

**David Thompson Secondary School**

**PAC Meeting**

**Date:** November 24, 2022

**Location:** Online via Zoom

**Principal:** Mr. Nick Akrap

**Vice Principal:** Ms. Germaine Tsui

**Staff Liaison:** Ms. Yashoda Reddy

**Chair:** Regina Prakash Singh

**Vice Chair:** Manj Mand

**Treasurer:** Minh Dao

**Secretary:** Shazmin Akbanie

**Members at Large:** Dr. Bashar

**Guests Attending Meeting: 35**

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*Meeting Started 5:05pm*

**1. Welcome**

- a. Welcome to all parents to this month's PAC meeting
- b. Parent/Teacher meeting happening tonight; therefore, the meeting will be short.

**2. Approval of Minutes** from October 2022 approved by Tran Vu and seconded by Dr. Bashar

**3. School Updates – Ms. Yashoda Reddy**

- a. September and October there were Acknowledgments of Diwali over the PA and in the library. The Sikh club had the celebration The birth of Sikhism and gave out some sweets during the day. The Grade 8 pumpkin carving was another successful event, the student council set up a haunted house and that was very successful.
- b. DT is competing and taking charge of the Canly Cup and it was previously at Point Grey. The school is collecting cans and the student counsel is working hard. The Canly cup goes to the school that has collected the most cans and the money goes towards the food bank. All 18 high schools in Vancouver are participating.
- c. VSB ran the semester system for the last 2 years. This was trial primarily due to covid. The school board is seeking feedback from staff and students and parents. Nick will cover more. But VSB is looking for feedback.

**4. Principles Update – Nick Akrap**

- a. Currently the school follows a semester system. Every school is providing feedback from 25 students and the district is looking for feedback from parents and teachers but more so they want feedback from the students. Most teachers prefer the linear system, however most students prefer a semester system. The district will collect feedback and evaluate and inform schools which way to move forward linear or semester by January.
- b. Showcased a few cultural events, there was a nice tribute for our veterans.

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- c. For the Grade 12 parents, the Grade 12 were able to participate in post secondary day, and learn about post secondary education and learn about programs and cost and opportunities. Next week all grade 12s will be meeting with their counsellor to confirm that the students are on track to graduate or need anything to graduate and will go home with a Transcript Verification Report.
- d. The Student Affordability Fund, the Ministry of Education received funds and they gave that money to each school, DT received 90,000 and the money is divided into food and nutrition target and universal (family or community in the school) clothing and equipment targeted and universal (family or community). Help families with prescriptions or help a class with field trips. If families need support, please respond with the form and the school will determine how you can receive some support.

**5. PAC Update**

- a. The team has gone over the gaming grant applications.
- b. We were approved for 24, 940. The executive met on Tuesday night and reviewed and approved some of the applications. Some applications that the clubs asked for can get funded from the Student Affordability Fund. However, the funds used from the gaming Grant will be distributed and given back to the school.
- c. Scholarships will advise by the counsellor on the Grade 12 Teams Channel, and speak to your counsellor to apply.

*Meeting Adjourned – 5:40pm*