

Van Tech PAC Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2022, via Zoom and in person

PAC Executive: Lindsie Tomlinson (Chair), Shawna Deagle (Treasurer), Tina Kaminski (Secretary)
PAC Members: Van Tech Parents/Family Members; Amanda Hillis (Van Tech Rep to DPAC)
Van Tech Staff: Robert Moro (Principal), Angela Bigiolti (PAC Teacher Rep), Nick van Iersel (Counsellor)

1. Welcome, Introductions, Chair Remarks, General Announcements & Acknowledgements (Lindsie Tomlinson)
 - a. Land acknowledgement to honour the territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh
 - b. Welcome!

2. Accept the September 2022 minutes (Lindsie Tomlinson) M/S/C

3. [Chair remarks, general announcements and acknowledgements covered under item 1]

4. Treasurer's Report (Shawna Deagle)
 - a. Received gaming grant of \$32,080. Funds are in the PAC bank account.
 - b. Last year's gaming account balance is \$11,287 so total in the account now is \$43,367.
 - c. We haven't dispersed any funds this year for the gaming grant yet.
 - d. We also have a PAC general bank account with TD which only has a \$4.95 monthly fee withdrawn from it.
 - i. Discussion to close this general account and switch to Vancity.
 - ii. As of today there is \$225.43 in TD general account and many unused cheques associated with that account.
 - iii. Account may have been used for fundraising in previous years.
 - iv. TD won't allow us to go in and print bank statements or get anything online. Two people have to go in to get a statement printed.
 - v. Previous experience with Vancity at an elementary school was easy to access the account. You can see current balances online.
 - e. We will be talking about funding requests.

5. Teacher Rep Report (Angela Bigiolti)
 - a. Would like to skip report and move onto the PAC funding requests.

6. Funding Requests – review and allocate (All) M/S/C
 - a. There were a number of funding requests this year.
 - b. Since we don't have any guidelines on how to allocate the gaming grant funds, the PAC executives suggested providing funding for half of each request and discuss each request tonight.

- c. Rob mentioned that some requests may be able to be paid using the Student and Family Affordability Funds but as of today, we have very little details as to how much the school is getting, how the funds are paid/requested.
 - d. Motion put forth to accept funding requests as discussed. See attached document.
 - e. \$26,342.50 to be approved to be disbursed today. \$10,150.00 to be tabled to the November PAC meeting and \$8,650.00 will be tabled to the January 2023 PAC meeting.
7. DPAC Announcements (Amanda Hillis)
- a. Should watch the PAC101 video from last week.
 - b. DPAC meeting this Thursday. They have invited the new trustees so PACs can ask questions.
8. PAC Bylaws/Guiding Principles (Shawna Deagle)
- a. We don't have any constitution and bylaws.
 - b. Shawna has drafted a document using examples sent by Amanda. Exec, Rob and Amanda to review first and then bring it to the next meeting for approval.
9. Principal's Report (Robert Moro)
- a. Principal's Report is pared down due to timing.
 - b. Student and family affordability fund which was just announced.
 - i. More information to come next week
 - ii. Help subsidize some of the teacher requests made to PAC
 - c. Van Tech is combining the fit time to create Tech Day on November 2.
 - i. Grade 12s will write a ministry assessment
 - ii. Grade 10s will be involved in the Living Library (individuals from the community come to the library and discuss their career and their profession – professor of psychology, retired physician, RBC senior manager, firefighter, advisor, director of production, climate scientists, architect, engineer, physiologist, traffic designer). Kids can sign up and ask questions.
 - iii. Grade 9s participating in Take your Kid to Work Day
 - iv. Grade 8s will be creating authentic and meaningful connections with guest speakers in the auditorium.
 - v. Have themes around career education
 - d. Q about whether cops will be back in schools? Rob says we have a new slate of trustees and with that usually comes a change. Usually there is a lull at the start as trustees need to get up to speed and trained. Some trustees have made comments about some of the things they would like to see happen in the future. So time will tell.
 - e. Q about what is Van Tech's position about cops back in school? Rob says Van Tech doesn't have a position on the political aspect of electing trustees.
 - f. Q about trustees saying they want to put cops back in every school, would that mean Van Tech now has permission? Rob says the issue of officers in schools that in the past it was a district decision; it wasn't a school decision. So Rob doesn't know if the future is going to bring a structure in place where a school decides to have a school liason officer

- g. Q to confirm that somebody else would decide if a police officer was going to be assigned to Van Tech. Rob says historically that is how it has been.
- h. Amanda – All the stakeholders will get to discuss at district committee meetings, so there will be representatives from DPAC from the teachers organizations, from the principals and vice principals, from CUPE, from all of the stakeholders, who will be bringing their opinions. DPAC is already talking about some of these things to bring forward and that's part of the discussion. It will be one of the topics that they wanted to discuss with the new trustees. If you wanted to sign up, any parent can attend the DPAC meetings. Not sure if all the new trustees will show up but they have been invited. November 7 is when the newly elected people get sworn in.
- i. Q about social media and posting pictures of students in class and whether there is anything the administration can do or if they have a position. Rob says there is a media consent form that parents sign. Richard clarified that there are anonymous accounts that post unauthorized pictures of students in the school during class.

[Meeting for Zoom attendees ended abruptly due to laptop batteries drained. No further topics were discussed.]

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 22, 2022 @ 7pm in the library and online via Zoom

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