

Van Tech PAC Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2022, Via Zoom

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

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

PAC Members: ~18 Van Tech Parents/Family Members; Amanda Hillis (Van Tech Rep to DPAC)

VT Staff: Robert Moro (Principal), Lisa Pacheco (Vice 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. Teacher Rep Report (Angela Bigioli)
 - Holiday hampers done in December, raised thousands of dollars, students collected items, online donations, ended up being biggest delivery ever; thank you to the staff and everyone who helped out
 - Submitted requests for midyear asks (to be discussed later in meeting)
 - *Chair comment: If we continue with the semester model we may want to change the timing of the requests to work out better for teachers.*

3. Treasurer's Report
 - *Shared screen - Treasurer's regular report (see below)*
 - *Question: BCCPAC membership needed to be in by Dec 31, otherwise we can't vote at their AGM. Reason that wasn't done?*
 - *Just got missed. No particular reason. Will add it as a standing line item so isn't missed in the future.*
 - Mid-year funding requests
 - *Shared screen - see below*
 - *Question (Angela): Few requests made in May that were tabled. Breakfast of Champions (\$600); Golf team uniforms (\$1500); Music Dept. (Another \$1500)*
 - *Will add them to tonight's ask*
 - *Comment (Rob Moro): Finance Committee also looks at requests; funded some requests for FITT time; asked me to follow up on the request for the filter request - that is health and safety so PACs shouldn't be funding so this needs to go through the facilities/engineering team*
 - *Will remove this one*
 - *Question: What happened to the spin bikes request from last time; did gaming allow this for funding?*
 - *No. The request was pulled out as we couldn't fund it.*
 - *Question: Are the sports items going to have multi-year benefit?*
 - *We are going to be talking to the athletics department about some reporting on their funding and also looking at a new way of funding for*

this area for a little more clarity around all the requests that come from this area.

- (Angela) Uniforms will be reused; there are requirements for teams to look the same; doing a good job at mostly getting the uniforms back at end of year
- Comment: Surprised we don't see more pop up tents for outdoor learning...
- *Motion: To approve the requests as presented and amended above* M/S/C

4. Principal's Report (Rob Moro)

- Thank you to PAC for all the funding that you give; students benefit from this
- New Vice Principal - Lisa Pacheco; is covering health and safety for school so will give you an update on that as well

- Lisa
 - Thank you for all you do; nice to meet you
 - Come out being a counsellor
 - Health and safety part of my portfolio
 - Getting questions about changes to contact tracing; shorter incubation period; etc.
 - Made what we were used to before almost impossible
 - Lower risk of transmission in schools, high immunization, students who are exposed no longer required to isolate, monitor for symptoms, same for staff
 - From what I've seen, really impressed with how vigilant they are
 - *Provided an update about the measures taking place to avoid contact and face-to-face contact (same measures mentioned in the letter to parents at start of January)*
 - Impressed with the kids
 - Here is the most recent information on COVID Symptoms, Testing & Return to School:
https://www.vsb.bc.ca/COVID-19/Documents/COVID-19/2022.01.20%20Flow%20Chart_%20Symptoms%20Testing%20RTS%20Contacts_6pm.pdf [Includes a flow chart]
 - Staying in touch with health authority as well
 - Another thing - not health & safety related - inviting Grade 7 parents to info night for prospective parents; went out to pre-transition list; will be recorded for anyone who can't make it
 - *Question: Have Gr. 11 daughter; waiting for a spot in class next semester, what are the rules with covid? Opportunity for students to audit a class? Because class is full.*
 - Auditing still puts a student in that space. Email me separately so I can have specifics so we can look into it and look at wait lists. Depends on the individual circumstance.
 - Thank you for the work the PAC does!

