing the Foundations Skills Assessments (FSAs) last week.
- Upcoming School and District Assessments: Between now and November, students will participate in assessments that help us monitor progress and guide instruction, including:
 - **Numeracy:** SNAP assessment
 - **Literacy:** PM Benchmark (Reading), ACT, and the School-Wide Write
- These assessments provide valuable data to support individual student learning and inform school-wide instructional planning.

4. Recent and Upcoming Events

- **Professional Development:** On September 29, all middle school staff in Chilliwack gathered for a joint Pro-D day featuring Jeff A.D. Martin. His keynote presentation was both powerful and inspiring. On October 1, Jeff also spoke with our students in a moving school-wide assembly centred on acceptance, inclusion, and anti-racism.
- **Interim Reports:** Interim reports will be distributed between October 8–15.
- **Parent–Student–Teacher Conferences,** October 22 - Parents will receive an email with a link to sign up for on October 14.

- **Sports:** Volleyball and soccer seasons are in full swing, and we are grateful for the many parents who have volunteered their time to coach and support our teams.
- **October's theme is Gratitude** - aligning perfectly with Thanksgiving weekend and encouraging reflection and appreciation within our school community.

5. Out-of-Catchment Procedures (New SD33 Update)

A message was sent to families on **October 1** outlining the District's new procedures regarding catchment placement:

Administrative Procedure 337 – School Admission and Choice

Due to ongoing enrolment pressure across Chilliwack schools, the District is taking steps to balance enrolment for the long term. Beginning **October 1, 2025**, students attending schools outside their catchment will be required to return to their **designated catchment school** when they transition to the next level (Elementary to Middle or Middle to Secondary).

Families wishing to apply for out-of-catchment placement at the next school level may do so under **AP 337**, with acceptance based on available space.

6. Looking Ahead

- Halloween is always a highlight in middle school life, and we are looking forward to a little bit of spooktacular fun!
- Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be on Friday, November 7 – parents and families are invited to attend.