

**David Thompson Secondary PAC Meeting Minutes**  
**October 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 @ 7 pm – 8.30 pm**  
**Attendance: 14 parents, 1 admin and 1 staff**

**Welcome & introductions**

- Ayesha called the meeting to order at 7.05 pm.

**Minutes**

- September meeting minutes' ratification moved to November as paper copies not available for meeting.

**President's report: Ayesha Haider**

- Successful Teachers' breakfast and Parent Social in September.
- Super successful **DTis60** event on Oct 13<sup>th</sup>!
- Great SACY talk organized by PAC thanks to parents Carmie Chiu and Jiemha Chow.
- SPC cards fundraiser - Leila and Ayesha coordinating. Cards cost \$10 and are valid for discounts at many stores and online shopping till August 31, 2019. Contact pac\_thom@vsb.bc.ca

**Student Council Update: Kathy Nguyen**

- So far, we have done the Kickoff BBQ and Clubs Day and both events were extremely successful! Turnout was great for both events, and it was a nice way to welcome everyone back. For the month of October we have these events lined up:
- Thurs, Oct 18: Pajama Day: Eases students and staff into the District Pro-D Day the next day. Will have Cares Bear walking around greeting students and staff at lunch
- Tuesday, Oct 30: Trick or Treat Tuesday: Student Council goes around to "trick or treat" by giving out candy to students and vouchers to the Halloween Photo Booth
- Wednesday, Oct 31: Halloween Photo booth : Photo Booth for groups who are interested in taking pictures in their costumes

**Teachers' Liaison update: Ms Reddy**

- Ms Reddy reported that BCTF encouraged everyone to familiarize themselves with civic election school trustee candidates and vote in the upcoming elections as it directly impacted public education.

**PAC Executive Election:**

- The following changes were made to PAC executive: Carmie Chiu stepped aside from Treasurer position due to health reasons. Vera Pang elected new treasurer and Manjit Mand elected as Member at Large. Ayesha Moved and Leila seconded.

**Committee Business/Updates:**

**i. Finance: Gaming Grant Applications: Ayesha Haider**

- Operating account balance as of July 1, 2018: \$2005.18
- Carry over gaming funds available from 2017-18: \$3416.06
- New gaming funds available for 2018-19: \$33816.
- Ayesha presented the executive's recommendations on gaming grant applications which were discussed in detail and approved with amendments.
- 40 student groups, clubs and departments applied for funding worth \$67,500 and were approved for \$31,204. These include Arts Club, Athletics department, Autism Resource Centre, Business Education, Carrot Club, Community Schools Team, Counselling department, Dance Squad, The Bigger Picture fair, ELL dept, Filipino lunch club, Engage

in Community, Film club, Here 4 Peers, Film club, Ceramics Club, Japanese exchange program, Library Club, maker club, math dept, Model United Nations, Mural club, Robotics club, Science Club and department, Odyssey program, Special Ed, New faces Leaders and Yoga.

- Approved applicants will be contacted by Ayesha and explained guidelines and deadlines.
- Some amounts put on hold till a detailed cost breakdown is provided by applicants. .

**ii. PAC DT60 Planning Committee: Amy Choy**

- Amy reported very successful event went very smoothly on October 13<sup>th</sup>! She is receiving great feedback from attendees, students, staff and parents.
- We had 390 attendees and 130 student/ staff/ alumni/ parent volunteers on event day. More than 150 volunteers since the start of planning. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event happen! Many alumni have expressed "thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work and for a great evening".
- Final numbers will be shared at the November meeting.
- Amy thanked sponsors: Alkiss Water, Custodio Photographers, Ethical Bean coffee, Jon Sun's Taekwond-Do, Miller's Independent Grocer, Papa John's Pizza, Remedy's Pharmacy, R&R Kitchen Cabinets, Starbucks, Chang family, Chiu family, Guan Family, Haider/Nizamani family, Yee family and Yin family.
- She is already discussing ideas of a celebratory event to involve current students with the displays made for the event.

**Principal's update – Mr Rick Lopez:**

- Thank you to PAC for a wonderful **DTis60** event.
- Orange shirt day Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Friday Oct 19<sup>th</sup> is province wide pro-d day
- NFL Grade 8 breakfast held Oct 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Odyssey parent info night held Oct 16<sup>th</sup>
- Clubs day was successful on Oct 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Japanese exchange students visit in September went well!
- Grade 12 grad transitions begun.
- Lockdown drill was held – kids who are not in class can be a challenge.
- A parent enquired about lack of lighting and big bushes at the main school entrance – both safety hazards. Mr Lopez will look into it.

**Adjournment:** 8.45 pm.

**Next Meeting Date:** November 13th, 2018.

*If you are unable to join us and would like any topics  
or questions raised during our PAC meetings,  
or have suggestions for guest speakers,  
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