

**David Thompson Secondary PAC
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 19th, 2021**

Attendance (via Zoom):

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

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

Approval of previous PAC meeting minutes (October 20th, 2020):

Motion to accept by Melody, seconded by Ian Macdonald. Minutes were approved.

VSB Staff Liaison Update from Persis Hui:

The teaching staffs are taking things one day at a time and were awaiting the VSB's decision on the class rotation schedule (the VSB subsequently announced that all high schools will go to a one-week rotation of remote and in-person classes). All teachers are emphasizing mask wearing, use of hand sanitizers and following the health and safety protocols so that all may stay healthy!

PAC Treasurers' Update:

- A few invoices have come in from the athletics department and funds have been issued for those. We ask that all sponsor teachers submit their paid invoices to the PAC as soon as they can so that refunds can be issued to them.

Principal's update (Mr. Lopez):

The principal thanked all of the school staff, the students and their families for managing the many changes and adjustments to daily school life that COVID has forced on us.

- Course planning and timetable schedule building for next year's (September 2021) new school year is underway
 - Counselors have started to meet with students to discuss
 - Info will be sent to students and parents
 - DT course book - <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/david-thompson/Guidance-and-Support/Course-Planning/Documents/sbfile/210114/DT%20Course%20Selection%20Final%20021-2022%2013Jan2021%20Publication.pdf>
- Grade 7 info – Future Grade 8's of DT (no Gr. 7 info night this year due to COVID)
 - A newsletter and info will be sent to students and families of our incoming grade 8 students for September 2021
 - Communication process has begun with feeder elementary schools to support transition for new students
- NFL Cozy socks drive – socks for families in need
 - Please see link below for info on this initiative,
 - <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/david-thompson/About-Us/news/layouts/15/ci/post.aspx?oaid=61bf7d90-d0c7-4ed6-91e3-b0c016a0c838&oact=20001>

- VSB District news around schedule for Q 3 & 4
 - District will announce schedule format for Quarter 3 on Jan 20
 - DT Survey results –
 - Student Results – 77% prefer one-week rotation (442 responses)
 - Parent Results – 74% prefer one-week rotation (195 responses)
 - Staff Results – 77% prefer one-week rotation (48 responses)
- Odyssey intake/selection
 - Due to Covid unable to have interviews or testing
 - Intake will be based on,
 - Grade 6 and 7 report cards
 - Application package
- VCH Covid Update
 - See VCH website for full report
 - Transmission rate in schools has been very low
- Provincial assessments for grade 11 and some grade 10's
 - Grade 11's will be writing numeracy exam week of January 25th
- District SLO (Vancouver Police Department personnel working in schools as School Liaison Officer) Review
 - District in process of reviewing the SLO program

PAC Chair's Update:

It is the PAC's intent to issue a carry out second round vetting of funding requests from those clubs who may now be in a position to operate under the COVID restrictions. For teachers who require immediate funding, for now, their requests should be submitted through the Student Council.

A Reminder

Vancouver Coastal Health offers free youth clinics and youth counseling for those who need it. See VCH's website (vch.ca) for more information on which clinics offer these services, hours of availability etc.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 16th, 2021