- Rob
 - Thank you Lisa; lucky to have her
 - Few key dates...
 - Course planning happening this Thu (27th); online sessions (information sent out); will be recorded if you can't make the time slot for your grade
 - End of semester is this Friday; Monday is a turnaround day before 2nd semester; no new material being taught that day; students can come and work on things; academic recovery - maybe hand in things or write a make up test; no attendance that day
 - Intended to have the Gr. 12 literacy exam on Jan 31 but Ministry has cancelled; will hear in mid-February for when that will be rescheduled
 - Jan 31 - also do some more course planning if needed; Q&A session for Grade 8s in the morning
 - Marks - teachers will have some time to get marks done; due on Feb 7th and then published on Feb 9th to families on MyEd
 - Feb is Black History Month; number of activities being planned

- 5. DPAC Rep Report (Amanda Hillis, DPAC Rep for Van Tech)
 - Weekly meetings on Mondays right now for parents who want to talk about covid measures/issues
 - Thurs focus of DPAC meeting is on Anti-Racism - open to all parents
 - Register for all meetings here: <http://vancouverdpac.org/2021-2022-school-year>
 - Queen Elizabeth Annex potential closure a big issue under discussion

- 6. Open Discussion
 - Question: How can parents join DPAC meetings?
 - <http://vancouverdpac.org/2021-2022-school-year>
 - Comment: From Laura Secord PAC Executive
 - Have an anti-racism committee which formed in the summer of 2020 after George Floyd's murder; supporting teachers/staff and students; last year also did it with the annex (Queen Vic); held two-part workshop
 - Extending the invitation to Van Tech parents
 - **March 1 - workshop facilitated by Mothers Against Racism - open to parents/families of Laura Secord, Van Tech, Queen Vic, Queen Alex**
 - \$50 for each additional school that joins
 - Event page on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/986775035592121> and you can register using [this form](#) (select the Mar 1 event)
 - Will send out more info via the PAC
 - *Motion: To fund the \$50 so Van Tech can participate in this event* *M/S/C*
 - Question: My child cannot connect to the school wifi and hasn't been able to for months. Having to use her data plan for Teams meetings, research etc. Apparently this is also happening to other classmates. Is there an issue with the wifi?

o Please have your child talk to a staff and we will get them on the wifi

7. 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: February 22, 2022 - watch for agenda and Zoom details on the [website](#)!

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January 25, 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	\$ 0.00
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	\$ 0.00
Remaining unallocated Gaming funds	\$ 29,459.68

Money allocated for 2021-2022 School Year

Description	21/22 PAC Allocation	Disbursed Dec 2021	Disbursed Jan 2022	Disbursed Apr 2022
1. Base Space	\$1,800			
2. Aquatics Team	\$ 658			
3. Rugby Uniforms	\$1,141			
4. Chemistry Contests	\$ 675			
5. Indigenous Dinner	\$1,000			
6. Safe Teen	\$3,500			
7. Fort Langley	\$3,000			
8. Whistler Transportation	\$1,286			
9. Math Tutorials	\$ 120			
10. Guest Speakers	\$ 500			
11. Skateboard Program`	\$1,500			
12. Library	\$1,500			
13. Music Department	\$1,500			
14. BCCPAC	\$ 75			
15. First Aid	\$4,500			

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	\$ 0.00
vii. Bank plan fee	Mar/22	\$ 0.00
● Balance:	January 25, 2022	\$ 269.98

Funding Requests, January 2022

Funding Requests for January 2022		Asking	Suggested Approval	Notes
1	Curling Sheet Rentals and Membership	\$704	\$704	
2	Indigenous Education and Beautification of the School - Artist, paintbrushes and Acrylics	\$5,000	\$5,000	
3	Athletic Banquet	\$1,000	\$1,000	
4	Curling Uniforms	\$1,200	\$1,200	
5	Girls Hockey Uniforms	\$2,108.41	\$2,108.41	
6	Diversity Mural Project	\$5,200	\$5,200	
7	Diverse Learners - Art and Activity Supplies	\$500	\$500	
8	Visual Arts Air Purifier - Ceramic Studio/Video Production Studio	\$0	\$0	
9	E-Sports Club - USB Sticks, Console & Controllers	\$1,200	\$1,200	
10	School Library - Reading Materials	\$2,500	\$2,500	
11	Chinese New Year Celebrations Activities - calligraphy, traditional paper cutting	\$500	\$500	
12	Coding Club - honorariums for guest speakers	\$100	\$100	
13	Drama Department - Pop-up tent	\$600	\$600	
14	Breakfast of Champions	\$600	\$600	
15	Music Department	\$1,500	\$1,500	
16	Golf Program	\$1,500	\$1,500	
Totals		\$24,212.41	\$24,212.41	