

MINUTES
Van Tech PAC Meeting – January 28, 2020 @ 7:00 – 8:45 pm
School Library

1. Welcome & Introductions – Amy Chuang, PAC chair (**featuring homemade lemon squares**)
Present -parents/guardians, principal, teacher rep, PAC exec (chair, secretary, treasurer)
2. Teacher rep – Jenny Lee
Union news: regarding “leaked” proposed strike action - no escalation/withdrawal of services while in mediation; earliest job action would be mid Feb; teachers committed to students; students with designations Q and G still screened, continue to get IEP, class sizes may not be lowered due to contract language – could affect teachers services to students; prevalence funding model still no clear idea, no details of impact yet.
Please see BCTF website for more information.
3. Principal’s Report – Robert Moro
Grade 10’s just finished taking Numeracy & Literacy assessments with alternating workshops – Living Library: volunteers from community came in to talk to students re careers/life paths, etc and social media presentation with focus on communication; Theatre Co presented “Alice” last week; mini programs accepting applications, having info nights; Breakfast Club received funds for coming year; Winter formal Jan 29 gr 11/12; Feb 4 course planning parent info night; Feb 11 gr 7 parent info night; Feb 12 Pro D; Feb 17 Family day; Feb 24 Indigenous week; admin and staff working on timetable prep, articulation, course planning, ELL assessments, cross boundary appl, and ongoing new curriculum implementation; Grad ceremony planning; new collab Feb 19 for dept to get together (replaces one lost for snow day).

Q&A discussion: Black Awareness Month – teachers incorporating
Pink Shirt Day Feb 26
Living Library – very well received by students/volunteers
Feb 11 Budget – where would he like to see more money spent? Still looking into
New: vending machines to be back in school, fundraising possibilities
Cafeteria: debit/credit not available, could it be?
4. Treasurer – Sharon Henderson
Explanation re gaming funds, allocations, parents’ responsibilities. Will post updated report.
Allocation of second third of money – discussion around teachers’ asks, descriptions, different departments, appropriate use, and allocations voted on. See website for final draft.
5. Announcements re parent workshops, see PAC website
6. Ideas for presentations for future meetings
Scholarship night for parents? Gr 11/12 target
Study skills presentation; brain development presenter?
8. Adjourn meeting 8:45 pm & **Next PAC Meeting – February 25, 2020 @ 7pm**

(Other presentations avail if parents are interested, see BCTF website, past PAC minutes, or email PAC)

Any suggestions and/or comments for future meetings, please email chairvt@gmail.com