

Spectrum School Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION
Wednesday, June 11, 2025 @ 6:30PM

Meeting called to order at 6:34PM

Attendees: Aaron Norris, Kindree Draper, Christine Surridge, Janice Mangano, Anna Warhurst

1. Introductions

2. Review and approve DRAFT April Meeting Minutes and May Agenda

- Motion to approve May 13, 2025 meeting minutes and June 11, 2025 agenda by Anna; seconded by Christine

3. Principal / Admin Report

- June is busy!
- Lots of celebrations - year-end band and choir concerts, grad events (Indigenous grad, grad dinner/dance, Magical Mystery tour, grad ceremony), Night of Dance, Athletic Awards, Band Awards, Fine Art Awards, Academic Awards, Spectrum Celebrations Assembly, Yearbook and End of the Year BBQ
- Athletics - Spring Season has wrapped up. Sr Boys Rugby 6th in B.C., Sr Girls Soccer won provincials, Levi Steel Gold in Jr Boys Javelin in Track and Field, lots to build on in Track and Field for next year
- Course Wrap-up - Summary of Learning, Grad Status update
- Facilities - Kitchen upgrade, elevator repairs in the new wing
- 50th Anniversary event was a huge success with over 500 people attending events at the school
- Lots of planning and looking ahead to next year, building schedules, staffing
- Student schedules available in Parent/Student Connect in August for the 2025/26 school year

4. Financial update and 2024/25 Budget

- Account Balances
 - General Account: \$1,512.88
 - Gaming Account: \$16,623.42

5. Chair's overview of the year

- See attached

6. Voting for Spectrum PAC executive positions

- The nominated slate of candidates composed of the sitting executive were elected by acclamation

7. VCPAC update

- Meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of the month at the allocated space in the Board office instead of rotating amongst schools
- Anna Warhurst, Spectrum's VCPAC rep, was elected as a member-at-large

8. Questions / Comments / Opens

9. Meeting Adjourned

- Meeting Adjourned at 7:08PM; motion by Chrisine; seconded by Janice
- Next Meeting: September 09 @ 6:30PM



Spectrum Community School Parent Advisory Council
Agenda
June 11, 2025

Chair's Overview of the Year

- Thinking back to September, so many great things have happened over the course of the 2024/25 school year
- We started the year welcoming our new principal Aaron Norris
- We were awarded \$23,800 for our Gaming Grant, and held \$1,512.88 in our General account and a contingency of \$3,493.71 in remaining unused funds from the last grant.
- We also started to grapple with the 4% surcharge that had been added by the Board to all forms of transactions
- We were able to get the PAC Facebook page up and running to support better coordination and communication between our parent community and the activities of the school – and approved guidelines for the administration of the page
- Our FB page coordinates with the school admin announcements so the parent/caregiver community has multiple ways to find out what the activities and events in the school are
- By October, we learned that Spectrum had just under 1,200 students and all departments were rolling... many activities had all started up, athletics, band, the Lahal club and the cast for Little Shop of Horrors was chosen
- Following some discussion of submissions for Gaming Grant funds, we approved a budget with spending totalling \$24,250 – our largest amount when to athletics at \$5,500 and then various clubs and departments received lesser but still substantial awards
- Pleased to say that to date, we've spent \$20,563.27 and still have \$5,686.73 yet to spend – we know some of this spending won't happen so it can be allocated to the 3D printer approved for Robotics in May
- By November, we organized the annual parent education event in coordination with Colquitz
- With Aaron's help and support, we put on a panel presentation on re-envisioning school safety that was highly topical at the time and well-received by most parents and caregivers in attendance – we probably had between 60-70 in the theatre
- January and February were a bit consumed by the ongoing issues with the school board and ultimately, the Minister opted to have the board removed on January 30th
- As Chair, I'm proud of our PAC for the work we did to represent our parent community throughout this situation with the board and the Victoria District PAC
- We stood out amongst the PACs as well-informed and engaged on the matter of school safety – we became a resource for other PACs trying to navigate this complex situation
- Once the spring arrived, things were really underway for the parents committee and planning for dry grad kicked into high gear
- We were able to update our bylaws to more closely align with conflict-of-interest language used by

the District PAC to ensure eligibility for being elected to exec positions is really clear

- And here we are at our annual general meeting to elect our own exec
- Before we get to the election, I'd just like to say what an exceptional parent community we have
- I think our relationship with Mr. Norris and the administration is excellent – I want to say how much I appreciate him, Phil and Christina, as well as all the staff who make Spectrum so welcoming
- It's fitting that today, PAC thanked teachers and staff with some ice cream treats for all they do to make this a place students and their families want to spend time – there's always something happening and it truly is a hub for our community as a school should be
- Lastly, just one last enormous thank you to our executive members who served this past year – this was my first time as chair at the high school level and I admit I was nervous
- But you're all so supportive and helpful, you made this year so exceptional
- Christine, you are the best Vice Chair and basically my wingman
- Serena, couldn't be here, but she is such a great secretary – the pinnacle of efficiency
- Janice, you were so brave to take on the treasurer role and I have really enjoyed working closely with you ... though I feel like we spent a lot of time at the bank in the early days, we have figured things out together
- Anna, your commitment to keeping us informed about what's happening with the District PAC is such an asset... the more I get to know you, the more inspired I am
- So thank you – I can only hope that next year will be as productive and fantastic as this one was