

David Thompson Secondary School

PAC Meeting

Date: April 24, 2024

Location: Online via Zoom

Principal: Mr. Nick Akrap

Vice Principal: Mr. Albert Mann

Staff Liaison: Ms. Yashoda Reddy

Chair: Regina Prakash Singh

Vice Chair: Manj Mand

Treasurer: Sheila

Secretary: Shazmin Akbanie

Members at Large: Lydia Cheng, Rajvir Kaur Singh, Ama Weerasinghe

Guests Attending Meeting: 10

Meeting Started 5:35pm

1. Welcome

- a. Welcome Everyone to tonight's PAC meeting, Sheila and Regina are away today, therefore Manj will be leading the meeting today.

2. Approval of Minutes for January and February approved by Lydia and seconded by Nick.

3. Update: Yashoda Reddy

- a. Lots of CLC classes presenting in the library, presenters from BC Chartered Accountants, UBC Land and food Systems: they most talked about careers in environmental and ecology, BC Labour Presentations (Arrive Alive after Five) was about workplace safety.
- b. End of February they had a lock down drill, in March there was an Internet Safety Presentation.
- c. Breakfast of Champions took place this term, its to recognize kids that have made a positive contribution to the school, and have done extremely well in their class students get nominated by staff. This recognizes student achievements.
- d. Collab Day was on April 3 – teachers learned more about the new reporting system and training on that, which was very beneficial.
- e. April 8, students had a chance to log in online or speak to councillors/teachers one on one and discuss their core competencies and how they are progressing.
- f. DT students did exceptional well in the Math and Science competitions that took place, and some were selected to represent in regional and provincial levels. Congrats to all these students.
- g. Girls' softball has started and competitive track started
- h. Students Mid Semester mark will be coming out in the next couple days
- i. Thursday May 2 – will be Red Dress Day: this is to educate and inform students about missing and murdered indigenous women. Students will get more information about this on the actual day. This will happen during FIT.

David Thompson Secondary School

PAC Meeting

Date: April 24, 2024

Location: Online via Zoom

- j. Thompsons Got Talent will be held on May 9
- k. June will be dedicated to prom and grad for the Gr 12s.
- l. May 1 – all the Grade 7 feeder schools will be visiting DT and will be walking around and introduced to the teachers and students and programs.
- m. This Semester we welcome a new staff member Ms. Emily Gray joined us, and is teaching CLC, and Film Studies. She is here just for this semester.

4. Principals Update: Nick Akrap

- a. Block Rotation takes place April 25 (tomorrow) so it will go from period 1,2,3,4 to Period 2,1,4,3 so students that come a little late have the chance to be on time.
- b. There were free samosas for the staff and students last week to celebrate the end of Ramadan and Vaisakhi.
- c. Nick attended a conference on AI in New York last week, which was very interesting and allows leaders to stay up to date with technology and its positive impact uses in schools.
- d. There will be cell phone policy implemented in September 2024. Specific details and guidelines on how to use cell phones in school is being put together and will be shared with parents and students soon.
- e. Last week all the Literacy 10 assessments took place which is a graduation requirement. If you missed it, you can re write in again next year.
- f. Mid Term Reports are available in the MyEd family portal on Friday April 26. If any parents would like a hard copy – you can call the school and a hard copy will be provided to your student.
- g. Friday April 26 is the opening for the booking of the online and in person parent teacher conference which will take place on May 6/7. DT is doing the hybrid option based on parents' feedback, so from 4-530pm will be online meetings and from 6pm-7pm there will be in person meetings. If you miss these times, you can reach teachers anytime by emailing the teacher. An email was sent out earlier today.
- h. Summer School Options and Availability has been posted in the WAGS; DT will be open for summer school. All course offering and registration information is in the WAG, and it opens on May 1. Please read the information on WAGS.
- i. Lots of Grad activities are happening this year –
 - i. Thursday May 30 – Grad Rehearsal
 - ii. Wednesday May 5 – Grad at Queen Elizabeth Theatre
 - iii. Thursday June 13 – Grad Breakfast at school
 - iv. Friday June 21 – Grad Dinner and Dance at the Pan Pacific
- j. May 14 – there is Road Safety Day – there will be ambulance, police car, fire truck, dog squad all visiting the school on display and students can speak and learn about their roles. There will be 2 presentations one for the Grade 10s about the Graduated Licensing Program and Grade 12s ICBC Road Sense Presentation by Keven Brooks.
- k. Grade 11 and 12's during FIT will be getting TVR (transcript Verification Report) Checks to make sure they have all the required criteria for graduation and can plan what courses they still need to take.

David Thompson Secondary School

PAC Meeting

Date: April 24, 2024

Location: Online via Zoom

- l. Scholarships Seasons – many were due two weeks ago; the PAC Scholarship is due on May 3. There is a staff committee to make sure the awards are selected to the top students that meet the requirement.
- m. Grade 8 Trek will be happening soon where the students have a field trip to Watermania and Bowling in Richmond, to allow the students to continue to bond and have positive experience.

5. PAC Update

- a. Sheila is absent
- b. Can teachers please submit all their receipts
- c. Gaming Account \$35,981 still waiting for teachers to submit receipts.
- d. Operating Account \$5331.85 still waiting for a direct drive cheque that is about \$600 from the last meeting.
- e. PAC will most likely give out 2 scholarships from the Operating Account

6. Roundtable Discussions

- a. Parent excited about cell phone usage restrictions. When will the ruling come out? Probably sometime in late June or late August. Did they collect feedback from parents? The VSB has a committee that is working on this. Hopefully this allow kids to be moderate on their phones, and parents can help regulate at home.
- b. Parent Teacher conference – if you missed the booking, you can email the teacher anytime and get a meeting with the teacher.

Meeting Adjourned – 6:10pm

Next Meeting May 3rd Wednesday at 530pm, Nick will send out a reminder email.