

**David Thompson Secondary School**

**PAC Meeting**

**Date:** November 15, 2023

**Location:** Online via Zoom

**Principal:** Mr. Nick Akrap

**Vice Principal:** Mr. Albert Mann – absent

**Staff Liaison:** Ms. Yashoda Reddy - absent

**Chair:** Regina Prakash Singh – absent

**Vice Chair:** Manj Mand

**Treasurer:** Sheila

**Secretary:** Shazmin Akbanie

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

**Guests Attending Meeting: 13**

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*Meeting Started 5:40pm*

**1. Welcome**

- a. Welcome to all to tonight's meeting, PAC Chair Regina is away, and Manj will be carrying forward with the meeting.

**2. Approval of Minutes** Approval of the minutes for Sept 2023 approved by Lydia and seconded by Manj and approval of October 2023 minutes by Lydia and seconded by Rajvir.

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**4. Principles Update – Nick Akrap**

- a. Today was BLOCK rotation, so 2<sup>nd</sup> period class is 1<sup>st</sup> period and same for the afternoon.
- b. Next week Thursday Mid Terms will be published, and on the same day you can sign up for the parent teacher meeting. Nov, 23, 2023.
- c. Dec 5 is Parent Teach conferences, this term there will be online meetings only and next term the school will offer the hybrid system so parents can come in person too. If you are unable to get an appointment you are welcome to reach out to the teacher personally and set up a different time.
- d. Grade 9 immunizations forms went out to families, if your child did not get a form home than your child does not need one, if you are a Grade 9 parent you are welcome to get a form from the office. Immunizations will be on Dec 7
- e. Nov 27 – the Sikh club will be celebrating Diwali at lunch in the foyer, and they will be giving out 500 samosas.
- f. Nov 22 – NFL will be organizing Grade 8 Hot Dog Day only for the Grade 8s.
- g. FIT Time update – my weekly planner app, is working very well. This app allows teachers to take attendance. There is a high register and response rate. Well done to students and teachers. Parents are encouraged to ask students what they did in their FIT time. A good time for kids to do homework, catch up on assignments and get teacher support.
- h. SAF money \$34,000 left, this will be used to help parents in targeted and universal needs for food and clothing and some of it will be used to host cultural events in the

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school. A survey taken by students – results showed that the kids all enjoy the cultural events and feel connected and part of the greater community. DT will continue to support cultural events through some of the SAF funding.

- i. SACY Team is holding an event Capacity Café on Tuesday Nov 28, at Windermere. This is an opportunity for caregivers to attend a moderated discussions in which the youth are given the opportunity to share their thoughts on various topics including stress management, school attendance, substance use, and rectorships. SACY has received very positive feedback from caregivers in the past and this event will provide a brilliant insight for parenting youth today.
- j. Nov 30 and Dec 1 -Skills &Trade Event in the DT Library- This will be presented by the Government of Canada. They will go over what training is necessary, and what individuals can get paid. Parents are welcomed to attend.
- k. Dec 12 – Education Planner BC invites families, students and educators to join their virtual workshop from 630pm to 830pm. Learn how to support your child/student in planning for their future. The information will be especially helpful for families with kids in Grade 10 to 12. The workshop will discuss BC Post Secondary education landscape, including institutions and credentials required. Program and admission requirements and application dates. Cost and options for financial aid, career exploration resources and using tools such as My List to save and compare programs and finally applying for admission through EducationPlannerBC.ca.
- l. Volleyball Junior Girls came 2<sup>nd</sup>, Junior Boys came 5<sup>th</sup>, Senior Girls came 1<sup>st</sup>, Senior Boys came 8<sup>th</sup>. Bantam girls in Cities hosted here next week. No recorded results. But we are 3 and 3 with one more match on Thursday. Placed second at the Prince of Wales Cake Tournament. Senior girls are playing tonight at zones to make it to Provincials in Dawson Creek. If they make it DT will have to arrange flights to Fort St John and bus to Dawson Creek at a cost of \$1250 per player. Ms. Regina Thomas has signed up to sponsor. The school will need help with the cost. Once Volleyball season is completed Basketball Season will start soon.

#### **5. PAC Update on Gaming Fund - \$26,885**

- a. The above noted amount is what the PAC is giving back to the school to the clubs. We have contacted the teachers and they will submit the receipts and will receive payments. The teachers will have a guideline of what the funds can be used for and what is prohibited. All the best to the clubs.

#### **6. Roundtable Discussions**

- a. Happy Holidays everyone next meeting January 17 at 530pm, no meeting in December.

*Meeting Adjourned – 6:05pm*