

David Thompson Secondary School

PAC Meeting

Date: May 22, 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 5:47pm

1. Welcome

- a. Welcome Everyone to tonight's PAC meeting, had a delayed start as we were waiting for parents to join the meeting. Thank you all for coming this evening.

2. Approval of Minutes for April 2024 approved by Sherman and seconded by Sheila and Zoom User.

3. Update: Yashoda Reddy

- a. Sports – Competitive Trace and Field is up and running, students are doing really well.
- b. Golf, Track and Field and Softball will all make it to the provincials.
- c. Big One happened on May 2, and went successful.
- d. May 2 – was also Red Dress Day – this was to acknowledge the missing woman from across Canada within the Indigenous Community. This was held to raise more awareness. There was a giant red dress installed in the foyer – and it definitely got the students and staff asking questions. Mission achieved.
- e. Thompson Got Talent on May 9 was also a fun event
- f. AP exams are happening in the library this month. If students take AP courses, they benefit by skipping year 1 of university courses. Also gives students a good preview of what to expect in post secondary
- g. Celebrating Asian Heritage Month in the library this month.
- h. Schools Timetable committee has been busy planning for next year.
- i. Tuesday there was the Road Safety Day, Grade 10s got presentation on licensing Grade 12s got a presentation on Road Sense.
- j. June will be very busy – report cards will be out, graduation on June 5 and prom for the Grade 12s.

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4. Principals Update: Nick Akrap

- a. Timetable Committee works very hard and it is ongoing till mid summer.
- b. Lots happening in May and June
- c. Scholarships Committee finalizing all the recipients to present the awards on June 5.
- d. If parents want more tickets, students are welcome to go to the office at the school accountant and purchase more tickets
- e. Next Thursday during FIT they will have a rehearsal, receive gown and complimentary tickets.
- f. Grads, please be there by 615pm on Wednesday June 5, this will give you 45mins to get organized before they enter the auditorium.
- g. Dinner Dance is on June 21 at the Pan Pacific, if you haven't paid the fees please do.
- h. Parent Teacher Conference went really well, the online were better attended than the in person. However, the school will continue offering the hybrid approach.
- i. Parents are welcome to reach out to the teacher anytime throughout the year, emails are on the website.
- j. Last Friday was a Pro D Day, teachers had a trip to Musqueam and a very good learning experience.
- k. June 19-20 may be a ceremony or in September 2024 to install the Musqueam Carving.
- l. Next Wednesday June 29 is the Band Concert at the school at 7pm.
- m. Grade 8s will visit be going to WaterMania next Friday
- n. DT Gold team, played really well in the rain and made it to the finals, very unexpected. Well Done.
- o. Monday June 10 – is the last core competencies this year.
- p. Tuesday June 25 is the last Day of School, June 26 and 27 are credit recovery day for students who need to write an exam or submit assignment or need support to get to a passing grade.
- q. June 27, report cards will be published on the MyEd Portal
- r. FIT times are not changing for next year. It will 4 times a week. Please look at the schedule and be aware, the Monday and Tuesday times are just changing to better give students a chance to attend. School schedule is out on the website for next year, so parents are aware of all the Pro D days.

5. PAC Update

- a. Sheila will be at the Grad to represent the PAC and hand out the \$500 scholarship from the Direct Drive and not the Gaming Account
- b. The PAC AGM will be in September
- c. PAC is open to new people joining the PAC, please put your name forward.
- d. Gaming Account – we had received \$29,885 and have supported clubs and teachers by spending \$20,401.04. We are still waiting for some teachers to pick up their cheques.
- e. Can teachers please submit all their receipts so the amounts can distribute.
- f. The \$500 scholarship is from the Direct Drive Account.
- g. There is no meeting in June.

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- h. Operating Account \$5331.85 still waiting for a direct drive cheque that is about \$600 from the last meeting.
- i. PAC will most likely give out 2 scholarships from the Operating Account

6. Roundtable Discussions

- a. Report Cards will only be available online, no hard copies will be given to students. If students really need a hard copy, they can come to the office to get one.
- b. School is working for a log in for a parents' portal vs the family portal. So they can more access to the portal.

Meeting Adjourned – 6:10pm

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