

# **Mt. Slesse Middle School PAC Meeting Minutes for January 13th, 2026**

In attendance: Michelle Lemieux PAC Chair, Kelly Jamieson PAC Treasurer, Jessica Tugnum PAC Secretary, Jody Whalley DPAC Rep, Dr. Paula Gosal Principal, Amy Dhanjal from the School District, Tara Price

1) Call to order: 9:06am

2) Welcome and introductions

3) Adoption of agenda: Jessica motioned, Jody 2nd

4) Adoption of minutes from Nov meeting: Kelly motioned, Jessica 2nd

5) Reports:

a) Guest Report: Amy Dhanjal

i) We were joined by Amy Dhanjal from the School District, to get some information and ask any questions we may have on the district's future plans to try and balance enrollment in our district.

ii) The district is looking for solutions on how to balance enrollment. We are seeing the most growth at the Middle and High School level and the district would like to implement solutions now so that it can be better balanced going forward.

iii) A few possible solutions that they are looking at are; move the french immersion program from Vedder Middle where it currently is running, to Mount Slesse Middle. This would result in Slesse growing to about 750 students in total. Another option would be to remove the choice of middle schools from Watson Elementary and have that elementary feed only into Vedder Middle. Currently Watson Elementary students have a choice to attend Vedder Middle or Slesse.

iv) The district has/is utilizing software to determine/decide/project population growth along with new neighbourhood developments, and is working in collaboration with

first nation communities. They are also working in consultation with the broader community to determine solutions and gather insight.

v) The 5 year Capital plan for the district looks at acquiring 1 new middle school and a few elementary schools on the Sardis side of town. The District is actively looking for parcels of land.

b) Admin report:

i) The December Christmas hampers brought so much joy to families who received them. Admin was able to get Turkey's that were added into the hampers.

ii) WolfPack is starting up again this month with a bit of a change this year as it will be once a month. The kids will have 30 activities to choose from and there will be 5 sessions. The main goal is to mix up the grades of the school to foster a greater feeling of community. Last year was the first year running the Wolfpack program and students really enjoyed it and it brought a lot of fun into the school.

iii) There has been a change in staff as Mr. Scott has left Mount Slesse and taken the role of Vice President at Agassiz. He was a grade 7 teacher, and there is now a person covering his class until the end of the year.

iv) There is a non-instructional day on Jan 23rd. High School prep will begin for the grade 8's with a tour of GW Graham on Jan 22nd. Grade 8 grad hoodies will become available for parents to order in the near future. The PAC will not be helping to fund the grade 8 hoodies this year, but we will instead look at putting money towards the end of year field trip for the grade 8's.

v) Mr. Norton is looking to do Pizza order days once a month. We will select our dates, as the PAC also wants to do monthly pizza days, and he will coordinate around our dates making pizza available at Mount Slesse once every two weeks. The dates I have written down from this meeting do not match with the dates I was given in the PAC chat, so I will bring it up to be discussed at the next PAC meeting. The dates we discussed with Paul for PAC pizza days are:

Feb 12, April 9, May 7, June 4, with no pizza in March as it is a busy and short month.

c) President's Report:

i) N/A- big thanks to everyone who helped out with the hampers.

c) Treasurer's Report:

i) General account \$3798.41

ii) Gaming account all money has been allocated

iii) Our general account does not reflect what was left over from the December hamper fund. Kelly will touch base with Crystal and get the number for that.

d) DPAC report:

i) Lots of discussion around inclusion and support for students, and mental health. We have a lack of teacher's and EA's, staffing issues.

ii) There are no events coming up in the immediate future, but the District is continuing to gather and share information and possible solutions to balance our school populations.

e) Fundraising Report

i) Neufled farms fundraiser made \$233.50

ii) Pizza day made \$533.81

iii) We will look into putting on the babysitting course again on April 24th. The cost will be changed from \$70 per student to \$75.

iv) We discussed running a Neufeld Farms fundraiser at a different time in the future, perhaps the spring and maybe earlier in the fall rather than at Christmas time.

6) Old business:

i) Mr Norton put in a request to join some of his gaming grant funding with an existing approved grant allocation as he was able to get a really

good deal on his first approved allocation. We agree unanimously that this is fine.

ii) Michelle would really like a shared PAC calendar, challenges are everyone is not using the same phones and platforms. Will continue to discuss.

#### 7) New Business:

a) We discussed possible dates for Pac to run pizza days, Paula suggested that we do Feb 12 (before valentines day), April 9th, none in March (short month and always busy), April 9th, May 7th, and June 4th. The dates I have been provided since the meeting are not the same as these dates, so we will require a further discussion at our next meeting. Paula suggested we pick dates for us and she will work around those dates with Mr. Norton.

b) For future events that the PAC can set up Concession and Snacks, we can check the athletics calendar and the Howler to see what is going on at the school and decide as a group what we would like to set up for.

c) Teacher request to combine funds - granted.

#### 8) Open floor:

i) Michelle has taken a permanent position for work which requires travel and long hours. She is unsure if she will be able to continue in her role as chair of this PAC with the demanding schedule of her job. We will discuss at the next meeting and Michelle will be better able to let us know her answer as to whether she is able to continue on as PAC Chair.

9) Next meeting Feb 10, 2026 at 9:00am

10) Adjournment: 10:34am

