

Van Tech PAC Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2023, 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 Bigioli (Teacher Rep)

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 April 2023 minutes (Lindsie Tomlinson) M/S/C

3. Treasurer's Report (Shawna Deagle)
 - a. Nothing new. We will end up getting out a few reimbursements cheques at the end of June.
 - b. Won't have a final number until the September meeting.

4. Teacher Rep Report (Angela Bigioli)
 - a. There are five asks that was sent to the PAC.
 - i. LRP bus fee to Summit Camp in Squamish October \$1,200
 - ii. Athletics looking for aquatics pool rentals at the beginning of the school year \$800
 - iii. Library looking for books for extracurricular reading \$3,500
 - iv. Music looking for \$8,000 for tubular bell orchestra chimes
 - v. Athletics would like tshirts for all athletes in the school \$6,000
 - b. These asks are for the remaining funds from 2022/2023 as we do not know what we will get for our October 2024 gaming grant. We also don't know what we have left over until the end of June when everyone submits their receipts.
 - c. Lindsie proposes we approve the pool rental and Summit Camp and table the rest. Everyone agrees.
 - d. Shawna discusses the difference between one approval vs two approvals a year. Angela indicates one approval is difficult given the new semester system.
 - e. Shawna proposes moving the February meeting to the first week of March (so March 5). This gives teachers 3 weeks in semester 2 to figure out their asks from the PAC.
 - f. Lindsie confirms that the funding meetings will occur in October and on March 5 (with the funding requests in by Feb 27, 2024)
 - g. Rob indicates that the Affordability Funds can be carried forward but at this time, all the funds have been allocated.

- h. Lindsie asked about the reimbursement for the boys' curling provincial championship in Terrace and Rob indicated that it is no longer an issue.
- i. Shawna puts in a motion to approve giving up to \$1,200 for the bus to Camp Summit and up to \$800 for the aquatics pool rental. So, spending \$2,000 for September 2023.

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5. Principal's Report (Robert Moro)

- a. Re-confirms the funding meeting on March 5, 2024. We will have a meeting in January 2024 but not a meeting in February 2024.
- b. Lots of big events in June: Grade 12 dinner dance at the Fairmont downtown, athletic banquet, grad ceremony on the 19th, Technival on the 27th
- c. Lindsie asks how Technival is funded and Rob says he funds it.
- d. Final report cards published June 28th
- e. Looking at making significant changes to the bell schedule due to the additional FIT time going from 100 min/week to 160 min/week. There are a number of models for staff to vote on and the one that is in the lead is 40 min, four times a week.
- f. First bell remains at 8:40 am. Last bell will either be 3:05 pm or 3:10 pm. Currently 3:05 pm is in the lead. Voting ends at noon tomorrow.
- g. Rob thanks everyone for their hard work, time, commitment.
- h. Shawna thanked Rob for coming out and providing updates and attending the long meetings over the budget and affordability funds.
- i. Amanda asked if there are still tickets for the Grade 12 dinner dance. Rob said to contact Jelaina
- j. Amanda asked if there are any impacts with regards to the heatwaves. Rob said the classrooms on the south side top floor were warm but don't recall any staff or students complaining about it. When the classroom doors and windows are open on the north side, it creates a breeze across the corridors.

6. DPAC Announcements & DPAC rep for 2023/2024 (Amanda Hillis)

- a. DPAC general is on Thursday morning – mix of presentations, some discussions on what is going on, PAC concerns and next year
- b. June 22 is AGM. Anybody who wants to get involved with the district level, this would be the PAC where you put your hand up so your PAC can approve it.
- c. Amanda reminds us that we will need to elect a new DPAC rep in the fall. Otherwise, it defaults to the Chair.
- d. The BCCPAC AGM and conference was two weeks ago. Amanda's term ends on June 5. Laura Ward, who is currently our Indigenous Director was elected as President, which leaves the Indigenous spot open.

7. PAC Bylaws & Guiding Principles (Shawna Deagle)

- a. Proposal to present the bylaws and guiding principles (BGP) to the new people coming in in September.
- b. Reminder that the secretary position is open in September.

8. PAC meeting in September (Lindsie Tomlinson)
 - a. PAC meetings for the 2023/2024 year at 7pm online and in-person:
 - i. September 26, 2023
 - ii. October 24, 2023
 - iii. November 28, 2023
 - iv. January 23, 2024
 - v. March 5, 2024
 - vi. April 23, 2024
 - vii. May 28, 2024
9. Open Discussion
 - a. It would be good to get volunteers to line up speakers. Maybe new grade 8 parents?
 - b. We could try fundraising next year or do a direct drive.
 - c. Rob reminds us that there are rules about soliciting parents for money and how the school goes about doing that. Shawna asks if we can have a check box that says “you accept for information to come directly from the VT PAC” and if they check that box, we can send them emails. Rob said yes.
 - d. Reminder to obtain contact information from parents and caregivers that show up.
 - e. Lindsie reminds us that we will need to vote in the new PAC Executives.
10. Wrap Up & Adjournment (Lindsie Tomlinson)

Next Meeting: Tuesday September 26, 2023 @ 7pm in the library and online via Zoom

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