

Van Tech PAC Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2022, Via Zoom

Upcoming meeting dates on the [website](#).

PAC Executive: Amy Chuang (Chair), Shawna Deagle (Treasurer), Kyla Epstein (Secretary)

PAC Members: Van Tech Parents/Family Members; Amanda Hillis (Van Tech Rep to DPAC)

VT Staff: Robert Moro (Principal), Angela Bigioli (PAC Teacher Rep)

1. Welcome, Chair Remarks, General Announcements, & Acknowledgements (Amy Chuang)
 - Land acknowledgement to honour the territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh
 - Welcome!
2. Guest Speaker: Robert Ford - DPAC Music Working Group - To present a motion for the Van Tech PAC to support the following motion (below) to be brought forward at the DPAC General Meeting of April 28, 2022 at 7pm.

Motion: That the Vancouver DPAC – by way of its Music Working Group – engage the necessary resources to create the Vancouver DPAC Extra Curricular District Choral Program, which will support the VSB Mission Statement for Music Review, as described in "[DPAC Extra Curricular Choral Program Proposal March 26.pdf](#)".

- Rob presented background for the work as well as the context with the diminishing band and strings program
- Choral program that is culturally adaptive; community service provider
- Specifically for high schools - if a choral club created or PAC-supported initiative - can support voice programs
- PAC would work with Principal for space; community organisation signs rental agreement
- DPAC would collect the money; including a district-wide bursary available for kids across

Questions/comments:

- *Comment in chat in support of program*
- *Question: Any issues with facilities/rentals and insurance?*
 - Have worked out a process with them that involves the PAC, service provider, and working with the school Principal
 - All conductors will be adults and will have done the criminal record checks
- Need to make sure DPAC is prepared to handle the financial end of this
- Not sure, long term, if this is a need that VT would have but at this stage just supporting DPAC moving forward with this motion.
- Motion: That the Van Tech PAC supports that the Vancouver DPAC – by way of its Music Working Group – engage the necessary resources to create the Vancouver DPAC Extra Curricular District Choral Program, which will support the VSB Mission Statement for Music Review, as described in "[DPAC Extra Curricular Choral Program Proposal March 26.pdf](#)". And we will send a rep to the April 28, 2022 (or as scheduled) DPAC meeting to vote in favour of the motion. M/S/C

3. Teacher Rep Report (Angela Bigioli)
 - PAC-funded mural design underway, once complete will have an official opening to unveil mural, appreciate support of PAC
 - Hosting a wellness fair for Grade 8's and will include mental health and wellness. Looking for PAC support for items such as yoga, zumba instructors etc.

4. Treasurer's Report
 - *Shared screen - Treasurer's regular report (see below)*
 - Gaming grant has been applied for school year 2022/23
 - Motion to approve \$1,200 to support the cost of the Grade 8 Wellness Fair. M/S/C

2021-2022 School Year
April 26, 2022 Treasurer's Report
 prepared by Shawna Deagle, Van Tech PAC Treasurer

1. Van Tech PAC BC Gaming Account:

Money available for 2021-2022 School Year

● Account balance (2020/21 Gaming Grant)	\$20,314.68
2021-2022 BC Gaming Grant - received	<u>\$31,900.00</u>
Total	\$52,214.68

Disbursements for 2021/22 Gaming Grant:

September 2021	\$ 0.00
October 2021	\$ 0.00
November 2021	\$ 0.00
December 2021	\$ 0.00
January 2022	\$ 0.00
February 2022	\$ 0.00
March 2022	\$ 9,330.32
April 2022	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

Money allocated for 2021-2022 School Year

Approved October 2021	\$ 18,255.00
Approved November 2021	\$ 4,500.00
Approved January 2022	\$ 24,262.41
Total allocated funds	\$ 47,017.41

Remaining unallocated Gaming funds \$ 5,197.27

Money allocated for 2021-2022 School Year

Description	Allocation	Disbursed Mar 2022
1. Base Space	\$1,800	\$ 359.35
2. Aquatics Team	\$ 658	\$ 657.75
3. Rugby Uniforms	\$1,141	
4. Chemistry Contests	\$ 675	
5. Indigenous Dinner	\$1,000	
6. Safe Teen	\$3,500	\$3,500.00
7. Fort Langley	\$3,000	\$ 771.40
8. Whistler Transportation	\$1,286	
9. Math Tutorials	\$ 120	
10. Guest Speakers	\$ 500	
11. Skateboard Program	\$1,500	
12. Library	\$1,500	\$1,208.62
13. Music Department	\$1,500	\$2,833.20
14. BCCPAC	\$ 75	
15. First Aid	\$4,500	
16. Curling Sheet Rentals	\$ 704	
17. Indigenous Education	\$5,000	
18. Athletic Banquet	\$1,000	
19. Curling Uniforms	\$1,200	
20. Girls Hockey Uniforms	\$2,108	
21. Diversity Mural Project	\$5,200	
22. Diverse Learning	\$ 500	
23. E-Sports Club	\$1,200	
24. Library	\$2,500	
25. Lunar New Year	\$ 500	
26. Coding Club	\$ 100	
27. Drama Department	\$ 600	
28. Breakfast of Champion	\$ 600	
29. Music Department	\$1,500	
30. Golf Program	\$1,500	
31. Racism Workshop	\$ 50	

