

DRAFT – Spectrum Community School Parent Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 8, 2024 @ 6:30pm

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm

Attendees: Aaron Norris, Kindree Draper, Christine Surrige, Janice Mangano, Serena Samra, Jenny, Karen, Netta, Anna, Nicole, Moira, Lauren

1. Introductions

2. Review and approve September Meeting Minutes and October Agenda

- Motion to approve September 10, 2024 meeting minutes by Moria; seconded by Anna
- Motion to approve October 8, 2024 agenda by Moira; seconded by Anna

3. Principal / Admin Report

- Positive start to the school year
- Enrolment:
 - just under 1,200 students; classes are very full
 - Attendance is declining and administration is investigating why students are missing/avoiding; this a priority and goal to change. Absences have been increasing generally since COVID.
- Coming up this Month:
 - Presentation of theatrical play coming up based on Holocaust survivors' experiences
 - Thanksgiving, Parent Teacher interviews (October 17) and Pro D day (October 25) coming
- Learning updates: student goal setting and reflections will take place in next two weeks and be for the entire school year – related to school goals, personal, community
 - Addition of 20 min to block B where goal setting will take place
- Athletics:
 - Football: first win! October 31 game against Mt. Doug
 - Volleyball: lots of games, hosted four tournaments, two more tournaments to go
 - Soccer, Cross Country, and Rowing are underway; Basketball Tryouts in progress; Curling is a winter sport and will take place from November to February
- Leadership
 - Cops for Cancer raised over \$12,000 through activities including a carwash, BBQ, Grad shaving cream fight
- Athletic Leadership
 - Just returned from Juan de Fuca trail; Tofino trip coming up
- Robotics:
 - Upcoming competition at Esquimalt
- Musical:
 - Little Shop of Horrors; cast selected; all students who come out are part of the show as either cast or crew
- Campus Cousins for Indigenous and non-Indigenous students
 - Older students mentor grade 9s and 10s
 - Lahal Club started up; a tournament will be hosted this school year

4. Financial update and 2024/25 Budget

- Budget
 - Review of proposed budget
 - Motion to pass the budget by Moira; seconded by Netta; vote was all in favour
- Account Balances
 - General: \$1,512.88

- Gaming: \$27,193.71
 - Expenses: \$100 for membership in BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils

5. Discussion and vote – Draft Spectrum Facebook Page Standards and Guidelines

- Review of standards and guidelines
- Amended original draft to outline that requests to post fundraising promotions must be approved first through Administration and be sponsored by a teacher
- Motion to approve by Moira; seconded by Karen; vote was all in favour

6. Parent education ideas

- Attendee support for proposal to hold an expert panel presentation to discuss the ongoing issue of the School Police Officer Liaison Program and safety in schools
 - Panelists would discuss ways to address the concerns outlined by marginalized groups that led to the elimination of the program; parent-led QA
 - Joint session with family of schools – Colquitz and TBC Glanford
 - Is there a way to line this up with a student learning experience? Ideas include: gang awareness / recruitment, substance abuse (raising awareness on what drugs look like), community supports, online behaviour, social awareness on parties, hangouts at the mall, etc.

7. VCPAC Updates

- VCPAC presented a letter on equity; unfortunately meeting time ran out and the item wasn't discussed

8. Questions / Comments / Opens

- None

9. Meeting Adjourned

- Meeting Adjourned at 7:27pm; motion by Karen; seconded by Serena
- Next Meeting: November 12 @ 6:30pm