

# David Thompson Secondary PAC Meeting Minutes

November 13/18

Attendance: admin, student and parents

Ayesha called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

Approval of Oct./Nov. 2018 minutes – Manj moved, Jemma seconded

## Teacher updates – Ms Reddy

- Referendum web-site <http://election.bc.ca/reference> Get out and vote. Rotating postal strike.
- Parent request to have another library talk from Ms. Reddy next year

## Student council update: President Kathy Nguyen

- Twin Day on November 23 : Spirit Day that celebrates the idea of twinning with someone else in the school.
- Trojan Invitational : Some short mini games and prize giveaways to students who attend the annual basketball tournament
- Christmas Related Events: Santa Photo booths, Christmas Spirit Day, 5 days of Christmas Giveaways, etc.

## ELL students Jason and Amy presentation:

- Students supporting the Literacy in Action program from Immigrant Services Society
- Book and supply drive for refugee and immigrant youth. Boxes in foyer to put donations of alphabet books, number books, art, sport and school supplies for kids in need. Nov. 3 to 30.
- Contact : Patrick Wong 604 754 0352 [pywong@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:pywong@vsb.bc.ca); Janet Chung 778 772 2084 [jlchung@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:jlchung@vsb.bc.ca)

## Update from Principal – Mr Rick Lopez

- Halloween- no fires, no vandals, students behaved well.
- NFL Leaders hosted a pumpkin carving for grade 8 that was judged by teachers/students
- Athletics fall season ended. Winter season has begun with curling and basketball.
- Grade 12 parent night post secondaries presented and went over university requirements
- Joy Jose, the Filipino multicultural worker at DT, hosted the Filipino parent night
- Fire drill- students participated and went outside.
- Remembrance Day ceremony – 3 assemblies. Students behaved respectfully.
- Great Canadian shake out drill- School participated in an earthquake drill
- Dec. 12, 2018 – Parent teacher night
- End of term 1 is on Nov 30/18. Report cards will be on line Dec. 5/18
- Honor roll – re-shaping our system so that it's more inclusion. The honor roll criteria have changed from 80% to 86%.
- Award system -re-shaping our system so that it's more inclusive. We want to recognize students for things such as being good citizens, working hard, determination, etc...

- New curriculum shifting to recognizing more students eg ELL
- Seismic update – The 2 options are to either build new a school or seismically upgrade this building. More updates to follow in Jan.
- We suggest letter to the school trustee asking that we build a new school rather than upgrade the current school. Ayesha was given permission to send letter to the school trustee on behalf of the PAC.

### **Department/Liaison/Committee Updates**

#### **Finance update**

- New treasurer Vera Pang has been signed in.
- Operating account- \$1498.00
- Gaming account approximately \$34,000. Most of it has already been allocated.-
- DT 60 fund allocation: pending requests
- Music - Mr Lamb's email requesting for stereo system to record. We would be happy to consider alternative music activities
- Science – Susan asked funds for field trip transportation.
- Science club – student competition. Amount recommended approved.

#### **Math department – Mr Maddalozzo (via email)**

- Parents had questions at last PAC meeting as to why wasn't everyone allowed to write the math test that the PAC funded?
- Math contests are open to everyone. They need to get a consent form and pre-register. It's on a first come first serve basis. If it's held in the library he has to cut it off at 30 students. Math tests will be advertised in math classes and on student bulletin. They are posted outside office, in classrooms and on our web-site.

#### **DT60 update:**

- \$12,028.00 in the account but expenses have not been taken out yet.
- PAC will make request for some of the money for guest speakers.

#### **DPAC- no update**

#### **New business**

- Ayesha contacted VPD School liaison to attend PAC meeting but didn't hear back in time.
- Parent spoke about an Incident on social media where she contacted VPD. Students were involved in discussion. If you see any inappropriate content through social media that could pose risk to student life or safety, parents can call 911 or non-emergency VPD line.
- Mr Lopez asked parents to remind their kids that the content they posted stays on-line permanently possibly effecting future background checks.
- PAC to again contact VPD school liaison for a talk. If you think of an idea contact the PAC.
- BCTF guest speakers – you can request a speaker for no charge.

**Next PAC meeting – Tuesday January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019 at 7 pm**