

# Mount Pleasant PAC – General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** May 14, 2025

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Virtual (via Google Meet)

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## 1. Call to Order & President's Remarks

- Meeting called to order by PAC President: Megan Livingston.
    - **Acknowledgment:** Megan acknowledged the meeting was held on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.
    - **Attendance:** Megan Livingston, Gillian Book, Ariella Assouline, Miranda Wiley, G Landreth, Dorian LeVere, Kirk Perris, Amy Chan, Brandon Ma
  - Agenda and photo posted by Dorian LeVere; link issues resolved early in meeting.
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## 2. Treasurer's Report – Gillian Book

- **Main account balance:** \$17,509.94
  - **Gaming account balance:** \$3,656.25
  - **Square balance:** \$1,566.32
  - **Total available funds:** \$22,732.51
  - Gaming funds must be spent within two years of receipt (Oct 2, 2023), so funds can carry over into next year.
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## 3. AGM Announcement – Megan Livingston

- **AGM confirmed:** Wednesday, June 11, 2025
  - All executive positions will be open. Self-nominations are mandatory and the process will be announced publicly in the coming weeks.
  - childcare has been arranged for during the AGM in the multipurpose room, as the gym will host gymnastics equipment.
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## 4. Fundraising Updates

- **Movie Night – Megan Livingston**
    - Raised **\$893**. Recognized as a low-effort/high-reward event.
    - James commended for managing the door and encouraging donations.
  - **Market Day – Dorian LeVere**
    - Sausage fundraiser launched at the beginning of May. Flyers distributed today. May 14th.
    - Orders close **June 8**. Website live. Some sales already received.
    - Vendor follow-ups:
      - Confirmation pending on **pork casings** and **pear blue cheese sausage**.
      - Vendor unresponsive to earlier emails – will check in person at farmers market.
      - Dorian to follow up on **turkey donaire sausage** and update Megan.
    - Gavin Landreth will send two school-wide reminders per week until the deadline.
  - **Merchandise – James**
    - The **third logo option** was the unanimous winner in both parent and student voting.
      - **View the winning t-shirt logo design here:**  
[T-Shirt Design – Logo Option 3](#)
    - James will proceed with obtaining quotes and managing color options for all requested items, including a potential run of stickers for all three logos.
    - Discussion included whether to include a **founding year** on the merchandise.  
Dates mentioned:
      - 1888 – Original False Creek School
      - 1892 – New building on a different site
      - 1972 – Current Mount Pleasant Elementary School building
    - G Landreth will confirm the **official naming date** for Mount Pleasant School and the opening date of the Kingsgate site.
  - **Pizza Lunch Fundraising – Gillian Book**
    - Raised **\$3,285** to date for tech.
    - Revenues range from \$300–\$500 per event; 3 lunches remain this year.
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## 5. Subcommittee Updates

- MTP Day Planning – Miranda Wiley
  - **Volunteer Status**
    - **55 volunteers** confirmed. Still needed:

- Grill support (more per shift needed)
  - STEM activity facilitators
  - Set-up and clean-up
  - Grade 7 volunteers (Miranda to coordinate post-camp)
- Reminder to share student volunteer details with teachers.
- **Student Volunteers & Lemonade Fundraiser**
  - Miranda Wiley to follow up with **Grade 7 teacher** about volunteers post-camp
  - Students may assist setting their own fundraiser at MTP Day such as the **lemonade stand for the SPCA**
- **Games & Rentals**
  - Planned games: flamingo toss, buzzwire (Pikachu), Plinko, collapsible bucket/hula hoop, cornhole.
  - Giant Jenga and potato sacks borrowed from Florence Nightingale.
  - Tables/chairs/extension cords rented.
  - **Popcorn machine** booking pending (2-week window).
  - **Generator** required for cotton candy/bubble machines—pending confirmation.
  - 15 tents stored in boys' change room.
- **Food & Concessions**
  - Plans to sell **lemonade, bubble tea**, and baked goods.
  - Call for **store-bought or homemade baked goods** donations.
  - Gillian to send out **call for large coolers** (for ice & freezies).
    - Possibly, deep freeze repositioned near the grill station.
- **Facilities & FIDO Report – Kirk Perris**
  - A **facilities meeting** was held with Jessie Gresley-Jones, the new VSB Director of Facilities, on **May 14, 2025**.
  - VSB has earmarked **\$126,000** for improvements at Mount Pleasant and two other schools.
  - Planned upgrades include:
    - **Permanent enclosure** of the grass field to support field remediation and improve student safety.
    - **Modified pedestrian access** on the eastern edge of the property, allowing connection to the gravel field.
    - Potential **reopening of the east gate** for controlled public access during non-school hours.
  - Community concerns:
    - Current behavior issues have improved with fencing.
    - Kirk raised concerns about student safety during recess and lunch due to community traffic (bikes, scooters, etc.) through open areas.

