

**David Thompson Secondary School**

**PAC Meeting**

**Date:** October 16, 2024

**Location:** Online via Zoom

**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, Ama Weerasinghe, Lydia, Mandeep, Rajvir Singh

**Guests Attending Meeting: 28**

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*Meeting Started 5:36pm*

**1. Welcome**

- a. Welcome everyone to tonight's PAC meeting, we won't keep you too long.

**2. Approval of Minutes** for September 2024 approved by Manj and seconded by Ama.

**3. Update: Principal: Nick Akrap and Vice Principal Albert Mann**

- a. Introducing new Vice Principal – Katherine McLean.  
Katherine is from the Toronto Area and has moved to BC for family reasons, she is very excited to be part of the DT family and loves the energy.
- b. Literacy 12 Assessments to be held from Oct 28 to Nov 1, 2024. Grade 12 students are aware of the assessment dates and the families have been informed. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 3 assessments that students need to complete in order to graduate. All of them are on a proficiency scale from 1 to 4. If students are applying to UBC they need a score of 3 or 4. Students have 2 chances in the year to write this exam. The school has it set up so everyone can get an opportunity to write the exam.
- c. Grade 8 conference – this is where the Grade 8s spent the day working with each other on DT's code of conduct – CARES (Connections, Accountability, Respect, and Encouragement and Safety). All students try to adopt the code of conduct into the way they act.
- d. September 30 – it was National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, the fine arts department put together a nice display in the foyer.
- e. Clubs' day took place two weeks ago, the gym was filled with students. Clubs displayed what they had to offer and students got the opportunity to sign up. If you missed clubs' day, you can still sign up.
- f. Interim Reports were published last week through student accounts. Teachers are giving feedback on student progress of learning. Mid term report cards will be delivered Nov

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20/21 and they will get marks and comments (marks only for grade 10-12) comments for grades (8-9).

- g. AP Exams information is going home this week. If you are taking courses, please make sure the forms are completed and you register for the exam and pay for the exam. The deadline is mid November.
- h. Next week – during FIT all grades will have assemblies. Discussion's will be about self reflections and core competencies. Core Competencies covers students' communication, thinking, critical thinking, personal and social responsibility and personal awareness). This year, students will be using Spaces EDU that's is connected to their portfolio – and it will be stored digitally so students can have access to it throughout their school years.
- i. Grade 8 Pumpkin Carving Contest takes place next week during FIT
- j. Nov 6 there is Education Planner BC, which is a Zoom meeting where representatives from education planner BC will be talking to students and families. It's a great presentation and tool for parents and students to have for post secondary options. Information in WAAG.
- k. November 8 – is the Remembrance Say Ceremonies -
- l. Cell Phone Policy – is working really well. So far only 1 phone has come to the office. No complaints from teachers.
- m. FIT is 4 days a week for 40mins, students should register with the teacher so they can work on homework and get any additional help. Parents, please encourage for classes ahead of time.
- n. December 3 is parent teacher conferences – the hybrid model was very much liked by the parents (giving parents to meet teacher in person and online). Therefore, this year it will also be the hybrid model.

#### 4. PAC Update

- a. Gaming Grant application is submitted in June every year by the PAC (special thanks to Sheila, PAC treasurer). This year we applied and got \$27,000 from the Gaming Grant which has been deposited into the PAC Gaming Account.
- b. These funds will be used to support school sports, and clubs. There are specific guidelines and these funds cannot be used for scholarships, or food or for fundraising. The PAC will spend time reading the guideline as new ones have been added to make sure the funds are spent correctly.
- c. Welcome to all of our Members at Large, we hope you can shadow our roles and take over as it is Sheila's last year and the rest of us graduate next year. So, we need people to take over. If there is no PAC there is no Gaming Grant for the students.
- d. PAC Meetings are important way for parents to be aware of everything that is happening in the school, thanks to the Principal, Vice Principal and Teacher Liaison for sharing and keep parents informed.

*Meeting Adjourned – 6:00pm*