

Mt Slesse Middle School PAC

Meeting Minutes September 16th, 2025

1. Call to order: 9:02 am
2. Attendance: Michelle Lemieux (PAC Chair), Kelly Jamieson (Treasurer), Jessica Tugnum (Secretary), Dr. Paula Gosal (Principal), Scott Millington (Vice Principal), Tara Price, Jody Whalley
3. Adoption of agenda: Jessica accepted, Kelly 2nd
4. Adoption of minutes from June meeting: Kelly accepted, Jessica 2nd
5. Reports:
 - A. Admin Report:
 - i) Lots of changes have taken place. We added a new Vice Principal Mr. Scott Millington to the admin team over the summer, taking over for Michelle Davis.
 - ii) It has been a great start to the year, kids are happy and excited and settling in well to routines and learning. Parents have been supportive and engaged.
 - iii) We have 612 students currently enrolled at MSMS. There are 8 grade 8 classes this year with 6 of them full. We have 8 grade 7 classes with 4 of them full, and still room in all grade 6 classes. Our school population is down by about 13 kids currently. Lots of moves out of province over the summer and lots of replacement enrollment coming from Abbotsford.
 - iv) Our first Pro-D day will be Sept 29th and it will be a joint learning opportunity hosted at Stito:s. The speaker for this learning activity will be Jeff AD Martin and it will focus on racism and how to help educate and support our students with this topic. Jeff is a motivational speaker specializing in diversity and inclusion.
 - v) This is the calendar of all of the upcoming important dates and Pro-D days for the year:



Days in Session	187
Number of Instructional Days	177
Number of Non-Instructional Days	10
Schools Open	September 2
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #1 (Pro-D Day)	September 29
Truth and Reconciliation Day – Statutory Holiday	September 30
Thanksgiving Day - Statutory Holiday	October 13
Early Dismissal Day #1	October 23
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #2 (Pro-D Day)	October 24 (Provincial)
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #3 (A&E Day #1)	November 3
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #4 (Pro-D Day)	November 10
Remembrance Day - Statutory Holiday	November 11
Last Day of School before Christmas Holidays	December 19
Christmas Holidays	December 22 to January 2
Schools Reopens after Christmas Holidays	January 5
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #5 (A&E Day #2)	January 23
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #6 (Pro-D Day)	February 13
Family Day - Statutory Holiday	February 16
Early Dismissal Day #2	February 27
Last Day of School before Spring Vacation	March 13
Spring Vacation Period	March 16 – March 27
Schools Reopens after Spring Vacation	March 30
Good Friday - Statutory Holiday	April 3
Easter Monday - Holiday	April 6
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #7 (Pro-D Day)	April 24 (CTA)
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #8 (Pro-D Day)	May 15
Victoria Day - Statutory Holiday	May 18
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY #9 (A&E Day #3)	May 29
Last Day for Students / Early Dismissal #3	June 25
Administrative Day	June 26

vi) lots going on this week as it is picture day Sept 17th along with the parent teacher meet and greet night. Students will also be taking part in the Terry Fox run and Cops for Cancer on Friday Sept 19th.

vii) Sept 24th Paula Jordan will be at the school to meet with the Slesse admin and introduce the new strategic plan.

viii) The Student Engagement Team will get up and running next week. This is a group of students across grade 7 and 8 who will be working within the district and with other middle schools to offer their feelings and input around accessibility and inclusion, the strategic plan etc.

ix) There will be a vote tomorrow to decide if Wolfpack will be a continued program this year. Ms. Davis was the leader on this program and now that she is no longer at the school it will require new organizers.

B. President report: None

C. Treasurer's Report:

i) We are starting off the year with a balance of \$2161.14 in the General Account. Last year we were able to put \$1200 towards the end of year field trip to Playland for the grade 8's. We also received a cheque from the school for \$110 which was what was left over from the student PAC donations that were collected throughout the year and had not yet been paid to the PAC.

ii) We did a very good job of making sure the gaming grant was used to its full potential last year as we have a remaining balance of only \$262.91

iii) We will be receiving less money for the gaming grant this year as we have less students.

iv) Jody shared that there is a grant called the Knight Road Grant. She is going to look into it and see if it is available to middle schools as she has been able to secure the grant for elementary schools in the past.

D. DPAC Rep's Report: None

i) We do not currently have a DPAC Rep, Jody said she will think about whether she is able to take on this role, but she does not want to commit at this time. Michelle is also willing to work alongside a DPAC Rep and serve as an alternate if need be.

E. Fundraising Report:

i) Last year's babysitting course brought in \$400, Neufeld Farms brought in \$644, and one pizza day brought in \$779.12. We would like to do all of these fundraisers again this year.

ii) Michelle offered that she makes gift baskets at christmas time as well as Bees Wax Wraps if we would like to explore trying to do a fundraiser with those options.

iii) There is lots of interest in wanting to do more fundraising this year to try and help with decreased school budgets and other funding, which would allow us to help offset costs and provide opportunities for students. Kelly and Jody have lots of fundraising and community connections.

iv) Krispy Kreme is a fundraiser that we would be interested in as it is very lucrative. The biggest hurdle is finding a big enough vehicle to drive into Vancouver to pick up. Along with preselling packs of donuts this fundraiser also allows for the ease of the

school/PAC purchasing packs of donuts and selling them individually.

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business:

- A. Consumables Fee: This \$25 fee is used by the school to help with extra-curricular activities such as planners, prizes, offsetting the cost of field trips etc. It is not allowed to be used for anything curricular, and all money collected from this fee will be spent in the current year to benefit the current kids whom it was collected for.
- B. Eating period: The current eating period is 10 minutes. There will be a vote tomorrow to decide if it will be extended to 15 minutes. While 10 minutes feels like a short time to eat, teachers always allow extra time for eating and extra times throughout the day that kids may eat in class. Kids are always welcome to take food outside when eating time is over and at break. Lengthening eating time also takes away from the important outside time. There is not supervision available for both inside and outside at the same time for the entire lunch period.
- C. Fundraisers: See fundraising report.
- D. Choose DPAC Rep: Position is still open. Jody says she will consider it, but she does not want to commit right now. Michelle is willing to support the role and act as an alternate if needed to help cover meetings.

8. Open floor

9. Next meeting is Oct 7th at 9:00am
Nov 4th at 9:00am
Dec TBD
Jan 6th at 9:00am
Feb 3rd at 9:00am
March TBD
Apr 9th at 9:00am
May 5th *AGM* at 9:00am
June 9th at 9:00am

10. Adjournment 10:38am