2. PAC General Account:

Balance: August 30, 2021 \$ 294.73

Expenses

i.	Bank plan fee	Sept/21	\$ 4.95
ii.	Bank plan fee	Oct/21	\$ 4.95
iii.	Bank plan fee	Nov/21	\$ 4.95
iv.	Bank plan fee	Dec/21	\$ 4.95
v.	Bank plan fee	Jan/22	\$ 4.95
vi.	Bank plan fee	Feb/22	\$ 4.95
vii.	Bank plan fee	Mar/22	\$ 4.95
viii.	Bank plan fee	Apr/22	\$ 4.95
Balance:		April 26, 2022	\$ 255.13

5. Principal's Report (Rob Moro)

- Marks due tomorrow and available on MyEd on Friday, April 29th
- Teacher conferences will be online and similar to last semester where you can book 7 minute sessions with teachers - booking online will be available on Monday, May 2nd
- Earthquake drill on Wednesday, May 4th
- Tech day April 27th - pooled four FIT sessions into one day and it's an opportunity for students to partake in assemblies or sessions available during the day. Tech day also allows for the Grade 12's to complete ministry assessment exams or survey (collect information around aspects of the school to make school a better place)
 - Grade 8's have assembly in first period, indigenous storytelling other periods
 - Grade 9's internet safety
 - Grade 10's assembly and other sessions throughout the day
 - Assembly theme is a panel ranging from Indigenous elders, Randy Clark, Black settlers, alumni of Van Tech, - students run and ask questions of the panel. A Lot of support from staff in organising.
- Parents are welcome to come to the school again.
- Sending out a Grade 12 bulletin on all you want to know about graduation - orpheum booked and dinner dance at Pan Pacific, gowns orders, choosing valedictorian
- Athletics - Grade 8 and Grade 9 boys playing in tournaments - parents watching
- Question: Is it possible to invite guests to the grad?
 - It's an event for grade 12's and they would like to keep it to their students and look at maintaining students only and not inviting guests. Bringing guests is problematic and you have to do checks on others including age, layers of supervision. Is it a change going forward? It varies from school to school.
- Question: Dry grad? Is there a dry grad in place? Some secondary schools parents organise the events?
 - Every school does something different. It's not common.
- Question: Are parents allowed to show at the prom and take pictures?
 - The dinner and dance and cross security and parents don't have access but outside of the hotel and lobby the parents can come up to the edge of the entrance. Bulletin will be sent out about grade 12 graduation.

- Question: There seems to be fire alarms constantly at school and it's disruptive. School administration can't do anything about it. What are you doing to prevent fire alarms being pulled?
 - Frustrating and there are safety issues. The trustees are not in favour of cameras but a special request to use cameras temporarily. Other situation is that an area of the school is that there is a new stations that have plastic covers you can pull it up and the traditionally there is glass that needs to break and in process that they change the plastic covers. If we see anyone on grounds that is not a student they are asked to leave.
 - A message to the students broadcast about how disruptive it is when fire alarms are pulled and not confident if its students or others that are entering the school that don't attend.
- Question: Graffiti in the girls bathroom and there could be an educational program.
 - Lock the area immediately and operations paint the area. Follow up with any information and take photos. Take it very seriously. Do you take it as an educational opportunity? Haven't done anything at this point directly related to the incident but have other programs on anti-racism and bullying.
- Question: Are spectators allowed for sporting events?
 - The stands are open and accessed through side doors on the main parking lot to access the gym.
- Question: Child was joyous about formal dance and has heard that it is being cancelled due to the fire alarms, is that the reason?
 - Miscommunication as the dance is delayed and the grad committee has to come forward with a date.

6. DPAC Rep Report (Amanda Hillis, DPAC Rep for Van Tech)

- Interested in attending? Register for all meetings here: <http://vancouverdpac.org/2021-2022-school-year>
- General DPAC meeting is Thursday, April 28th - Advocating for Climate Sensitive Education is the main topic and other items include budget, discussion on provincial government release on possible change to the School Act to allow for property to be sold to the francophone district. Concern in Vancouver but provincially they may get support. Will buy private land first.
- Amada attended a meeting on active transportation for children under 12.
- Pushing for more people to run for DPAC
- BCPAC Conference Online on Friday, April 29 and AGM is on Saturday, April 30th

7. Open Discussion

- Call out for parents/caregivers to join PAC executive. Those interested to send email to chairvt@gmail.com for more information
- Questions
 - What is the time commitment?
 - Attend PAC meetings

- Meeting between PAC meetings with PAC executive
- Treasurer position is on average 3 hours per month
- Chair coordinates with staff, parents and chairs PAC meetings
- Secretary takes minutes
- 7 PAC Meetings per year
- o Can the May meeting be in person?
 - Yes, that is possible. PAC executive to discuss.

8. Wrap Up & Adjournment (Amy Chuang)

- Please send us topics you'd like to discuss or presentations you'd be interested in:
chairvt@gmail.com

Next Meeting (last one for 2021/22): May 31, 2022 - watch for agenda and Zoom details on the [website!](#)