

Van Tech PAC Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2025
In person in the library and online via Google Meet

PAC Executive: Lindsie Tomlinson (Chair), Julie Cole (Treasurer), Pam Dean (Secretary), Kelly Hamilton (Communications/CPF rep)

PAC Members: Van Tech Parents/Caregivers & family members

Van Tech Staff: Robert Moro (Principal)

Meeting start 7:02 pm

1. Welcome and introduction by Lindsie Tomlinson, PAC chair

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəjəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliłwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

2. Accept January minutes (Lindsie Tomlinson)

Motioned by Kelly, seconded by Julie. Accepted.

3. DPAC update

No DPAC reps in attendance

4. Treasurer's report (Julie Cole)

Of the \$24,104 approved from semester 1, \$8,465 has been paid out.

\$22,732.77 available for Semester 2 teacher's requests.

Full report attached.

5. Principal's report (Robert Moro)

- Tomorrow is Pink Shirt Day (Feb 26); day to wear pink and show kindness in the community
- Assemblies on Friday (Feb 28) for Black History Month. One is with Eden Belle O'Neill, founder of Black Queen Collective, a non-profit organization that offers support for Black teen girls
- Grade 8 bantam boys basketball won city championships and are competing this weekend in Chilliwack
- Spring Break starts March 17. Back to school March 31.
- Caregiver/Parent - Teacher conferences will be April 10
- Grade 10s have a literacy test in April
- Student course requests have mostly been wrapped up. Good to check in with your students if you haven't already discussed at home. Requests all

compiled by spring break with timetables for next year getting built throughout April

- Smaller grade 8 class coming in vs grade 12 leaving but will not be a significant change in overall student numbers to affect course offerings, etc.

6. Funding requests

- Had some requests in semester 1 that were deferred to now (funds weren't needed until second semester)
- We went through all the requests submitted by teachers for this semester plus those deferred; link to the list of semester 2 requests is here: [Vancouver Technical Secondary School PAC Request Form \(Feb. 2025\).xlsx](#)
- We have enough money to cover all the requests that we deemed were eligible according to the gaming grant guidelines

Discussion points:

One request we weren't sure about was from the music department for a bass clarinet and an instrument case. We can't fund items that are part of the curriculum. We fund the extra-curricular. One could argue that the instrument case is to take the instrument out of the classroom and is therefore extracurricular usage.

Rob says there is no specific line item in the school budget for instruments (school just has budget for 'furniture and equipment'). He says this might be a grey area that has overlap between curricular and extra-curricular.

We can reach out to the gaming grant to verify eligibility of such requests. Sometimes it is a matter of wording.

Bursaries/Scholarships are no longer eligible from gaming grant funds. The PAC used to provide 2 - \$500 bursaries to graduating students for post-secondary education. It would be nice if we could still do this. If anyone wants to fundraise specifically for this, that can be done. Can create a 'school cash online' donation that will provide tax receipts automatically to those who donate. Other ideas were to do a flower sale for Mother's Day as a fundraiser.

One parent asked whether PAC funds can be used for the band/strings field trips (like one coming up to Kelowna in May). Yes, this would be an eligible PAC-funded expense but requests need to come from the teacher, not from the parents. If this is anything that a family needs help with, can speak to the teacher and ask them to tap into the School Affordability Fund.

Rob noted that the 'School Affordability Fund' can't be used to generally lower costs for all students. The money is provided by the province and should be tapped into. Can be used when needed by families to lower costs of school supplies, field trips, etc.

7. Vote on funding allocation

- Motion to fund all requests that are eligible according to the BC Gaming Grant rules (the music dept request will need to be verified)
- All attendees, in person and online were in agreement. Motion passed.

8. Wrap up and adjournment

Meeting adjourned 7:32 pm

Next meeting: April 29 at 7pm in the library and online

Van Tech PAC Financial Statements

2024 - 2025 School Year

February 25, 2025 PAC Meeting

Van Tech PAC Gaming Account

Account Balance at August 1, 2024	19,161.33
2024 - 2025 BC Gaming Grant - Received November 2024	<u>32,060.00</u>
Total Gaming Funds Available for 2024 - 2025 School Year	51,221.33

Gaming Account Disbursements

August 2024	-
September 2024	-
October 2024	-
November 2024	4,384.25
December 2024	-
January 2025	8,465.01
February 2025	-
Total Gaming Account Disbursements	<u>12,849.26</u>

Van Tech Gaming Account Balance at February 25, 2025	<u>38,372.07</u>
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Gaming Funds Approved (but not Disbursed) for 2024 - 2025 School Year

August 2024	
September 2024	
October 2024 (\$24,104.31)	15,639.30
November 2024	
December 2024	
January 2025	
February 2025	
Total Gaming Funds Approved (but not Disbursed) for 2024 - 2025 School Year	<u>15,639.30</u>

Total Gaming Funds Available	<u>22,732.77</u>
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Van Tech PAC General Account

Account Balance at August 1, 2024	855.96
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General Account Disbursements

August 2024	-
September 2024	-
October 2024	-
November 2024	-
December 2024	-
January 2025	47.90
February 2025	-
Total General Account Disbursements for 2024 - 2025	<u>47.90</u>

Van Tech PAC General Account Balance at February 25, 2025	<u>808.06</u>
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Total PAC Funds Available for Disbursement at February 25, 2025	<u><u>23,540.83</u></u>
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