

Van Tech PAC Meeting Minutes  
September 26, 2023, via Zoom and in person

PAC Executive: Lindsie Tomlinson (Chair), Tina Kaminski (Secretary)

PAC Members: Van Tech Parents/Family Members

Van Tech Staff: Robert Moro (Principal), Adam Tuerlings (VP), Janet Thompson (VP)

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. Call out for DPAC Rep and for new Executive Secretary, Secretary Position filled by Shawn Carnahan  
Vice-Chair Position added and filled by Michelle Rastins  
DPAC Rep to be filled...
  
2. Accept the February 2023 minutes (Lindsie Tomlinson) *\_ Tabled \_* M/S/C
  
3. Treasurer's Report (Shawna Deagle) - N/A  
Shawna was unable to attend the meeting
  
4. Teacher Rep Report (Angela Bigioli) – N/A  
Angela was unable to attend the meeting
  
5. Principal's Report (Robert Moro)
  - a. Requests from staff will be incoming for usage of the BC Gaming Grant Funds - Used for guest speakers and other school related programs that are not funded directly by the VSB
  - b. Masterpiece carving by Xwalactun (Rick Harry) is complete and installed. Invitation to the unveiling at 1330h September 27, 2023 is open to all. Live link is available on VT website.
  
6. Vice-Principal Report - (Janet Thompson)
  - a. Lockers for students.
  - b. Photo day - required for ID cards and GO cards. Retakes will be allowed.
  - c. Some Grade 8's are seeking nominations for student council
  - d. Clubs Day (42 clubs) - Will encourage student participation and enrollment on October 17th - Information on MS Teams Student Hub
  - e. Upcoming field trips: Summit Camp
  - f. Last fire drill was very successful and efficient
  - g. Advise that students are encouraged to reach out to teachers for missed class work
  - h. Parent Teacher Conferences are November 14th.
  - i. First Interim Report cards are October and First Report Cards are early November.
  - j. New Curriculum requirement - Core Competencies - a student self-assessment on these skills.
  - k. Friday scheduled Truth and Reconciliation Assembly
  
7. Vice-Principal Report - (Adam Tuerlings)
  - a. Explanation of Flexible Instruction Time - (F.I.T.) 160 minutes designated by VSB to allow students the opportunity to acquire more focussed learning when needed
  - b. Emphasis on fostering belonging, via clubs, FIT time, etc.
  - c. Parent information sessions are being scheduled

8. Bylaws & Constitutions (Shawna Deagle) - N/A

Shawna was unable to attend the meeting

9. Open Discussion

- a. Open discussion beginning with parent introductions.
- b. Emphasis on encouraging any and all parents to freely forward ideas, programs, and suggestions to the PAC email
- c. Gaming grant is based on student enrollment, we are unable to approve all requests for funding - Groups and individuals are allowed to fundraise but the PAC as a whole does not engage in fundraising.
- d. Question of PAC funding for grad. The grad committee does their own fundraising.

10. Wrap Up & Adjournment (Lindsie Tomlinson)

**Next Meeting: Tuesday October 24th @ 7pm in the library and online via Zoom**

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