

**David Thompson Secondary PAC
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 12th, 2020**

Attendance (via Zoom):

- 6 PAC executive members (Jiemha, Manjit, Regina, Naomi, Ian, Leila),
- 1 administrator (Principal Lopez), 1 Teachers' representative (Yashoda Reddy)
- 6+ parents including Amy, Debbie, Melody, Altan, Noor, Sunny

Called to order at 7:30 pm by PAC president Jiehma Chow.

Approval of previous PAC meeting minutes (February 2020):

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

Ms. Reddy's Staff Liaison Update:

Almost 40,000 teachers across BC voted to ratify their collective labour agreement with a 98% approval among those voting. The new agreement is in force until 2022.

Main focus of meeting:

- Need for volunteers to fill the PAC executive roles
- How best to use the remaining DT 60 and the Direct Drive funds

Discussion regarding PAC executive members for the 2020 – 2021 school year:

- It was agreed that leftover DT 60th Anniversary funds could be used on an as needed basis to help cover costs for eg. Class of 2020 grad ceremony
- Jiemha Chow will be stepping down as a PAC Chair as of the end of June 2020
- Regina was voted in as PAC Chair for 2020 - 21
- Manjit was voted in as Vice-Chair
- Altan was voted in as Treasurer
- Ian was voted in as Secretary
- Members-at-Large voted in are Amy Choy, Melody Sun and Noor

Naomi reported that she has already applied for the PAC grant, but that the PAC membership application for next year is not yet completed. The PAC Chair can complete the membership application in September.

Jiemha will send all the record documents in her possession to Regina and Manjit, and suggested sharing by Google Drive.

Once exec and parent contacts are received they will be loaded onto the DT PAC WeChat, with two groups being maintained: DT PAC Exec and DT PAC

Principal's update (Mr. Lopez):

- The principal thanked the PAC for their work, and also thanked the new volunteers who stepped up for next year
- He confirmed that the final PAC meeting is usually held in May, with none held after
- If school reassembles before the end of this school year it will likely be on a voluntary basis, and with social distancing in place

- Scholarship committee is meeting next week. The major donors are still supporting their endowments.
- School is looking at an alternate form of voluntary grad ceremony for Gr.12 students. An email will be sent out once the plan is firmed up. Ditto the pickup of the school annual yearbook, and the logistics of returning school textbooks etc. in students' possession.
- Grade 8 students made their course selections earlier this year. Parents can check to see what courses the student has chosen by looking into the MyEd family portal, or by emailing the Grade counselor
- Grade 10 – 12 summer school registration opened for completion courses only. No remedial courses are offered.
- As long as summer school prerequisite courses are finished by the end of August then the students will get due credit and be able to enroll in higher level courses in September
- Clubs are voluntarily run, and during the time of COVID restrictions it's challenging to expect that clubs will be able to navigate over to Microsoft Teams platform. It's up to the sponsor teacher to decide if they can make it happen. Also, VSB has limited the amount of access students have for chatting on Teams. zoom can't be used by students due to privacy issues (FIPA).

General discussion

About next year's PAC -

- First meeting will be held in September. Chair usually starts to do organizational work earlier
- Financial signing officers should be changed over with VanCity before September. Naomi will email Maria at VanCity to find out procedures for removing herself. Jiemha will have to remove herself and then add Altan's name. Regina and Manjit have already been added to the banking registry with signing authority.
- Mr. Lopez has already emailed the teachers reminding them that a) all club expenditures receipts have to be submitted by June 1st, and b) to let him know if all of their PAC funds haven't been spent
- Naomi will email all teachers to remind them to get their receipts summaries in. Staff are in the office from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm
- It might be an idea to host an online PAC meeting as well with the existing PAC meeting for family who is having a difficulty attending. This will be contingent on privacy issues and tech.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 pm

Next Meeting: September 2020, date TBA