

**David Thompson Secondary School**

**PAC Meeting**

**Date:** April 16, 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, Lydia, Mandeep, Rajvir Singh

**Guests Attending Meeting: 23**

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*Meeting Started 5:35pm*

**1. Welcome**

- a. Welcome everyone to tonight's PAC meeting, hope everyone had a wonderful spring break, it goes by too fast.

**2. Approval of Minutes** for February will be in our next meeting in May.

**3. Update: Staff Liaison: Ms. Yashoda Reddy**

- a. New Staff: New Teacher in the Fine Arts Department Ms. Fraser till the end of June.
- b. New Baker in the Cafeteria
- c. New School Liaison Officer: Mark
- d. Semester 2 Interims came out just before spring break
- e. Collab Afternoon on April 2
- f. Presentation being more than a by stander – by the school BC Lions Presentation
- g. Treasure Island – Play was put on the by the fine arts department
- h. Grade 10s wrote the Numeracy Assessments
- i. Fire Drill on April 14 – weather cooperated – its was quick and well executed.
- j. Semester 2 rotation on April 23 – the blocks flip in the morning and afternoon
- k. April 24 – Mid Term Report Cards
- l. May 6 – Parent Teacher Conferences in person and online. Hybird System.
- m. Pro D Day on April 28
- n. Grade 7 visit will take place on April 30
- o. April is Sikh Heritage Month – and there were some presentations and there is a display in the foyer.
- p. In May it will be Asian Heritage Month – there will also be displays and presentations
- q. AP exams will take place in the Labs, in May
- r. Grade 12's are getting ready for graduation and prom.

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**4. Update: Principle: Mr. Nick Akrap**

- a. Thank you, PAC, for your generous support for the Japan Trip, the Japan trip has been happening at DT for over 20 years. In September the sister school visited us, and our 30 students visited Japan over Spring Break – it was a very successful trip and they learned so much.
- b. School Hoodies are available for sale on School Cash Online and a bunch of students will get their hoodies tomorrow. Students are still allowed to make purchases. All students are able to make these purchases. So far 90 hoodies were sold.
- c. Asian Heritage Month coming up lots of fun activities will be happening around the school.
- d. School Fees Schedule was shared – they were some minor increases. The biggest increase is the Grad Dinner Dance.
- e. Spring Sports have started – Track and Field, Badminton, Volleyball, and Softball
- f. Grade 12 – please apply for your scholarships before the deadlines.
- g. Meeting Community Supports in the School Presentations – introduced themselves to the Grade 8-9s
- h. Mid Terms will be published April 26. Conferences will be on May 6. If you unable to meet or speak to the teacher at the specific time, please remember you can always reach out to your students' teachers to get an update or ask questions.
- i. Grade 12 TVR check to make sure everything is correct on their transcripts and they are on track to graduate.
- j. Monday May 5 – ICBC Road Sense presentation, to be responsible with their celebrations and to stay safe.
- k. Next Thursday – Mapping your Heritage and Celebrating your culture. For students to do research on their background. On Friday students will be able to share their responses in class during FIT. Creating diversity and acceptance in the school – there is map and students will get a pin to place on the map board.
- l. Tuesday Fit – student will fill out their core competencies in the edu. account
- m. Memorial Soccer Tournament at Killarney in Memory of Paul Sanghara, a Vancouver Police Officer who died in service.

**5. Update: Grad Dinner & Dance with Ms. Catherine Mclean**

- a. Grad has been operating on a deficit over the years; it's been held at the Pan Pacific Hotel in downtown Vancouver. Been held here for a very long time
- b. It's only for the graduating students; It's a beautiful venue. Ocean view Ball Room.
- c. Last year total cost: \$41,000 includes meals and min décor (\$705) DJ and Photobooth (\$4800) and ticket printing. The difference was \$8200 and its about the same this year.
- d. Looking forward to next year, other neighbouring schools are also at Pan Pacific it is a preferred menu and a very popular venue.
- e. We looked at the Hilton and it wasn't very nice.
- f. Next year – concern is safety – no in and out access. Hilton didn't provide the safety concern. The preference is still Pan Pacific.

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- g. Hamber charges \$170, Killarney Charges \$165 and DT charges \$150 – we are overdue for a price increase. We can mitigate the cost maybe for DJ and Photobooth that is at \$4800 – Hamber is using a DJ that is less expensive – researching a different DJ and Photobooth can mitigate the difference. Security cost is built in at the Pan Pacific.
- h. Proposing increasing ticket fee to \$170, bring down entertainment cost and have the grad committee to fundraise a little more and we can bring the event to a more budgeted event.
- i.

**6. PAC Update**

- a. Thanks to all the teachers who took the students to Japan, the kids had a phenomenal lifetime experience.
- b. We need an Executive Board for next year; we need people to be part of the executive so the school can get the gaming funds. We have a few members at large but we need people to step up.
- c. We are looking for names please nominate people for the next meeting.
- d. All the best to our PAC Member Ama Weerasinghe, who has moved to Nova Scotia and we wish her all the best.
- e. Vaisaki Event at the school Friday

**7. Roundtable Questions**

- a. No questions presented.

*Meeting Adjourned – 6:15pm – Next Meeting on May 14 and will be in person and will need parents to nominate for PAC positions.*