

**David Thompson Secondary PAC
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 24th, 2020**

Attendance (via Zoom):

- 7 PAC executive members (Regina, Manjit, Altan, Ian, Noor, Melody, Amy)
- 1 administrator (Principal Lopez), 1 Teachers' representatives (Persis Hui)
- 27 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:

Not many updates to report from school staff other than that all staff are taking things one day at a time, communicating with each other and working as hard as possible to help students. Staying positive, and encouraging all parents to reach out to your child's teachers and to the school as a whole with any concerns at all. Teachers and the admin are there for us!

PAC Treasurers' Update:

- We have gone through the requests to use the gaming funds. The package of requests is approved. Approval of some gaming fund requests are going to be held off until we have a better understanding of the COVID situation in the new year.

Principal's update (Mr. Lopez):

- Literacy and Numeracy Assessments (English 10 & Math 10) were carried out
- A virtual Remembrance Day Assembly was held
- End of Quarter 1 came and report cards were issued, Quarter 1 report cards were published in MyEd web portal.
- Quarter 2 is starting and the school has switched from a two week to a 1 week class schedule rotation. The teaching staff and admin felt that it is easier for the students to stay in contact with the teachers and to stay up to date with the work they were doing if the classes are held weekly rather than biweekly. It helps prevent students from falling too far behind. This is a pilot project and the VSB is collecting data from all stakeholder groups before they make a decision on what will be the case for quadmesters three and four.
- The Students' Council has been elected and organized a virtual Clubs Day
- Information about any Covid exposures at school, and daily safety procedures at DT, were reviewed egs. School daily sanitizing, disinfecting & cleaning, hand sanitizer stations, controlling traffic flows inside the schools, mask use. According to the Provincial Health Officer, transmission rates in schools are extremely low. All school staff are there to 100% support students and parents.
- Vancouver Coastal Health sets the policies that schools have to follow with regards to notifying parents of exposure incidents at DT. The school is following these mandated

procedures as they must. Note an “exposure” does not mean a positive case of COVID has been determined to exist. Any questions about these procedures please call the school or VCH.

PAC Chair’s Update:

- The PAC had talked about coordinating a webinar for parents who are interested in how better to support our kids’ mental and emotional health at home.
- The webinar in question is a long and because of this, a motion was made by the Chair, and seconded by the Treasurer, to provide information on the webinar only, rather than showing it during a PAC meeting. Parents are free to watch on their own time, and are encouraged to do so.
- The webinar can be found on YouTube, try searching <https://youtube/o-vAJkRX-M?t=1980>. If unsuccessful with this link (as I was), DPAC, SACY and Kelty Mental Health (VCH) has a similar-themed presentation in their October 2020 General Meeting, themed Mental Health, and can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4zivcjMTj8Y>

A Reminder

The school staff would like to remind all parents and students that they are there to support you in any way that they can. If you have worries, concerns or questions about your child’s education or school life please don’t hesitate to call or email the school. The grade counselors and school staff are there to help!

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday January 19th, 2021