

David Thompson Secondary School

PAC Meeting

Date: February 12, 2025

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:

Meeting Started 5:30pm

1. Welcome

- a. Welcome everyone to tonight's PAC meeting, Happy Chinese New Year to all celebrating.

2. Approval of Minutes for January 2025 approved by Manj and seconded by Nick B.

3. Update: Staff Liaison: Ms. Yashoda Reddy

- a. Staffing Update – 2 teachers have returned to DT this term and 1 new teacher this term.
- b. Jan 24 semester 1 ended, Jan 27-28 was semester turnaround where students get an opportunity to make up work.
- c. Semester 2 started on January 29, all students have settled into the courses, councillors been busy to make changes and plan for next year for students.
- d. Celebration: Breakfast of Champions – gives recognition to students for their academic and personal achievements.
- e. Pro D Day is on February 14, its district wide
- f. Pink Shirt Day is on Feb 22
- g. Concert sponsored by Modern Language Dept. Performed by Missy D (bilingual hip hop and soul artist, she has performed at the Junos), on Feb 27.
- h. District conducting survey with parents and students on cell phones usage,
- i. Fresh Fruits Program – run in the school farm. Classes get to learn outside.
- j. Nick mentioned to staff to get receipts in for the club programs for PAC to reimburse.

4. Update: Principle: Mr. Nick Akrap

- a. Last Monday students had an opportunity to change courses, and for Grade 11 and 12 students to help them graduate. Students choosing courses for next year please select carefully and accordingly so you get the course you need.

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- b. The councillor's team has been working with elementary schools the grade 7 feeder schools, to understand the students coming into DT.
- c. Lunar New Year Dance was very nice and fun and was very educational the presenter spoke about the event and the importance of the Chinese New Year.
- d. The Student Learning Survey will be going out to grade 10-12 students in the coming months to understand the students' experience. This will be happening next week.
- e. 185 students participated in the Breakfast of Champions. This will happen again in June for semester 2.
- f. Ms. Mclean presented for Grade 8s to reach them how to be respectful and not be immature for joining certain groups and be part of hateful messages. So, there was a reminder presentation for the code of conduct.
- g. February - Black History Month – everyday they focus on different individuals
- h. 30 Students will be going to Japan (March 16 to March 27)
- i. DT Apparel will be available online in about a month's time, allowing kids to purchase DT gear so there is a sense of belonging and connection.

5. PAC Update

- a. Treasurer Report – DT has given over \$15,000 to the clubs so far
- b. Reminder to teachers to staple all receipts together, calculate total and state who the cheque should be payable to. Please. Thank you.
- c. The PAC is graduating and we are looking for new people to shadow us so the school can continue to get funding. If you are interested, please reach out.

6. Roundtable Questions

- a. No questions s- just positive comments in the chat.

Meeting Adjourned – 5:50pm