

David Thompson Secondary School

PAC Meeting

Date: May 14, 2025

Location: In Person

Principal: Mr. Nick Akrap

Vice Principal: Mr. Albert Mann and Ms. Katherine Mclean

Staff Liaison: Ms. Yashoda Reddy

Chair: Regina Prakash Singh

Vice Chair: Manj Mand

Treasurer: Sheila Tham

Secretary: Shazmin Akbanie

Members at Large: Bee Bee Wong, Cathy B, Jas Bagga, Judy Ga, Kathy Lee, Taiwo Afolabi, Lydia, Mandeep, Rajvir Singh

Guests Attending Meeting: 7

Meeting Started 5:45pm

1. Welcome

- a. Welcome everyone to tonight's PAC meeting, apologies for the confusion it should have been an in person and online meeting. However, it's in person only. Thank you to those who came out. Thank you, Regina, for tea and snacks.

2. Approval of Minutes February and April Minutes approved by Lydia and Sheila

3. Update: Vice Principal: Ms. Katherine McLean

- a. Mid terms were published via My Ed on April 24 and parent teacher interviews happened on May 6. Families can reach out to schools anytime.
- b. Nick has been leading the mapping your heritage and celebrate your culture activity as part of a core competency during Fit, students completed a form and then pinned on map where they were from. The map is still work in progress and will be available for PAC to see in the next in person meeting. It's nice to see the diversity of the school.
- c. The Lapu Lapu tragedy was horrible, the councillors got together to help kids that were impacted, the suite was set up for kids to get support. The space was open for a week and into the second week the space didn't need to remain open. There's been formal and informal ways of supporting the kids and bringing the community together.
- d. Friday May 16 Pro D Day – Palarong Pinoy – events being run by the Filipino social worker in the school – this was planned well ahead of the tragedy and its being hosted at the school and all VSB is invited.
- e. ICBC held the Road Sense presentation on May 5 during FIT.
- f. Grade 7 visit was on April 30, and it was a successful event – there was a morning and afternoon visit
- g. The Big One Earthquake drill happened on May 8 at 2pm, emergency drill was performed. The students were in and out of the building in 25mins – record time.
- h. Immunization Clinic took place today at the school May 15.

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- i. May 16 – Constable Mark L is bringing Gang Tackle Event to the school – it brings together alumni athletes to play fly football – athletes are given talks about poor choices. Mark is really cool and the all the kids admire and look up at him. Student engagement has been very positive.
- j. May is Asian Heritage Month – lots of events are planned and have taken place.
- k. Spring Sports are ongoing – track and field, softball, golf and badminton are still going on.
- l. May 29 – Grade 8 Sprint Trek – the final event for the Grade 8, they are going bowling.
- m. Scholarship committee met and distributed the funds to students. No one applied specifically for the PAC scholarships. – It was motioned and approved that the PAC scholarship will be part of the main application and not separately, and be part of the General DT Application process. The criteria will remain the same. The Scholarship committee will appoint 2 students who they think should deserve the PAC scholarship.
- n. Graduation Ceremony on June 5, 79\pm. Queen Theatre. They get 4 tickets and any additional are \$10.00. Grads do not require a ticket. No ticket sales at venue.
- o. Grad Dinner & Dance at the Pan Pacific June 20, 2025

4. PAC Update

- a. We need an Executive Board for next year; we need people to be part of the executive so the school can get gaming funds. We have a few members at large but we need people to step up into Chair, Treasurer and Secretary positions minimal.
- b. We are looking for names please nominate people for the next meeting.
- c. Remaining Funds in Gaming Account is not much we have spent the \$27,000 received from Gaming Account in the 2024/2025 year. We had some funds left from the previous year and those funds have been allocated. This year the PAC spend \$29,000. This was only possible as we had a little bit of a cushion.
- d. Future treasurer – it's good to keep a buffer of 2000-4000 just each year to help for the following years. As each year is different.

5. Roundtable Questions

- a. Thank you to the New Faces Leader for hosting an awesome meet for the Grade 7s the student attending was out of catchment but had a wonderful and positive experience and when this student went to the catchment school – the student felt the catchment school was very unorganized. Well Done DT!
- b. Can the school get a Zoom account for future meetings for the 2025/2026 school year, we can try using Microsoft Teams for recording and decide which way to move forward.
- c. Received a thank you card from the Japanese Exchange Program.

Meeting Adjourned – 6:45pm – Next Meeting on June 11, 2025 at 5:30pm. Before the Band Concert. If you attending the concert – please attend the meeting in person prior. Snacks will be complimentary.