

David Thompson Secondary School

PAC Meeting

Date: January 23, 2023

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: Minh

Secretary: Shazmin Akbanie

Members at Large: Dr. Bashar,

Guests Attending Meeting: 21-23

Meeting Started 5:35pm

1. Welcome

- a. Welcome to all to tonight's meeting

2. Approval of Minutes from November 2022 by Dr. Bashar and seconded By Josef Lam

3. Principal Update – Nick Akrap

- a. Wishes everyone a Happy New Year
- b. Welcome New Vice Principal Mr. Albert Mann, Mr. Greg Mar retired in December 2022. Mr. Albert Mann is new to DT and is excited to be part of the school and community. He used to be a student teacher at DT many years ago. He's enjoying the position so far and is excited to engage with the students and staff.
- c. The District has continued with the semester system moving forward.
- d. The FIT time will be extended to 160min from 100min for the week. Teachers are making the necessary changes to make sure they are not missing any instructional time and are able to provide support to the students during FIT.
- e. FIT is where students have the opportunity to seek help in courses, meet teachers one on one, catch up on tests or assignments and or work on group projects.
- f. Numeracy assessments with all Grade 10s some Grade 11 and 12s may re- write it as it's a graduate requirement. There was a sitting of the test yesterday and there will be another sitting tomorrow. The numeracy test does not relate to any math courses, it's just a number test.
- g. Nick has been standing outside to monitor the cars in the am especially at Commercial Street where parents are negligent, Nick prevents 36 cars from doing a U-Turn and was able to keep traffic moving. The school has requested for the city to put a NO U-Turn sign.
- h. Grade 10 had assemblies during fit time and had discussions about course selections. Students in all grades will be prepping and choosing the courses they would like to take

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next year. Its an important time as this teaches students to plan ahead, this also gives the school to plan for the year and hire teachers or book presentations accordingly.

- i. Health Canada is coming in on Feb. 15 to teach students about the opioid's tour – students will walk through an interactive exhibit and learn about the dangers of opioids – students can visit this exhibit on their own and classes' can sign up to do a class drop in.
- j. BC Lions Anti Racism Talk will be held on Feb 23, for the Grade 8 and 9s in the auditorium
- k. Pink Shirt Day is next month, March 1 is the Ignite Presentation for Grade 10 and 11s. This is where professionals come and talk about their careers and the path they chose for their success.
- l. There was a Line Dance performance yesterday in recognition of the Chinese Culture, it was s packed cafeteria to celebrate the Lunar New Year. (Patrick, the multi cultural organizer) brought this performance to the school and the cost was covered through the Student Affordability Fund.
- m. WAG will be continued,
- n. Semester 1 coming to an end, no classes on Feb 1 and 2nd. Teachers may call in students to finish assignments or write any missed tests. Semester 2 begins on Feb 3.

4. Roundtable Discussions

- a. Reiterate PLEASE NO U TURNS on COMMERCIAL ST
- b. School Nurse not available after 4pm, however if you are at school for sports the coaches do have first aid kits.
- c. Feb 8 report cards will be posted in MyEd.

Meeting Adjourned – 6:10pm