

MINUTES  
Van Tech PAC Meeting – November 26, 2019 @ 7:00 – 8:15 pm  
School Library

1. Welcome & Introductions – Amy Chuang, PAC chair (**featuring homemade lemon loaf muffins**)  
Present -parents/guardians, principal, teacher rep, PAC exec (chair, secretary), school nurse. Absent: treasurer
  
2. Principal – Robert Moro  
– VP Jeff Price moving in January to new IT position with District; new VP coming to admin team; potential bus strike – school in session; PAC – thank you for all work around funds allocations; parent/teacher conference feedback welcome; Sr girls volleyball; Van Tech Talisman Winter Tournament and Pep Rally Dec 4/5; Jr & Sr Winter Concerts Dec 4 & 11; Term 1 marks due Monday, report cards online Dec 4; Grad photos Dec 1-4, Dec 10 grad parent info night w/ counsellors; collab day working on lessons re new curriculum; Holiday Hampers being distributed to classes for filling – over 100 families; Breakfast w/ Santa for gr 8's.  
  
Q&A discussion: Audit-classes fewer “remedy”, 80% no longer qualify, accountability?, report on new numbers for remedy; fewer blocks due to new remedy, based on language  
Also PAC meeting reminders – one week prior and day before meeting to set up with admin staff.
  
3. Treasurer – absent  
Will post updated report
  
4. Teacher rep – James Hethey  
Please see BCTF website for parent info “tab” – learn about, get updates, new releases; teacher shortages – in BC 400 unfilled positions, in Vanc 21 unfilled; talk/write your MLA's stay informed, see website for letter sample to use.  
  
Q&A discussion: “prevalence models” “accountability” issues, trying to change from individuals, use statistics or “predicted” numbers/percentages; concerns re money being allocated to general funding district/ministry, funding models beings worked on, discussion classroom composition; blocks timetables – allocating blocks based on student demand.
  
5. DPAC – Call for representative  
PAC at district level, monthly meetings (all parents/guardians welcome), presentations, etc, voice for VT, see their website (through VSB) for more info. Coming up “sustainability”; David Green presenting VSB Budget draft at April 6 meeting – open to parents/caregivers
  
6. School Nurse – Derek Roelfsohn  
Wellness week in Spring; welcomes ideas/concerns re health & wellness issues, how to incorporate family/caregivers; vaping more education; gr 9 immunization clinic upcoming – talk about school system needing to update/store vaccination info

Q&A: discussion around suicide task force from District, mental health issues; vaccinations; local ideas.

7. Ideas for presentations for future meetings
  - Scholarship night for parents? Gr 11/12 target
  - Study skills presentation; brain development presenter?
8. Adjourn meeting & **Next PAC Meeting – January 28, 2020 @ 7pm**

**Happy Holidays, see you next year!!**

(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](mailto:chairvt@gmail.com)**