

David Thompson Secondary School

PAC Meeting

Date: October 25, 2023

Location: Online via Zoom

Principal: Mr. Nick Akrap

Vice Principal: Mr. Albert Mann

Staff Liaison: Ms. Yashoda Reddy

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

Meeting Started 5:35pm

1. Welcome

- a. Welcome to all to tonight's meeting, PAC Chair Regina is away, and Manj will be carrying forward with the meeting.
- b. Apology for rescheduling this meeting and for any confusion. Going forward all meetings will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 530pm.

2. Approval of Minutes from September 2023 to be done at the next meeting in November.

3. Principles Update – Nick Akrap

- a. Grade 8's had their rotation for the 2 subjects: ADST and Fine Arts. Grade 8s will have their Pumpkin Carving event during FIT time later this week.
- b. Tonight is a Grad movie night, part of their fundraising initiatives. Nick sent an email to parents advising them the movie is Scream.
- c. FIT time is being used very well, students are remembering to sign up and are planning their week ahead as teachers were hoping they would. Students are easily getting into the app and are showing up. Good Job Students and Teachers.
- d. All grades will have assemblies during FIT where the students will talk about the school code of conduct, discuss self reflections, review core competencies and how one can grow and implement themselves. The assemblies will go over the self reflection form and give students time to learn and reflect. It is mandatory for all students to do their self reflection form and it will be part of the students report card.
- e. Nov 6 is when students will stay in their home room and fill out the self reflection forms that will be part of their report card and something to reflect back on at the end of the grade.
- f. 2 new staff members at DT, they are part of the School Age Children and Youth (SACY Program) harm reduction with substance use for individuals and families and provide social and emotional support. Kim works directly with the school and Reneet works with

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the families. Nick will send an email with the resources and workshops that Reneet and the SACY offers.

- g. Interim Report Cards came out 2 weeks ago, it's a snapshot on how kids are doing in school.
- h. Nov 23, mid term report cards will be available online.

4. Parent Teacher Interviews - Mr. Albert Mann

- a. Parent Teacher Interviews have been online since COVID and today Mr. Mann wanted feedback from parents in terms of what format is liked best.
- b. Parent Teacher Interviews will be on Dec 5, 2023 and parents will need to sign up and the sign up will open on Nov 23.
- c. Summary of feedback from parents – keep an hybrid option, those who wish to book online should be able to do and those who want to visit the school especially new parents should have that option.
- d. Multi cultural workers will be available for support for both online and face to face.
- e. Parents can reach out to teachers directly anytime, the teacher email is available on the website online directory.

5. Gaming Application Funds Deadline - Nov 3

- a. Reminder to all teachers, please submit your forms to the PAC if you would like to be considered for funding. Deadline is November 3, 2023.

6. Treasurer

- a. Congrats on completing the application for the first time.
- b. October 4, is when the gaming grant was approved.
- c. Bank confirmed \$26,180 was deposited into the account
- d. Gaming Grant account balance is: \$52,000
- e. Need Meeting Minutes from year 2022/2023 – to be in compliance for the grant application.
- f. New rules for the grant

7. Welcome New Members at Large:

- a. Lydia Cheng, Rajvir Kaur Singh, Ama Weerasinghe
- b. We are excited to work with you, and hope that as we retire you can take over so the school can continue to benefit from a PAC.

8. Roundtable Discussions

- a. Literacy 12 assessments to be done in June 2024, they are usually for Grade 11 and 12s.

Meeting Adjourned – 6:55pm