

DRAFT - Spectrum Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 09, 2026 @ 6:30PM

Meeting called to order at 6:35PM

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

1. Introductions

2. Review and Approve draft May Meeting Minutes and June Agenda

- Proposed amendment by Secretary to May minutes to include that there had been a discussion about setting a \$300 cap for staff appreciation:
 - Though a cap was discussed at the May meeting, no motion to approve was passed.
 - Instead, the Chair had agreed to circulate an estimate from Hazels for ice cream bars prior to purchase.
 - For multiple reasons this did not occur, the Chair offered to pay the difference but was rejected and the full amount ultimately approved (see below).
 - Going forward, propose to discuss staff appreciation and budget for it earlier next year.
- Motion to approve June 09, 2026 meeting agenda by Christine; seconded by Serena

3. Principal / Admin Report

- New VP, Dani Mercer, came to meet the staff
- Grad activities taking place: Indigenous grad, grad dinner & dance, magical mystery tour
- Year end activities: athletic, fine arts, academic, and celebration awards, dance, band, and choir concerts taking place, shoutout to Levi Seal on his gold medals, LipDub was a successful with a Beauty and a Beat by Justin Bieber
- Facilities updates: turf is moving ahead and ahead of schedule, replacement of all windows on the 3rd floor, replacing sections of the roof, updating culinary dishwasher, fixing concrete which is causing water leakage, cameras are installed and currently on from 3:30PM – 6:00PM
- School starts September 08, 2026, which is slightly later than usual – printable version of the upcoming calendar is available at the SD61 website [here](#).

4. Financial Update

- Account Balances:
 - General Account: \$1,534.88
 - Gaming Account: \$10,700.72
- Recap Account Activity:
 - General:
 - Approval on June 09 for Hazel's Ice cream bar treats for staff from PAC - \$472.50
 - Discussion of staff appreciation budget and agreement to bring it up at a PAC meeting earlier in the year to determine options (see above item 2)
 - Gaming
 - In addition to year end gaming account expenses, 2026 Grad Committee expenses starting to appear in the account for this year's 50/50 draw
 - Duplicate payment: \$125.98 from 2025 Career Life Showcase gift basket reimbursed
 - Bambora fees: \$75.01 from 2025 Grad 50/50 reimbursed
 - June 30, 2026, is the end of the fiscal year for purposes of the Gaming Grant report

5. Voting for Spectrum PAC Executive Positions

- The nominated slate of candidates composed of the sitting executive were elected by acclamation:
 - Chair & Social Media Officer: Kindree Draper

- Vice Chair: Christine Surrige
- Treasurer: Janice Mangano
- Secretary: Serena Samra
- VCPAC Representative: Vacant

6. Chair's Overview

7. Questions / Comments / Opens

- None

8. Meeting Adjourned

- Serena motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:32PM; seconded by Anna
- Next Meeting is on September 17, 2026 from 5-6PM in the Library to coincide with the Meet the Teacher event at the beginning of the school year



Spectrum Community School Parent Advisory Council
June 09, 2026

Chair's Overview of the Year

- We have made it through another year filled with great activities and tremendous support for our Spectrum students.
- This year PAC was awarded \$23,800 in our Gaming Grant.
- Combined with our contingencies, we had \$26,579 available to allocate towards the requests submitted by teachers, organizations and administration.
- We approved \$24,476 in spending covering 19 activities ranging from yoga to math competitions, visual arts and pottery, book club and a physics field trips.
- To date, we've spent just over \$20,000 so we will likely finish out the year with our contingency fund of \$2,100 intact having supported as many activities as possible with the Gaming Grant
- We were also able to use the \$1,400 in funds generated by the parent donation account to support another important policy coming up for the school in purchasing the sturdy cell phone suitcases that will ultimately help students be better able to focus with their phones safely stowed away - I want to thank Principal Norris for setting up this online donation opportunity for our PAC.
- While attendance to our meetings isn't huge, we do have a lot of engagement with the parent community via our [FaceBook](#) page with 178 members – we are hoping to add more in the upcoming school year.
- I do hear from parents a lot and can say that they feel supported through PAC's activities as well as connected to the school's functions and events – which is what we're here to do.

- In terms of our parent education this year, we did have to postpone our planned event that was intended to provide an opportunity for our school police liaison officer to meet the larger parent community.
- It was good that our efforts resulted in important changes at the school board level and even though that's been undone to some extent with the board's reinstatement, we should be proud of the information we shared with our parent community and taking a stand on their behalf when it comes to school safety.

- Finally, I just want to say thanks to the executive who show up to meetings and respond to emails – we get things done and I'm extremely proud of how well we work together.
- I'd also like to say how grateful I am to Aaron and his team for the incredible work they do every day to make our school a safe place for our kids to learn and make memories.
- The school year is a long haul but like raising kids, I've found the days are long, but the years feel short
- Spectrum is a wonderful school community that we can all be proud to be a part of... and I'm looking forward to another excellent year.