- PAC's original request for a lockable gate was discussed as a reasonable compromise for community use and school safety.
    - Opening the east gate was proposed for community access.
  - New facilities director, Jesse Gresley Jones acknowledged these concerns and committed to reviewing potential solutions.
    - G Landreth to follow up with Jones to discuss lockable access and safety measures.
- Behavior and Environmental impact
  - Since previous temporary fencing, student behavior and boundary adherence has improved.
  - Permanent fencing is expected to support:
    - Safer supervision
    - Reduced boundary infractions
    - Clear delineation of school-use zones
- Supporting Documents
  - Meeting summary and details available in the official PAC Facilities PDF: [View PDF – Facilities Meeting with Jessie Gresley-Jones](#)
- **DPAC Update – Ariella Assouline**
  - Ariella shared the latest **DPAC newsletter** and encouraged participation in upcoming district-wide engagement opportunities.
  - **Town Hall Announcement:**
    - **Date:** Saturday, June 1, 2025; **Time:** 1:30–4:30 p.m.; **Hosted by:** COPE
    - **Details & Registration:** [View the DPAC Newsletter](#)
    - The event is open to all parents and stakeholders to voice concerns and participate in discussions affecting schools across the district.
- **Lunch Committee Update – Megan Livingston / Chelsea**
  - **C'est Mon** has sold its business and is no longer providing service.
  - **Bittersweet Kitchen** now providing lunches through the end of the school year.
  - ~15 lunches provided per session, in coordination with the school, we will provide a small amount of equity lunches on 2 upcoming lunch dates
  - Lunch program is **non-profit**, designed to break even.

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## 6. Principal's Report – G. Landreth

- **Enrollment & Staffing**
  - Enrollment for 2025–2026: ~240 students across 12 divisions, same as the current year.
- **Upcoming Events & Highlights**
  - **June 6:** AIRS presentation for K and Grade 1/2, 1:30–3:00 p.m.

- Artwork displayed in undercover area near YMCA.
  - Megan to follow up with Maggie re: refreshments.
- **Track & Field:**
  - Mini-meets have taken place; the main meet is scheduled for June 2.
  - School teams are actively participating and enjoying the season.
- **Vancouver Youth Choir** visited last week (150 participants)
  - A remarkable performance with **MTP students participating**.
- **Immunizations:**
  - Completed for Kindergarten and Grade 6 students.
- **Hot Lunch & Pizza:**
  - Thanks extended to PAC for organizing – well received by staff and students.
- **Grade 6/7 Camp**
  - Currently underway.
  - Students are reportedly engaged and enjoying the experience.
- **Talent Show** featured music, magic, guitar, and student creativity
  - Excellent turnout and a wonderful showcase of MTP's diverse student talents
- **Sports Day:** June 20 (backup June 23)
  - Plan includes **rest stations** with fruit and water.
  - Avoid juice boxes / Freezies
- **Pollinator Field Trip:** May 30 for Div. 7–12 at VanDusen
- **Gymnastics Program:**
  - Equipment Drop-off has been coordinated with Sergei)
  - Running June 2–12, Monday to Thursday, for all divisions.
  - Thanks expressed to PAC for funding.
- **Reading Link Challenge:** Completed successfully
  - Held on May 7, led by Ms. Pendry.
  - A huge success with great student participation.
- **Earthquake/Reunification Drill:**
  - Recently held with Kindergarten parent participation
  - The Big One at 2 drill was completed. Looking into refinements for next year.
- **Kindergarten & Future Planning**
  - **Welcome to K:**
    - Scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, from 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
    - PAC reps are encouraged to attend, introduce themselves, and collect new parent contact info.
  - **Next Year's Configuration:**

- **Enrollment for 2025–2026: ~240 students across 12 divisions, same as the current year.**
    - **12 divisions** expected (including **2 full K classes**)
    - Approximately 36 new K students ( $\frac{2}{3}$  in-catchment,  $\frac{1}{3}$  overflow)
    - No more K/1 splits; some class splits TBD
  - **Next Year's Calendar:** Sent to PAC; based on VSB compact calendar
  - **Report Cards**
    - Will be distributed on Monday, June 23.
  - **Technology:**
    - **iPads** ordered through the internal **Technology Committee**.
    - 3–4 weeks away (must be processed centrally by VSB first)
  - **Requests & Reminders**
    - **Choir: Request made to announce practice** Thursday mornings during announcements
      - Performance confirmed for **June 17**
    - Include two weekly reminders in school announcements for the Market Day sausage fundraiser.
    - Inquiry made about availability or rental options for generators for MTP Day equipment (cotton candy, bubble machines).
  - **Questions & Open Discussion**
    - No formal questions were raised during this meeting.
    - Ariella Assouline asked about summer **garden maintenance** and whether teachers want help.
      - G Landreth will follow up with staff. If needed, PAC may coordinate a **summer watering volunteer callout**.
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## 7. Action Items

Owner	Task
Megan Livingston	Confirm refreshments/snacks for June 6 AIRS presentation
G Landreth	Share Market Day and choir practice reminders in morning announcements; confirm historical naming date of MTP
Dorian LeVere	Follow up with Stapleton Sausage vendor re: pork casings, pear blue cheese, turkey donaire
Gillian Book	Send call for cooler donations for MTP Day

Miranda Wiley      Coordinate Grade 7 student volunteers with teachers

G Landreth      Confirm teacher plans re: garden care and send PAC watering request

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## 8. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned by Megan Livingston 7:10p
- Next meeting: **Annual General Meeting – June 11, 2025 - 6p**