

Spectrum School Parent Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 @ 6:30PM

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm

Attendees: Aaron Norris, Kindree Draper, Christine Surridge, Janice Mangano, Serena Samra, Tamara, Malia, Terry, Karen, Moira

1. Introductions

2. Review and approve October Meeting Minutes and November Agenda

- Motion to approve October 8, 2024 meeting minutes by Moria; seconded by Christine
- Motion to approve November 12, 2024 agenda by Moira; seconded by Christine

3. Principal / Admin Report

- School Goals update - reviewing our school goals and would like feedback
 1. How can we increase family connection and belonging?
 2. Collective responsibility around Indigenous Education
- Remembrance Day Assembly - performances by our band, dancers, English class, Indigenous drummers, tech crew
- November 22 - Learning Updates released to parents through Parent Connect. Will also include student goal setting
- First Band concert October 29. Great to hear from our band
- Music Department sponsored Christmas Craft Market fundraiser huge success
- Athletics fall sports wrapping up. Looking ahead to championship season. Winter sports starting up in the next couple of weeks
- 50th Spectrum Anniversary in May. Looking for parent involvement
- Students should review student timetables for semester 2 classes and request changes if needed
- Scheduling a school celebration assembly for late November to celebrate school achievements, fall sports, clubs and fine arts

4. Financial update and 2024/25 Budget

- Account Balances
 - General Account: \$1,512.88
 - Gaming Account: \$26,287
 - 4 cheques written in payment of approved Gaming grant allocations

5. Parent Education - Update on attendance and outline for the event

- November 20 event, 6-8PM in the Spectrum Theatre; parents expressed an interest in topic – Re-Envisioning School Safety
- Panel format; 88 tickets confirmed as of November 12; free admission
- Panel members: Chief Del Manak, Dr. Lisa Gunderson, Lori Poppe, MYST members Mia Golden and Gord Magee, plus two new members Me-Kon Hayes from Binkadi Community Services and Damian Kowalewich, Saanich PD Inspector in the Community Engagement Division
- Introductions, discussion amongst panelists, parent-led questions via Slido
- SD61 Board has been advised of the event and invited to attend or be on the panel

6. VCPAC Updates

- VCPAC is aware of and supportive of the Parent Education event
- October minutes from VCPAC show the focus on how equity and inclusion are measured in schools and across programs of choice. This isn't equity as in the case of every kid has a seat in the classroom - it's what are the learning outcomes and what kinds of in-class events impact that and do they differ between

regular classes and programs of choice. An example that has been given is: how many times do classes have to evacuate a classroom because of a student (that student stays and the rest of the class has to leave the room for safety) and does that happen with equal frequency in programs of choice?

- VCPAC has several FOI requests out to the District for details regarding incidents involving students. They have learned there is no consistent tracking across schools.

7. Questions / Comments / Opens

- None

8. Meeting Adjourned

- Meeting Adjourned at 7:28PM; motion by Serena; seconded by Moria
- Next Meeting: January 14, 2025 @ 6:30PM *no meeting in December