

# Spectrum Community School Parent Advisory Council

## MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 @ 5:00pm

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Meeting called to order at 5:00pm

**Attendees:** Aaron Norris, Phil Ohl, Christine Pelletier, Kindree Draper, Christine Surrige, Janice Mangano, Serena Samra, Anna Warhurst, Malia, Robin, Jen, Christina, Glen, Lauren, Karen, Megan, Moira, Brett

### 1. Welcome & Introductions

### 2. Review and approve June Meeting Minutes and September Agenda

- Motion to approve June 11, 2024 meeting minutes by Malia; seconded by Karen
- Motion to approve September 9, 2024 agenda by Moira; seconded by Malia

### 3. Principal / Admin Report

- Welcome
  - Good start up, students and staff have been very kind and welcoming, great assemblies, at capacity with student numbers and courses are full
- Communication
  - Spectrum App – main way of communication
  - Parent groups will be created in the future
  - Attendance will go through the app
- School Fees - help with fees
  - Per use model implemented which has a 4% surcharge and a 10 cent per transaction fee
  - Applies to any form of payment that is attached to a student – cash, cheque, charge whether in person or using the district online payment system (KEV)
  - If families are having financial difficulty, please connect with staff for assistance
  - Feeding futures will help out with breakfast and lunches for those families struggling with food security
  - Athletics fee – for those families who have a student in athletics (one-time fee)
  - Activity fee – for activities and clubs available by all students outside of the classroom
- Facilities
  - Hole at the front of the school has been paved
  - Turf continues to be worked on – will go to the board when all pieces are ready for review and approval
  - Subgroup of parents have formed to fundraise to replace the seats in the theatre; working with Mr. Schwarz and Mr. Norris; open to more members contact PAC Chair for more information
- Calendar
  - Busy September with welcome back BBQ on September 13, an upcoming Pro D day on September 23, and September 30 Truth and Reconciliation Day
- Athletics
  - Rowing; Cross country; 4-5 different volleyball teams; soccer teams; football
- Alumni
  - Celebrations planned for October and May – stay tuned
- Chrome Books
  - First generation have a security risk
  - Ratio:1 chrome book to 3 students; the school has lost 250 devices (18 chrome book carts to 12)

### 4. Grad Updates

- Early stages of planning for 300 grads
- Over the course of the year there will be opportunities for celebrations
- Big items will be a winter formal (dinner-dance), mystery tour (grade 12 field trip), recognition ceremony at UVic, final dinner-dance, potentially dry grad
- Grad parent info session coming up
- Lots of discussion, investigation, and decisions to make on venue locations: Delta, UVic Commons, etc.
- First meeting will be September 19

## 5. Financial update and items for discussions

- Account Update:
  - Transition to new exec in progress – almost complete
  - Balances:
    - General: \$1,512.88
    - Gaming: \$3,493.71
- Gaming Grant Overview:
  - Application in place, expect to hear back by the end of September
  - Shorter deadline of September 20<sup>th</sup> to receive requests from teachers – will work with the School Admin to assemble for October budget
- Fundraising Offers – reach out from below group
  - Victoria Royals - Chuck-A-Puck: <https://chl.ca/whl-royals/>
  - BCause: <https://shopbcause.ca/>
  - Parent suggestion of Co-op whereby you register and gas up using the Co-Op number
- Discussion and Vote: Draft Spectrum FaceBook Page Standards and Guidelines
  - Please review the guidelines. Please send input to Kindree or bring forward to the next PAC meeting in October

## 6. VCPAC Updates

- 4% surcharge implemented by SD 61 board - <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/news/title/24-25budgetapprovednews/>
- Some details included in section 3 (above)
- More information to come next time

## 7. Questions / Comments / Opens

- None

## 8. Meeting Adjourned

- Meeting Adjourned at 5:48pm; motion by Moira; seconded by Malia
- Next Meeting: October 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm in the library