

Van Tech PAC Meeting Minutes

May 31, 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. Filling PAC Executive Roles
 - Amy finished time as a VSB parent at end of June
 - Kyla stepping down as Secretary at end of June to seek election for the Vancouver School Board
 - Chair: Lindsie Tomlinson
 - Secretary: Tina Kaminski
 - Treasurer will remain Shawna Deagle
 - Motion: That Lindsie Tomlinson be appointed Chair and Tina Kaminski be appointed Secretary for the 2022/23 year M/S/C
 - Will hold a transition meeting at the end of June

3. Teacher Rep Report (Angela Bigioli)
 - Health Fair coming up - variety of community members/services coming in to the school

4. Treasurer's Report
 - Full report below
 - \$52,214.68 received from gaming this year
 - \$20,489 disbursed so far
 - \$48,217 total allocated with remaining disbursements before end of year
 - \$3,997 unallocated
 - Can't count on receiving gaming funding by start of school
 - Recent new requests received from teachers are beyond what we have on hand so can't fund all requests. Suggesting:
 - Music therapy a priority because starts early in fall term - will allocate \$400
 - Swim team also early in year so will allocate \$700
 - Hold remaining list for fall
 - Motion: To approve \$400 for Music Therapy and \$700 for Swim Team M/S/C
 - Will also renew BCCPAC membership before end of June
 - Scholarship awards already planned for disbursement; new rules for 2023/24 won't allow funding of scholarships or bursaries

5. Principal's Report (Rob Moro)

- Sent out extensive family bulletin recently - please check your email and the VT website for info
- Sent out bulletin for Grade 12 families for upcoming grad ceremonies
- Key dates for Grade 12s
 - Currently in cafeteria - received letter they wrote in Grade 8; reviewing those; having pizza and karaoke
 - Started distribution of gowns and tickets for ceremony on June 24
 - Can purchase extra tickets (up to 4) online; if need more than 4 go to the office
 - Literacy 12 assessment (make up) on June 15 for those who haven't written it, grad requirement; can also be a rewrite
 - June 16 rehearsal here in auditorium
 - Grade dinner and dance on June 17 at Pan Pacific Hotel
 - French immersion ceremony in library on June 21
 - June 24 ceremony at Orpheum, 7pm
 - June 29 "Technival" - carnival theme; clubs; activities; food
 - Capstone projects due June 16 - grad requirement
 - Making sure students know what need to do to graduate
- Next year
 - Still semester system
 - FIT will continue as with this year
 - Next year will pool four of the FITs to create four different Tech Day so have opportunities to do assessments for Grades 10 & 12 and opportunities for student choice fit; theme for the day
- Thank you to PAC for all your hard work and support - special thanks to Amy for all her years!

Questions:

- How many French immersion grads are there?
 - ~70
 - Next year have 62 coming in
 - Roughly around 60-80 usually
- Recent "shenanigans"
 - Fire alarms and fires started in garbage cans in washrooms; smoke bombs; some tagging
 - Some connected to TikTok challenges
 - Requested video surveillance
 - For now, extra district staff deployed for extra supervision
 - Decrease in incidents
 - Also replaced fire pull covers to "break" ones for deterrence
- Semester system adjustment; how is it going...how are teachers finding it?
 - Teachers are exhausted

- o Doing their best to readjust
 - o Timing is off with lack of prep; timing of delivery model
 - o Hopefully next year will be easier but not sure teachers will embrace semesters forever
 - o Really hard if prep isn't scheduled in that semester and with FIT load
 - o District is piloting it for two years so at least one more year; then will evaluate the semester and FIT pilots and determine way to go
 - o Prep time available; 12.5% time is in the local (VSTA) contract; different model in elementary
 - *Discussion*
 - o *Last two years have been hard*
 - o *Big adjustment for folks*
 - o *Need to support students who are adjusting to being in high school environment*
 - Collaborative time is coming back next year; 8 times; give teachers time to collaborate; students will either come in late or leave early - probably 4 late starts and 4 early dismissals
 - Next year will rotate blocks 1/2 and blocks 3/4 four times per semester so don't always have the same class first in the morning (or first after lunch)
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 meeting last week - motion to support the Choral Music Program was passed
 - AGM on June 23 - if interested in DPAC exec; check out the website
 - DPAC working to support families at Queen Elizabeth Annex whose school is facing closure
7. Open Discussion
- School generally trying to get back to normal with more activities
 - General thank you to Amy for her years of service!
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: Watch for 2022/23 dates on the [website](#)!

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May 31, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

2021-2022 School Year

May 31, 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>11,159.10</u>
Total	\$	20,489.42

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
Approved April 2022	\$ 1,200.00
Total allocated funds	\$ 48,217.41
Remaining unallocated Gaming funds	\$ 3,997.27

2. PAC General Account:

● Balance:	August 30, 2021	\$ 294.73
● Expenses		Bank fee
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
ix. Bank plan fee	May/22	\$ 4.95
● Balance:	May 31, 2022	\$ 250.18