

**David Thompson Secondary PAC
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 20th, 2021**

Attendance (via Zoom):

- 7 PAC executive members (Regina, Manjit, Altan, Ian, Noor, Melody, Amy)
- 1 administrator (Principal Lopez), 1 Teachers' representatives (Adam Lai)
- 10 parents participating as Zoom attendees

Called to order at 7:00 pm by PAC Chairman Regina Prakash.

Approval of previous PAC meeting minutes (February 16th, 2021):

Motion to accept by Manjit, seconded by Melanie. Minutes were approved.

Principal's update (Mr. Lopez):

- Letters dated April 16th were sent to all students and caregivers outlining the decisions made by the Vancouver School Board with regard to how scheduling for the fourth school quarter (Q4) will be handled. Q4 is the final 10 weeks of the school year
- Student Council is organizing a virtual event, "DT's Got Talent" showcasing video submissions of students demonstrating their ability and talents in multiple areas.
- VSB has confirmed that students will likely be following a semester system in September when they return to school. Students will take four subjects from September through to January, and then will take their next four subjects from January until the end of June. Monday through Friday, each day they will study the same four courses over the semester. The reason for this decision is to give the school board greater flexibility to manage the student population's education delivery should Covid numbers not improve over the summer. Using a semester system makes it easier to shift to a quarterly schedule (as the students have now) than the old schedule built around the Day 1 / Day 2 timetable. Students would be in class for full days. The school staff and administration are committed to remaining flexible, adaptable and responsive in how they manage the change that the pandemic is bringing to bear on the students.
- The graduation ceremony for this year will likely be similar to last year's experience. The school is waiting for the VSB's advisement.
- Graduates will have to be masked this year
- A reminder to parents that all classrooms are sanitized daily, and due to the small 15 person cohorts, only half of the desks in any classroom are used in the morning which saves the other 15 untouched desks for the afternoon cohort. There is no sharing of desks during the day. During the day many teachers continue to wipe desks down as a further precautionary measure.
- Students can create clubs BUT they must follow all public health guidelines. We all should err on the side of caution in order to stay healthy during this difficult time
- The school has plans for a new outdoor learning space, to be announced soon

Let's continue to pull together as best as we can to support one another, our children, and all school staff by remaining **Caring, Compassionate and Kind.**

VSF Staff Liaison Update from Adam Lai:

Q3 report cards were released in MyEd on May 4th

Students can sign up for summer school on May 4th. Delivery will be a hybridized format of online study and face-to-face, in class learning. A \$100.00 textbook deposit applies for summer school courses.

PAC Treasurers' Update:

We have allocated approximately \$12,000 in funds to the various clubs around the school. We are in the process now applying for the new gaming grant for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. The deadline for the application is at the end of June so I'm going through all the paperwork as well, and now I'm slowly starting to consolidate all the paperwork for the end of year audit that happens for the end of year report. We do have more funds available, so if there are clubs that need funding we can probably have something happen. It's up to the Co-chairs at this point.

PAC Chair's Update:

The PAC is looking for executives for next year! Please join and contribute to the meaningful running of DT. We're a fun bunch, and you'll learn a lot!!

The PAC is planning to sponsor some type of appreciation event for the teachers. Total staff including maintenance staff number about 115 individuals.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 18th, 2021