

MINUTES
Van Tech PAC Meeting – June 2, 2020 @ 7:07 – 8:08 pm
Zoom Virtual Meeting
(Final PAC Meeting 2019/2020 school year)

1. Welcome & Introductions – Amy Chuang, PAC chair
“I would like to acknowledge and thank the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh, and Squamish Nations on whose traditional and unceded territories I work and live on.”
Present -parents/guardians x 8, principal, teacher rep, teachers x 2, counsellor, PAC exec (chair, secretary, treasurer)

2. Principal’s Report – Robert Moro (posted on website)
COVID 19 – many challenges re school closure, teachers working really hard regarding the shift to remote learning; proud of staff, students and parents; school now open for voluntary opportunities for onsite learning; timetable provided by District; approx 50 students per day right now; marks now due June 24; provisional final marks given in interim to alleviate student stress: final marks to not be lower; grade 12’s – grad to be very different – more info coming this week re cap & gown pick up (June 15/16) and photos, diplomas and auditorium photos with awards, acknowledgements, etc; working on a 3rd event hopefully – all focused around health and safety guidelines – more info to follow. Week of 22nd there will be opportunities for students to drop off textbooks, library books, clean out lockers, pick up yearbooks. Also, bursary available from BCPAC to VT students, but VT must be a member. VT’s membership needs to be renewed: Amy and Sharon will take care of this.

Q&A discussion: Attendance – first class starting at 830? Lunch? Not needed
Some teachers requesting students to bring in laptops....can’t be a requirement as not all students have laptops to bring in - Rob will look into: should be option only.
Refunds for fees paid for events not taking place? Rob looking into, seeking guidance from District as well. Some refunds already issued. Strathcona? Rob will look into.
More schoolwide communication to parents? Moving forward this needs to be considered. There has been a big learning curve dealing w/ access to school, still trying to provide information to all areas.....plan to send out survey to families for ideas on how to improve.

3. Teacher rep – James Hethey
VSTA really impressed w/ parents and teachers working together, parents have been really helpful – they want to acknowledge all the good support from admin.
Please see website for more information. <https://bctf.ca/parents.aspx>

4. Treasurer – Sharon Henderson
Had approx. \$37,000, only \$16,000 spent due to COVID-19 cancellations, approx. \$20,000 left to be allocated now. Gaming grants are never guaranteed but especially this year due to pandemic. Concern moving forward with teachers’ requests.
List of teachers’ requests presented for approval. Nick Van Irsel, counsellor, spoke regarding Breakfast of Champions, Here4Peers, Post Secondary Institution Presentation and Safeteen requests. Ramona Orr, Drama/Arts teacher, spoke regarding her 2 requests.
Funding requests tallied, questioned, and approved \$ 14808.99. A few requests tabled for now due to concerns about gaming grants and also what the curriculum will look like come September. Previously allotted funds that were not used due to COVID cancellations must be resubmitted by teachers for approval in Sept. They cannot be “rolled over”.

5. DPAC Announcements – Amanda Hillis, DPAC Vice Chair
Van Tech needs a DPAC rep to allow a vote for our school. Kyla willing to volunteer to fill this position until another volunteer. Amy will help with attendance.
Amanda needs endorsement from us for her Vice Chair position. Amy will take care of.
Coming up: Town Hall June 9th. Draft Budget, Executive and AGM Meeting. Surveys for parents regarding this “dry run” of school openings, DPAC meetings monthly, all zoom, have speakers, see website for more details. <http://vancouverdpac.org/>

6. Election of new PAC executive for 2020/2021 academic year:
Chair – Re-elected Amy Chuang, all in favour
Treasurer – re-elected Sharon Henderson, all in favour
Secretary – Elected Kyla Epstein (nom by Ginny Cobbin), All in favour, passed and accepted.
(Thank-you Kyla!)

7. Announcements:
Remember to think about local artists, sellers, producers, etc, as we all move forward during this pandemic, in order to support our local economy. James noted that the teachers are talking about this and how they can support when putting in requests for funding. Any ideas or need of support, please feel free to email him jhethey@vsb.bc.ca

8. Acknowledgements:
Thank-you to Amanda, DPAC, for allowing us to use the DPAC Zoom platform for this meeting.
Thank-you to Ginny for her work as secretary for past 3 years. (you are welcome! ☺)
Thank-you to all parents, admin and teachers/counsellors that attend to help us.

9. Adjourn meeting 8:08pm & **Next PAC Meeting – September 29, 2020 @ 7pm**

Possibly a Zoom meeting again – email PAC for the link to the meeting!
Agenda to include: Teachers’ funding requests, finalize future PAC meeting dates/times.

(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