

## Van Tech PAC Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2021, Via Zoom

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

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

*PAC Members: ~10 Van Tech Parents/Family Members*

*VT Staff: Robert Moro (Principal), Angela Bigioli (PAC Teacher Rep), Nick van Iersel (Counsellor)*

1. Welcome, Chair Remarks, General Announcements, & Acknowledgements (Amy Chuang)
  - Land acknowledgement to honour the territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh
  - Welcome!
  - *Provided an overview of how we deal with PAC funding at Van Tech*
  - *No fundraising done by PAC itself; some teams/clubs might fundraise on their own*
  - *We get our funding through the BC gaming grant (\$20/student) so we get approximately \$30,000 per year*
  - *Take requests from teachers and clubs*
  - *Disperse three times during the year*
  
2. Treasurer's Report (Shawna Deagle)
  - *Shared screen*
  - Will share a report each month
  - Gaming account balance from last year is \$20,314.68; received \$31,900 of this year
    - Total of \$52,214.68 this year
    - Far more than usual at this time
    - Didn't disburse all of last year's allotment because of the pandemic and also were not sure if we would get full gaming for 2021/22 so wanted to hold some back just in case
  - Additionally; have another PAC account we maintain for any non-gaming funding; current balance is \$289.78
  
3. Funding Disbursements
  - *Shared screen – summary of asks (below); amount requested; recommend amount for approval*
  - Doing Oct disbursement right now; will do another in early 2022 and another smaller one in May
  - Received request from the teachers/school
  - PAC Executive reviewed the requests and have a prepared our recommendations for your consideration tonight
  - BCCPAC membership can be added; as now eligible to be covered from gaming grant money

- *Additional info added by Rob, Nick, and Angela*

<b>Funding Requests for October 2021</b>		<b>Request Amount</b>	<b>Recommended Approval</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1	Grade 8 transition to high school BASE space	\$2000.00	\$1800	
2	Aquatics Team Pool Rentals	\$657.75	\$657.75	
3	Resources - FeminAction	\$400	\$0	
4	Rugby Uniforms	\$1141	\$1141	
5	Chemistry Contests	\$675	\$675	
6	Indigenous Welcome Dinner	\$1000-\$1500	\$1000	
7	Safe Teen - Second Part of Funding	\$6500	\$3500	
8	Fort Langley Field Trip	\$6200	\$3000	
9	Transportation (Return Busing to Callahan Valley Whistler)	\$1286.25	\$1286.25	
10	Math Tutorials	\$120	\$120	
11	Guest speakers and materials	\$500	\$500	
12	Van Tech Afterschool Skateboard Program	\$1500	\$1500	
13	Spin Bikes for the Weight Room	\$4,294.08		Table until November – to confirm eligible for gaming grant
14	BCCPAC Fee	\$75	\$75	
15	Library	\$5,000	\$1,500	
16	Music Department	\$3,000	\$1,500	Other half funded in January
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$34,849.08</b>	<b>\$18,255.00</b>	

Motion to approve the funding disbursements as presented

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4. Message from Angela (Teacher Rep)

- Are we able to request PAC funds for Flexible Instructional Time (FIT) activities?
- *Yes. Send requests just like with other requests.*
- No other updates from staff

5. Principal's Report (Robert Moro)

- School starting to feel like back to some degree of normalcy even with new structure
- Lots of work to change to semester model after years in three-term model
- Students back into social, sport, and arts programs
- Working with families to make sure students are supported
- Dates to be aware of:
  - Tues, Nov 2: Grade 12 parent/family night
  - Wed, Nov 3: Tech Day – day to accommodate many things; primarily to allow Gr 10s to write numeracy assessment and get SafeTeen; other grades will be getting a MADD presentation and times for learning/FIT sessions; pooling FIT time to create this;
  - Wed, Nov 10: Remembrance Day assembly
  - Fri, Nov 19: Mid-semester reports will be published
  - Thu, Dec 9: Parent-Teacher conferences (virtual)
- New VSB Superintendent starting January 1<sup>st</sup> from Niagara
- FIT Time
  - Proud of how teachers are putting sessions together
  - One of the goals of growth plan was to alleviate stress and anxiety in students and foster belonging
  - Sessions during FIT time are contributing to this
  - Break in day; meet students in other grade levels; seeing what teachers are passionate about
  - Examples of FIT sessions: Arabic 101; Board Games; Beginner Korean; Yoga; Writing Tutorials; etc.
- *Question: Will the FIT program continue after this year?*
  - At this point it is a trial, as is semester system
  - Will be up to VSB District
  - Every school dealing with FIT time in different way
  - Very few schools doing what VT is doing with these additional sessions
  - For two weeks, FIT is an extension of courses and then after that cycle there is a Student Choice FIT and that's where these types of sessions get added

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

- Motion being considered at DPAC general meeting about position on school closures
- Will be voting on behalf of Van Tech
- *Provided some background & had an open discussion*

## 7. Open Discussion

- *Question: When will [SACY](#) be back with parent presentations?*
  - Angela: SACY person is leaving at end of December; will ask Nick and get back to PAC
  - Amy: Will also ask SACY directly
- *Question: What are Safeteen and MADD presenting on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>?*
  - Rob: Basic presentation from MADD; senior students getting/have licence – also talk about drinking/driving but also responsible driving; with younger students – themes around not getting into vehicles with unsafe/impaired drivers
- Rob: Speakers for next month – inviting someone around the career education planning curriculum; talking about how parents/students can plan out their high school journey; also a CLC teacher to talk about capstone project; program spans various themes and components

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

**Next Meeting: November 30, 2021 - watch for agenda and Zoom details on the [website](#)!**