



PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: November 3, 2025, 5:30 pm - NMS Science Lab

Attendees: Sabrina Loewen, Craig Cumming, Krista Shidel, Susanne Kwiatkowski, Jenni Morin-Joy, Noreen Poperechny, Melanie Forbes, Tammy Meyer

Regrets: Jenn Neufeld, Ashley Hilash

Start time: 5:30 pm

Chair Report (*Krista*)

- Welcome to our new members! New members have been added to the WhatsApp group.
- Email Access - Jenni's email is the recovery email. Krista and Jenni will arrange a time to complete the two-step verification to grant Krista access to the email. Jenni will provide Krista with the current password.
- October's meeting minutes were submitted to the school admin to post on the website.
- PAC singing authority changes have been completed. Jenni Morin has been removed, and Sabrina Loewen and Melanie Forbes have been added.

Principal Report (*Craig/Susanne*)

- Volleyball Season
 - NMS has seven volleyball teams in grades 7 and 8 with over 90 players.
 - The season will wrap up in mid-November after they participate in the Providence College tournament.
- Spirit Week at NMS - October 27-31
 - Monday: Orange and Black Dress Up Day
 - Tuesday: Crocs vs. Birks Day (and Crazy Sock Day)
 - Wednesday: "Woke Up Like This" Day
 - Thursday: Colour Wars Day - each grade was assigned a colour.
 - Friday: Halloween! Costume Day - amazing participation from all grades and staff.
- MTS PD Day - October 24, 2025
 - Teachers attended subject-level groups with colleagues from across the province. Sessions were held both in-person and virtually.
- Lockdown Drill

- We had our first lockdown drill on October 7th. Will have a second one in the spring.
- Rett Syndrome Awareness - October 20, 2025
 - Our 8A and 8B students participated in a Rett syndrome awareness seminar in our Learning Commons to gain a deeper understanding of what one of their classmates faces on a daily basis.
- Immunizations - October 22, 2025
 - Our annual immunization clinic for grade 6 and 8 students occurred with only a couple of relatively minor issues.
- Upcoming Dates to Note:
 - November 7, 2025 - Remembrance Day Assembly
 - November 10, 2025 - Admin Day for Teachers (no classes)
 - November 11, 2025 - Remembrance Day (no classes)
 - November 28, 2025 - Report cards uploaded to Parent Portal
 - December 4, 2025 - Parent-Teacher Conferences

Financial Report *(Sabrina)*

- School Holding Account
- Organization PAC Account
- Between the two accounts, we have a balance of \$20,936.12.

Fundraising Report *(Team)*

- Play structure fundraising is ongoing. We are approximately 20% complete.
 - Playstructure is through Playgrounds R Us - we work with Bryan. His info is in our email. We need to check back in to see how long our quote is valid and if we need to renew it as time goes on. It will likely get more expensive the longer it takes.
- Fundraising Ideas and Notes:
 - The theater at NMS is planning to do a Krispy Kreme fundraiser in January, and their Mom's Pantry fundraiser is wrapping up this week.
 - NHS is doing a Rocco's Pizza fundraiser in mid-November.
 - NES just did a perogies, sausage, and cheese fundraiser
 - The Big Box of Cards fundraiser, held a couple of years ago, generated a substantial amount of money. The process was frustrating, especially sending unsold boxes home with the kids. We can revisit this approach and refine the process.
 - We could consider a 50/50 split using an online platform. The site will charge fees. Zeffy seems to be a good option, with low fees (ROC in Steinbach is currently using it).
 - There are approximately 400 students and around 300 families at NMS. If every family gave \$30, we could get an easy 8-9k.
 - Peak of the Market - if we want to do this one, we need to sign up in the fall for the spring.

- Corporate donations - we have reached out to some businesses. Need to look into this further.
- Look at grant opportunities. Access Credit Union has a grant. We need to apply in January, February, and March.
- Blumenthal just built a playground; we could reach out to them to see what they did to raise the funds.

Grade 8 Grad Farewell *(Jenni)*

- We have not started any planning for this yet. We should start looking for a venue, as they tend to fill up quickly.
- Committee being formed?

New Business *(Krista)*

- Events for PAC to attend:
 - Does the school want PAC to attend the Parent-Teacher Conference on December 4th? PAC presence is always welcome. In the past, people seemed to strongly avoid the PAC booth.
- Staff Appreciation date this year will be December 17, 2025.
 - Taco bar
 - Still have \$145 from the last one that hasn't been used.
- Student of the Month:
 - Tammy will make a Costco run to purchase candy that can be given out to the Student of the Month (in addition to what is provided by the school).

Adjourned time: 6:12 pm