

Van Tech PAC Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2024, via Zoom and in person

PAC Executive: Michelle Brassens (Co-Chair), Tina Kaminski (Previous Secretary), Kelly Hamilton (Secretary in training)

Van Tech Staff: Robert Moro (Principal)

0 online attendees

1. Welcome, Introductions, Chair Remarks, General Announcements & Acknowledgements
(Michelle Brassens)

- a. Land acknowledgement to honour the territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh
- b. Welcome!

2. Accept the March, 2024 minutes (N/A)

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3. Treasurer's Report (N/A)

4. Principal's Report (Robert Moro)

- a. Just wrapped up enrollment projections and course selection by students for September 2024; predicting a slightly higher enrollment (~1600+); likely same number of teachers and course offerings
- b. May 1st the school gets its staffing for the next school year; can then start to fill a timetable and allocate teachers; students can make changes once the timetable is built; not fixed until end of June
- c. Midterm marks (Learning Update) to be posted on April 26, 2024
- d. Parent teacher conference happening on May 9, 2024 live in the gym
- e. Our play, Marxist in Heaven, starts tonight, running from April 23 – 25th
- f. Celebration of Champions in the auditorium during FIT April 30th and the following week: to recognize students who have shown growth in different categories; certificates and gift cards will be awarded
- g. District wide earthquake drill to occur on May 2nd; practice protocols and coordinating radio communication of status and needs between schools, and with fire and medical responders
- h. BC Gaming Funds will be available at the next meeting; teachers are currently creating funding "wish lists"; school finance committee will determine which can be covered by school accounts. Remaining requests will be brought to PAC Executive

5. Old Business (Michelle Brassens)

Requests from the last meeting were tabled until we have confirmation of funds; must be tabled again this month for the same reason

(Requests from: Rosemary Milne, Ken Li – athletics banquet)

6. Open Discussion

a. Question from Tina Kaminski to Principal Moro regarding how Flexible Instruction Time (FIT) has been working and what the reception has been from the teachers to its implementation

Principal Moro:

There has been no formal survey. Some teachers have needed to adjust their scope and sequence of their course because they have less time to cover a course. So far they have been making adjustments, with most offering opportunities for extra help for students. There are pros and cons.

Has asked the district about plans for getting feedback from teachers. There is no formal feedback process this year. Guessing that the district will look to get feedback at the end of the next school year.

Discussion included how some FIT sessions are monitored and others are not, the choice and ownership given to students to take responsibility for how they choose to use their FIT sessions, and that it may work better for some students than others.

7. Wrap Up & Adjournment at 7:16pm (Michelle Brassens)

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 28, 2024 @ 7pm in the library and online via Zoom

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